

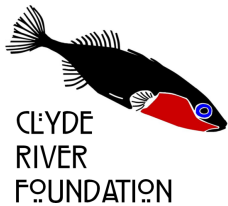


Clyde in the Classroom

2014 NEWS

WELCOME

We were delighted to welcome over 2700 school children to Clyde in the Classroom 2014.



When the **Clyde River Foundation** started Clyde in the Classroom in 2000, it was delivered as a one-off project for five schools in Glasgow. This year, we worked with 102 classes from 96 Primary Schools, totalling 2744 pupils. Thirty-five new schools joined the project and all eight local authorities in the

Clyde catchment were represented, with schools stretching from Greenock and Balloch to Kilsyth and Lanark. Since 2000, 64% of Primary Schools in the catchment have been involved, with 18,965 pupils passing through the project to date. We would like to thank everyone who took part in our biggest year so far and hope you enjoy catching up on the news from Clyde in the Classroom 2014!



“Fantastic learning opportunity for all of the pupils involved. Exactly what the Curriculum for Excellence was designed for.”

Elaine Fitzpatrick, Head Teacher, St John's Primary School

PROJECT LIFT-OFF

Clyde in the Classroom 2014 was launched at Glasgow Science Centre over two weeks in January. Each day the Clyde River Foundation and Glasgow Science Centre welcomed hundreds of children for a project introduction and general science fun!

Pupils were introduced to their soon-to-be classmate, the brown trout and its fascinating life cycle. They learned about hatchery care and had a sneak preview of some live trout eggs. But the day wasn't just about brown trout; from European eels to American signal crayfish, pupils learned all about the ecology of the River Clyde ahead of their eco-adventure.

LAUNCH DAY FEEDBACK



- Had great fun (76%)
- Enjoyed most of the day (18%)
- Thought it was okay (5%)
- Didn't like it (1%)

(response from 94 classes = 2394 children)



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SPECIAL DELIVERY

After a trial period of looking after a fish-free hatchery, it was time for the eggs! In January they made their journey from Howietoun Fish Farm to the classrooms, where they would be cared for over the next two months. Each class received 200 brown trout eggs - with 102 classes taking part, that's 20,400 eggs in total.



Clyde River Foundation's Lesley arrives with the eggs

"What I have been most struck by is how the project has helped develop children's personal and social skills.

The children work together collectively to care for the fish."

Finlay Campbell, St Columba's Independent School

TROUT GUARDIANS

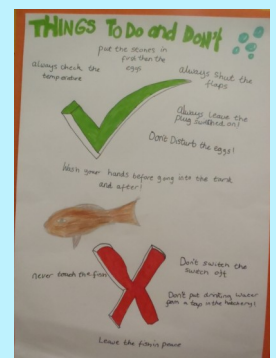
The pupils were entirely responsible for ensuring the conditions in the hatchery mimicked those of a healthy Scottish river while the fish developed in their artificial redd. Just like in the wild, the water had to be cool, clean and running.



Getting to grips with hatchery care

From temperature control to removal of dead eggs, pupils worked round the clock to care for their fishy classmates.

We were impressed to see such amazing dedication from this year's trout guardians!



"The children loved the project and they felt like they were part of something."

Alexis Davren, Riverside Primary School

FISH RELEASE DAYS

Come March the fish were ready to leave the classroom! The children took their brown trout fry to their local tributary of the Clyde to set them free. For some classes we organised transport to help the fish on their journey; for Oakgrove Primary School this meant shoogling their trout to the River Kelvin on the Glasgow Subway!



KIDBLOG

This year we introduced a new interactive Clyde in the Classroom blog through Kidblog, a blogging platform that is used by teachers around the world. Most classes that used the blog had a very positive experience but some ran into one or two issues, especially when uploading photos with large file sizes. We've now upgraded the site so that it can be used more easily next year.



"The children enjoyed creating a blog entry which linked well to a literacy writing lesson using the project as a stimulus. It was also helpful to track the progress of other schools and compare their progress to ours."

Maura Coyle, St Mary's Primary School

COMPETITION TIME

We always enjoy finding out about the additional learning that goes on over the course of the project and this year was no exception! From Clyde in the Classroom assemblies to fishy literature, it's not just science and maths that get the Clyde in the Classroom treatment. We asked our classes to submit something that they felt summed up the spirit of Clyde in the Classroom and were amazed by the diversity and quality of work produced. Congratulations to P6 of Kilsyth Primary School on their prize-winning video report of the project which had it all - facts, drama, music and a lot of humour! Just some of the other highlights were Mount Vernon's computer game (which we tested in the office), Braidwood Primary's trout song (performed live for Caroline when she went to visit), Clarkston's life cycle canvas and Twechar's creative collage.



Clockwise from top: Kilsyth Primary receive their prize from their visiting scientist Willie; Carlibar Primary's trout life cycle stage display, Mount Vernon's computer game 'Take care of your brown trout', Golfhill Primary's Clyde in the Classroom 30-page book.



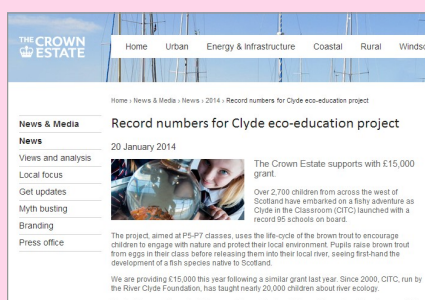
"The whole project has been a fantastic learning opportunity for pupils. The hands on experience of looking after and releasing the trout was a highlight but the amount of additional learning from this project has been amazing."

Suzanne Mitchell, Golfhill Primary School

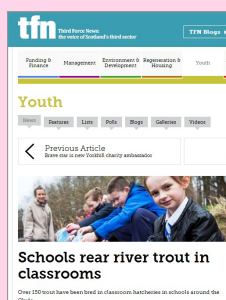
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HOW DID WE SCORE?

Below is a summary of the Clyde in the Classroom 2014 teacher feedback. Thanks to all who have submitted so far - it really makes a difference!

REPORT CARD		Average Score (out of 5)
Project summary document		4.96
Teacher information pack		4.73
Launch day at Glasgow Science Centre		4.71
Lecture on fish populations		4.96
Lecture on trout hatchery		4.96
Delivery of hatchery		4.98
Weekly visits from CRF scientists		5.0
Project support and emergency response		4.96
Quality of buses		4.86
Release day		4.98
AVERAGE SCORE		4.91/5

PROJECT POSTERS

Thanks to this year's project supporters we were able to produce personalised posters for each school that participated in Clyde in the Classroom 2014. We hope they will be displayed proudly for all to see the great achievements of those who took part! Here we are presenting some of John Paul II Primary with their poster at their charities assembly in June.



THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our participating schools and project supporters for making Clyde in the Classroom 2014 possible. This year we received support from the following organisations:



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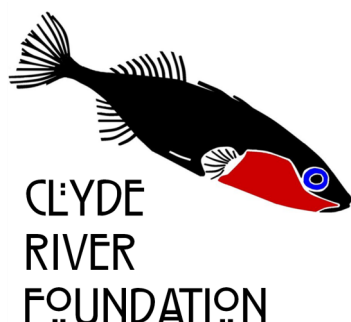
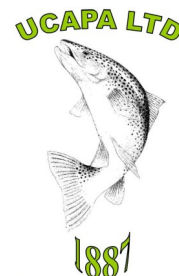
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