

Beancross Primary

A snapshot of our learning experiences.



STEM Showcase Success

On Monday 3rd March, we were delighted to host our **STEM Showcase**, where children from each class proudly represented their learning in **coding, food, and textiles**.

The showcase was a fantastic opportunity for parents to see firsthand the creativity and innovation taking place in our classrooms.

We were also thrilled to welcome our Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) link, Karen Wright, who shared how impressed she was with the children's efforts and the exciting progress of our STEM journey.

Our STEM learning continues, with an upcoming focus week on Craft, Design, and Engineering, where children will further develop their skills in problem-solving, creativity, and hands-on projects. We look forward to sharing this next stage of our journey with parents at the next showcase!

A huge thank you to our fantastic staff team for their dedication in creating such engaging STEM opportunities. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the parents who volunteered their time to support learning in school. Off the back of the showcase, we're excited to soon be launching a parent-led coding club for the children!

Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success!



Coding



Textiles



Cookery

Food and Textiles Focus Week

There was a lot of excitement in school as we immersed ourselves in our second STEM focus week.

The week began with a super careers Fayre which really engaged our children at Second Level. Our partners from ASDA, the Scottish Food and Drinks STEM Ambassador, the Scottish Centre for Food Development and Innovation, Local Business - Wee Cakes n Bakes and RGM Sports. A BIG thank you to you all.

As part of our recent STEM Focus Week, each class took on exciting projects in food and textiles, developing their creativity, problem-solving, and practical skills. Our Primary 1 and Primary 2 children had lots of fun designing and making their own party hats and baking delicious biscuits. Primary 3 and Primary 4 explored tie-dye techniques, creating vibrant t-shirts. They were also developing their baking skills—Primary 3 made flapjacks, and Primary 4 baked oatmeal and raisin cookies.

In Primary 5 and Primary 6, children designed and made ‘no-sew’ tote bags, learning about sustainable and creative textile techniques. They also took on food-based projects, with Primary 5 making pizzas and Primary 6 baking sausage rolls.

Our Primary 7 learners had the opportunity to choose between a food or textile project, allowing them to take ownership of their learning. Those in the textile group participated in a sustainable fashion project, up-cycling clothing with materials sourced from Strathcarron, while the food group took a budgeting trip to ASDA before creating their own cake pops.

This focus week was a brilliant opportunity for the children to explore their creativity and problem-solving, and we look forward to continuing our STEM journey in the coming weeks!



“I liked making flapjacks! Tie Dye t-shirts were fun to make!” - Hollie, P3

“I was really excited to create a ‘no-sew’ bag! I had never made one before. My bag was able to hold a lot of things!” - Kayden, P6

“We made sausage rolls in groups, it was really fun. We learned how to use the oven and the importance of hygiene.” - Anayah P6

[Watch DYW Mention Here](#)

Building our Future Together.

Our Primary 6 learners are taking part in an exciting real-world learning project, Building Our Future Together, a unique collaboration between our school, Little Kerse, and Developing the Young Workforce.



This project was designed specifically for our school, working closely with Stevie Barr, Managing Director of Little Kerse, and Karen Wright from Developing the Young Workforce, to connect classroom learning with real-world careers in construction.

So far, the children have analysed the architects' plans, discussed key features of the design, and researched different roles in the construction industry. They are now preparing for an exciting visit to Little Kerse, where they will meet a range of tradespeople involved in the project. During the visit, the children will ask questions about career pathways, training, skills, and the challenges of working in construction.

Following the visit, the children will take part in a creative showcase, using digital tools to present what they have learned in a format of their choice—whether through video, podcast, digital artwork, or storytelling. This hands-on approach aims to help our learners develop skills in critical thinking, creativity, and communication while exploring real-world career opportunities.

We look forward to sharing more about the project in the coming weeks!

Beancross Shines at GLEE!

Our GLEE Club, led by Miss Lesko, recently took to the stage at the Albert Halls in Stirling, delivering a fantastic performance as part of the GLEE competition in February 2025. The children showcased their talent, energy, and enthusiasm, wowing the audience with their incredible singing and choreography.

