



opportunities for learning

Walled Garden

STAFF and Learners enjoyed a lovely day out to the walled garden at St. Peter's, Daliburgh.

The garden was in dire need of weeding and after a lot of hard work, sore backs, some moaning and a great team effort; we were ready to do some planting before we called it a day!

This garden is a welcome addition to the training strands that can be offered through

Re-Store and anyone who is interested in this should contact us direct at the Ormiclate Centre.



St Peter's walled garden

Staff Changes

WE ARE pleased to welcome Helen MacDonald to the post of Substance Misuse Support Worker. Cothrom Òg have extended their

team and a belated warm welcome to Mairead MacCormick, Morag MacIsaac and Caroline MacInnes.



Mairead MacCormick



Helen MacDonald



Caroline MacInnes



Morag MacIsaac



Above: Graduation day for the children
Top right: The children with their handmade Olympic medals
Bottom right: The children had a fantastic time at the Olympic Sports Day



Nursery news

Graduation

IN JUNE, Cothrom Òg held their annual Graduation ceremony for the 'big' children who are off to pastures new. The children looked great dressed in their gowns and hats ready to receive their certificates and books. We will miss having them around but wish them all the very best for their new adventures in school.

Olympic Sports Day

The children recently had the opportunity to take part in their very own Olympics. Nurseries and primary schools descended on Balivanich School to take part in the event organised by the Active Schools Co-ordinator for CnES. The children took part in various

games such as hurdles, slalom, parachute games and obstacle courses. The children had a fantastic time and were very proud returning to Nursery with their medals and certificates. We had been working on the Olympic topic with the children in Cothrom Òg before they went on their trip and when they returned they were keen to make their own medals to take home.

Care Inspectorate Visit

Cothrom Òg recently had a visit from the Care Inspectorate. The inspection was on the whole very positive with the Nursery receiving 3 grades of very good and 1 of good which we are really pleased with.

International Evening

GROGARRY Lodge was the venue again for the midsummer "International Evening", marking the end of term for learners of English and of Gaelic. Community classes are now suspended for the summer, but there was a good turnout for the party from a wide cross-section of the community. The evening kicked off on a musical high note, with the Swiss group Filidh Ruadh providing a very polished performance of numerous Gaelic songs and airs, with clarsach and hammer dulcimer for atmospheric accompaniment.

But that wasn't their only contribution. Next on the agenda was food from the many different countries represented on the night. It was a fantastic spread, with Latvian and Polish ingredients too, as well as a fine choice of Swiss cheeses to savour and enjoy.

The second half of the evening

started with the English learners (and their children!) introducing themselves, followed by everyone else standing up and saying a bit about themselves. It was heartening to hear what each person had to say about the many positive aspects of living in this community. After that, the interestingly named "Winter Blues" led some multilingual communal singing in Welsh,

English, and Gaelic. This was followed by Libby Patterson reciting a delightful poem of her own composition, before a series of excellent individual musical contributions "from the floor of the house", in a warm cèilidh style atmosphere. It was a great night, topped off by Auld Lang Syne, the only regret being that it had to come to an end.



International evening

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