



# Clyde in the Classroom 2017 NEWS

## WELCOME!

**Over 1200 pupils successfully completed Clyde in the Classroom this year and we welcomed the 25,000th participant to the project.** A total of 43 schools from the eight counties of the catchment participated in this stewardship-building project between January and March.

Dr Willie Yeomans, **Clyde River Foundation** said "This year is a milestone for the project as the number of pupils taking part since 2001 reaches over 25,000. The River Clyde is a recovering river in which humans play a big part, so we are delighted to continue to promote stewardship of this important resource." Thanks everyone who took part - we hope you enjoy catching up on the news from 2017!



## THE JOURNEY BEGINS...

In January pupils met with Clyde River Foundation scientists at **Glasgow Science Centre** for an introduction to the project. They were introduced to their soon-to-be classmate, the brown trout and its fascinating life cycle.



They learned about the ecology of the River Clyde and how to look after a brown trout hatchery.

They also had the opportunity to explore the Science Mall!

## TEACHER'S VIEWS

*All pupils were fully engaged in the project from start to finish. They were very proud to be part of the project. My pupils chose to devote their class assembly to Clyde in the Classroom and we had the whole school and parents there to watch our performance.*

**Eastfield Primary School**

*The responsibility factor was excellent and the children felt empowered by the experience. It really helped children who can experience learning difficulties with numeracy as they enjoyed plotting the temperature and viewed it as fun rather than work.*

**Braehead Primary School**

*Our Scientist was fantastic with our class and with answering questions every time she came to visit. Makes such a difference having an excellent mentor!*

**Tinto Primary School**



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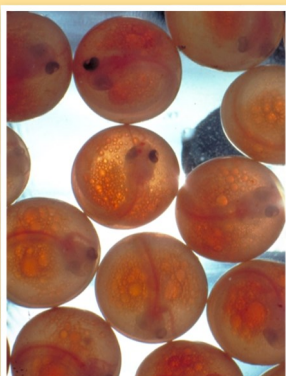




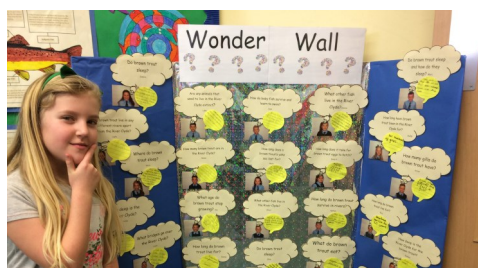
## NEW CLASSMATES

After a trial of practicing with a fish-free hatchery, it was time for the eggs!

They made their journey from Brow Well Fishery to schools in February. Each class received 200 brown trout eggs to care for in their hatcheries.



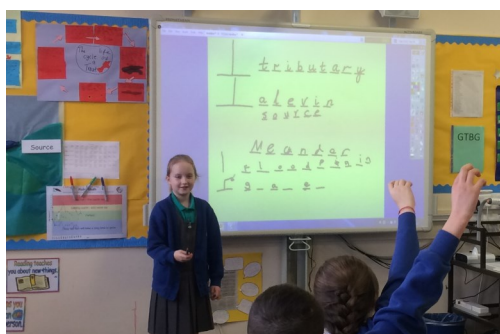
## FISHY FACTS



Wall of questions in St Patrick's Primary School (Dumbarton)

Every week our scientific knowledge was put to the test as we visited each class. Just look at all these questions!

It was fun to see how Clyde in the Classroom inspired a variety of games.



Freshwater vocabulary in Springhill and Auchenback Primary School

## TROUT GUARDIANS

Pupils were responsible for ensuring the conditions in the hatchery mimicked those of a healthy Scottish river while the fish developed in their artificial redd. Just like in the wild, the water had to be cool, clean and running. From temperature control to removal of dead eggs, pupils worked round the clock to care for their fishy classmates. As always, we were impressed to see such amazing dedication from this year's trout guardians!



Pupils from St Teresa's Primary School monitor their hatchery

*"All pupils were thoroughly engaged and motivated from start to finish. Pupils were extra eager to come in on time to ensure the fish tank was at the correct temperature. As a whole, the class were excellent at motivating and reminding one another of when and how to check the hatchery."* **Blackwood Primary School**

## TO THE RIVER!

By early Spring the fish were ready to leave the classroom! The children took their brown trout fry to their local tributary of the River Clyde by foot, bus or underground train to set them free. Children were very proud to release their fish and keen to take better care of our rivers, especially if we spotted any litter at the river. It was great to see the next generation so inspired!