We are incredibly proud of every child who took part, representing Beancross with confidence and passion. A huge thank you to Miss Lesko and her team for their dedication, creativity, and support, ensuring that the children had the best possible experience. Their hard work in preparing the group, perfecting harmonies, and choreographing the performance truly paid off!

This was a wonderful opportunity for our learners to build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and experience the joy of performing on a professional stage. Well done, everyone!

Muiravonside Outdoor Learning Adventures

Miss Millar's Primary 2 class is embracing the great outdoors with a fantastic programme at Muiravonside Country Park!

Guided by a Park Ranger, the children are taking part in hands-on activities, including a farm tour, pond dipping, den building, a mini beast hunt, and nature-inspired arts and crafts.

The children are thoroughly enjoying the experience. We're planning for P2Q to engage with a similar programme after the Easter break.



Falkirk Schools Dance Competition

Both Primary 7 classes delivered an outstanding performance at Grangemouth High School as part of the Primaries Showcase for the Falkirk Schools Dance Competition.

This event was a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their learning in performing arts and dance. Their dedication, talent and hard work shone through. Well done everyone!

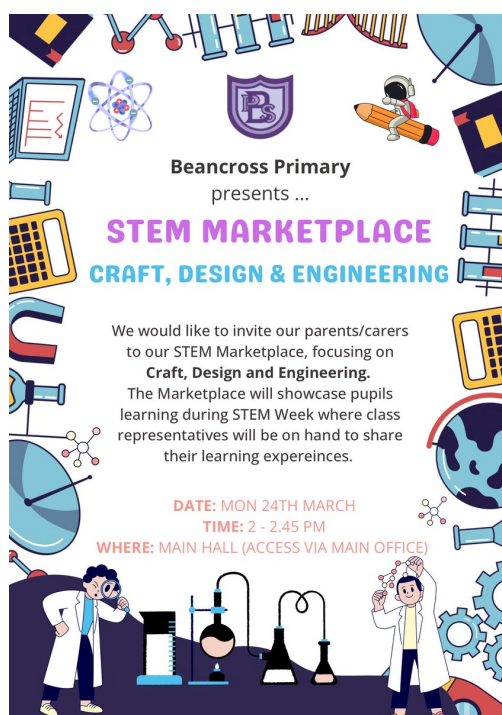
[Watch the rehearsal here!](#)



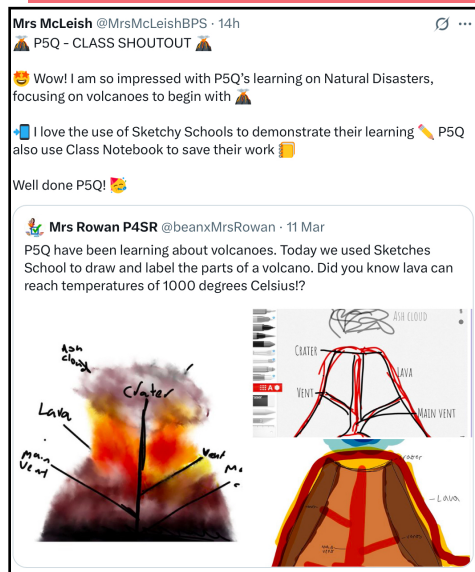
Primary 1 met Bo'ness FireFighters.

Our Primary 1 children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the fire brigade.

The children had the chance to see inside a fire engine, meet the fire fighters and even hold the water hose!



Mrs McLeish's Superstar Shoutouts! - See more on X



Dear Parents,

As this newsletter comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic learning happening across Beancross Primary. From our STEM Showcases and GLEE performances to outdoor learning adventures and digital innovation, it's been a busy and exciting time for our children.

This newsletter is just a snapshot of the many experiences happening across the school. Our class Twitter (X) accounts share even more of the learning taking place each day, so I'd encourage you to have a look and see the learning in action!

I really enjoy putting these newsletters together as they're a great way to celebrate our children's achievements and the dedication of our team. A huge thank you to our parents—your support, whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply encouraging learning at home, makes such a difference.

I look forward to sharing more of our children's successes with you soon.

Best wishes,

Andrew Watson

Headteacher

Diary Dates

- Next STEM Learning Showcase - Monday 24th March, 2pm
- Parents' Night - Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March - Booking closes 21st March 2025
- