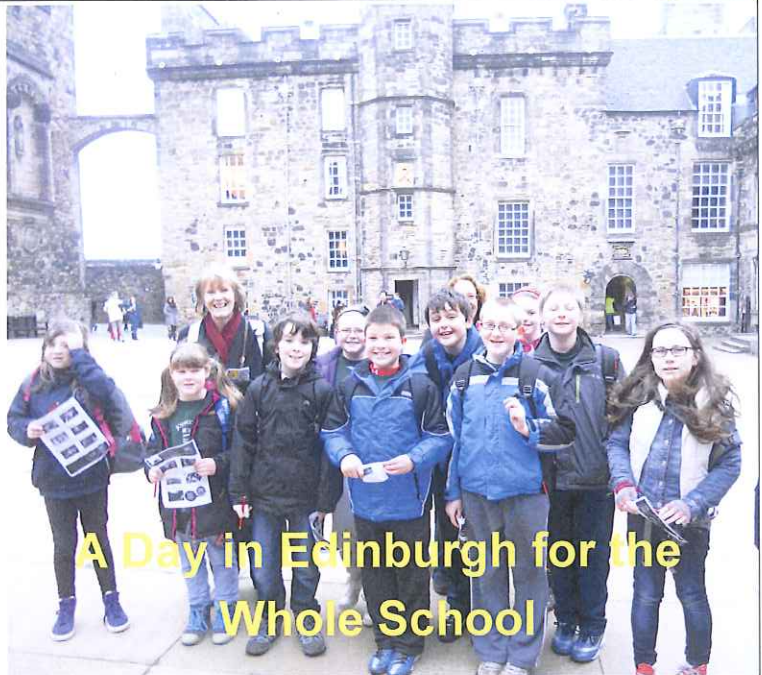




Elisland Farm P4-7

A Very Scottish Term

The upper school visit to Dumfries Museum for a special Scots Language workshop, with an afternoon visit to Elisland (Home of Robert Burns) in January, started us on a term with a strong Scottish focus. The whole school visit to Edinburgh included the P4-7 group visiting Holyrood Palace and John Knox's house, with P1-3 going to the Scottish National Museum for a special Workshop. The afternoon at Edinburgh Castle for the whole school ended a super visit and wonderful day of learning for everyone.



A Day in Edinburgh for the Whole School



The Traditional Scottish Musicians helped the P5-7 pupils to connect with the more traditional side of Scottish Culture.

Celebrating our Scottish Culture

A Very Scottish January This year the standard of presentation in the Scottish Poetry Competition was extremely high. Every child in the school joined the competition and every teacher and child was involved in selecting the winners. Congratulations to the 2014 Scottish Poetry Winners pictured on the next page and also on page One.

The Burns Supper / Lunch was very special this year with speeches which were very amusing and our Master of Ceremonies, Bobby Duff, made an excellent host. The Robert Burns lunch is a whole school effort with all of the staff helping in different ways, but we would like to give special thanks to Sharon Bell for helping the speech makers, for the homemade bunting and tartan mats made in the craft slots and for buddying many of the pupils in the learning of their poems. This year's lunch had a special atmosphere and you could see that the pupils had absorbed lessons from previous years. This was evidenced in their participation and enjoyment of the whole day.

At the **Scottish Language workshop in Dumfries**, teachers were reflecting on the disappearance of so many of the words that we heard regularly in our childhood. It was also interesting to hear how the Scots Language is made up of words from a number of invaders including the Angles and the Vikings. The whole day was really enjoyed by the pupils and their feedback form for the morning was very enthusiastic. See next page for the pictures of the Burns Lunch / Supper.....