

THE MINARD MARVEL



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BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome to our new style newsletter from Minard Primary.

The children are very excited about creating and publishing their very own version and we hope you enjoy reading all their news and completing their puzzles.

There have been a lot of changes this term with regards to staffing. We extend a warm welcome to our new Head Teacher Ms Robyn McIlroy and we look forward to working hard with her. We have said 'Cheerio' to our secretary and classroom assistant Mrs Julie Taylor-Smith (aka 'Miss Angel') and our ASN assistant Mrs Sandra Gascoigne who have both taken up posts elsewhere and we wish them all the best. Our much loved dinner lady and cleaning manager, Mrs Kate Sweeney has decided to retire after 21 years working at Minard Primary and we wish her well. Look out for the article in this month's edition about Mrs Sweeney.

The school attracted some visitors at the very beginning of term when a curious Italian family came calling as they liked the look of our building. They were here on holiday from Florence and were very taken by our classroom and grounds.



We would like to welcome our new staff members to the team: Mrs Fiona Corner as our new clerical and classroom assistant, Mrs Tracy Penman as our new dinner lady, Mrs Ally Robertson as ASN assistant and Ms Rhona McKenzie as cleaning manager.

Mrs Goodwin Editor-in-Chief

Strange sighting in school!

A fearful dragon has been seen in the vicinity of Minard Primary School. Can anyone help identify the book he comes from? Answer next month!

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- Eco Team - Harvest Time!
- Book reviews
- Bye Bye Mrs Sweeney
- Sports news



FORMER PUPIL COMES ALL THE WAY FROM THE STATES

On Friday 19th August the boys had just gone out for afternoon break when they excitedly ran back in to tell myself and Mrs Goodwin that there were people taking photos of our school! I went out to investigate and met a lovely gentleman Dr Bill McCulloch and his wife. Bill explained that he had been a pupil at Minard Primary from 1959 to 1961 when Miss McKay was the Head Mistress. He had many happy memories of being at school here and had a tour of the classroom and grounds. In those days he said he came to school in the local milk van. Bill went on to study medicine at Glasgow University and moved to the States

where he now specialises in oncology. Here is a photo of Bill with Mrs Goodwin and our school bell which is, he said, the very same bell that summoned him in from interval back in 1961.



BYE BYE MRS SWEENEY

The children and staff of Minard Primary School said a fond farewell on Friday 16th September to our longest serving dinner lady and cleaner, Mrs Kate Sweeney. After 21 years we all agree she deserves a rest! We will all miss her and hope she has a restful retirement and comes back to visit us soon. (Hopefully with some of her first class dumpling too!)

Everyone welcomed Mrs Tracy Penman to our happy team. Mrs Penman started as our new dinner lady on Monday 19th September and we look forward to many happy times with her.



*21 years of service to
Minard Primary School.*

This month in 1930

by Tyler Wikins P3

Stromboli volcano (Sicily) throws 2-ton rocks 2 miles.



This month in 1999

by Antoni Terlecki P3

There was a total solar eclipse on 11th Aug 1999.



Tyler and Antoni's Quiz

- 1) How many rings make up the symbol of the Olympic Games?
- 2) Which two British coins have seven sides?
- 3) Egypt is in which large continent?
- 4) What type of creatures are Hammerheads and Great Whites?
- 5) Which sport takes place in a Velodrome?

Answers on page 4

HARVEST GIFTS by Jeremi Terlecki P6

This year our garden has produced an abundance of delicious fruit and vegetables. We gathered loads of crisp, juicy apples and turned them into mouth watering crumble and Mrs Fiona Hannah helped us create sweet gooey plum jam which was delicious on homemade scones!

To celebrate our harvest we all decided to bag up the leeks, potatoes, onions and apples and delivered them to some of our neighbours. A couple of lucky people also received a jar of our plum jam!



BOOK CORNER

Harry Potter and The Cursed Child JK Rowling

Book review by Kaine McConnell P6

One day during the holidays I was walking down the stairs when I noticed one of the cushions on my chair looked a bit lumpier than usual....it was a book, which I had been looking forward to reading...*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*.

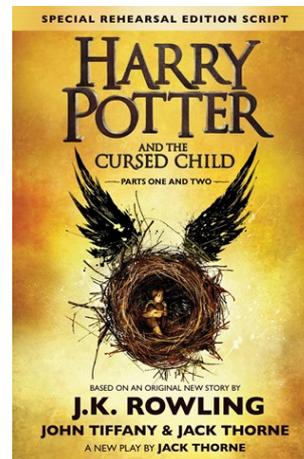
Most readers won't have read this yet so here is a short review of it:

The book starts on Platform 9 ¾ with Albus Potter and

Rose Granger Weasley about to start Hogwarts. Albus gets on the Hogwarts Express and meets Scorpius Malfoy. They become very good friends and they steal a Time Turner and things go very wrong...

I read it in about 3 days or about 4 hours so a relatively quick book to read but it was one of the best books I've ever read! My only criticism is that it was in a play format which might not appeal to everyone but my rating for it is 9/10.

'...things go very wrong'



DEN BUILDING

We all decided to make use of the left over grass cuttings after the grass was mowed earlier this month. We all worked together as a team to get the job done. We are pretty proud of our efforts,

Antoni, Kaine, Jeremi and PJ



Arrochar 10K Success! by PJ Cogan

We would like to congratulate Mrs Fiona Corner on her amazing 10K result on Saturday in Arrochar. There were 120 runners in total. Mrs Corner swept the boards by coming first in the Veteran 50+ category and received this beautiful trophy and medal.

WELL DONE!!



Quote of the month

“You always pass failure on the way to success.”

STOP PRESS!

Something good might be happening next month!

Watch this space. YUM!



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Quiz answers: 1) Five 2) 20p and 50p 3) Africa 4) Shark 5) Cycling

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SPORTS SNIPPETS BY PJ COGAN P7

The Olympic Games have just finished. Great Britain did really well. Here is a list of our gold medals.

Athletics Men's 5000m: Mohamed Farah

Boxing Women's fly (51kg) : Nicola Adams

Canoe Sprint Kayak Single (k1)200m Men : Liam Heath

Equestrian Jumping Individual: Nick Skelton

Taekwondo Women -57kg : Jade Jones

Triathlon Men : Alistair Brownlee

Cycling Track Men's :Keirin Jason Kenny



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