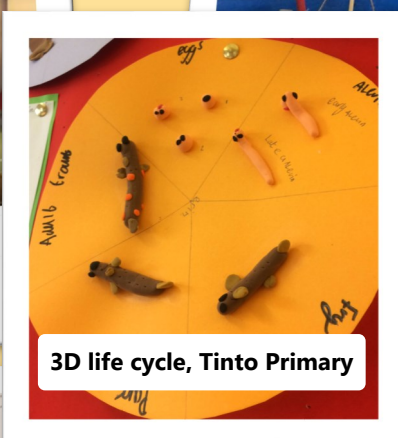


# CLYDE CREATIVITY

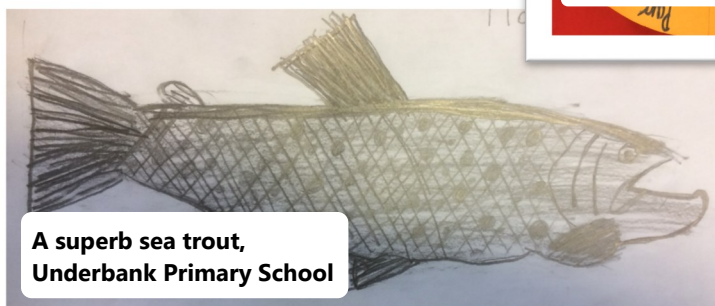
Clyde in the Classroom is a great science project but it lends itself to so many other areas of learning too! Here's just a few highlights from this year!



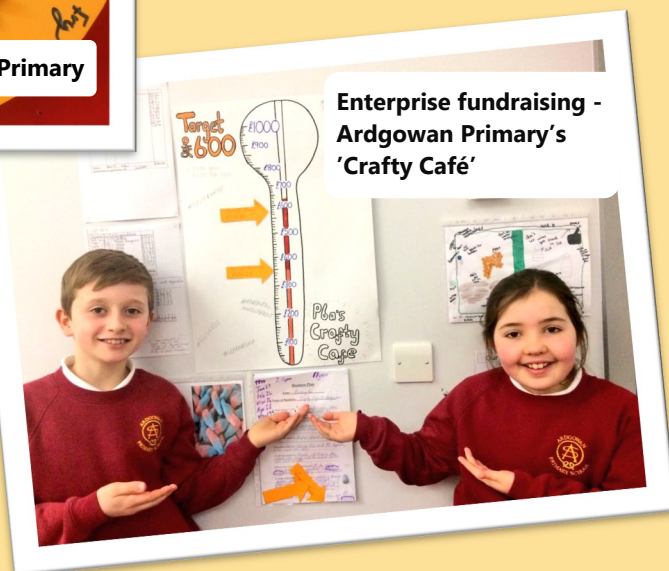
River Clyde heritage,  
St Columba's School



3D life cycle, Tinto Primary



A superb sea trout,  
Underbank Primary School



Enterprise fundraising -  
Ardgowan Primary's  
'Crafty Cafe'

"We liked that there was a launch day to begin the project and a release day to mark the end of the project - it was a nice progression." **Scotstoun Primary School**

## FAREWELL TO THE FRY

After preparing their trout for life in the wild, children were excited to introduce the fry to their natural habitat!





## HOW DID WE SCORE?

Below is a summary of the Clyde in the Classroom 2017 teacher feedback. We review your comments and scores every year to enhance the project experience. Thanks to all who have contributed!

|  |                    |              |                                |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
|  | <b>REPORT CARD</b> |              | Average<br>Score<br>(out of 5) |
| Project summary document   |                    | 5            |                                |
| Teacher information pack   |                    | 5            |                                |
| Launch day at Glasgow Science Centre   |                    | 4.9          |                                |
| Lecture on fish populations  |                    | 4.9          |                                |
| Lecture on trout hatchery  |                    | 5            |                                |
| Delivery of hatchery   |                    | 5            |                                |
| Weekly visits from CRF scientists  |                    | 5            |                                |
| Project support and emergency response   |                    | 5            |                                |
| Quality of buses   |                    | 4.9          |                                |
| Release day  |                    | 5            |                                |
| <b>AVERAGE SCORE</b>   |                    | <b>4.9/5</b> |                                |

## PUPIL FEEDBACK

"I loved releasing my fish because I got to see them be free"

"It was exciting to do something new"



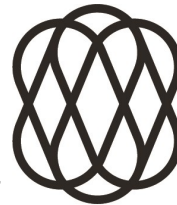
"It was cool trying to see them in the river"

"I liked researching the fish"

## THANK YOU!

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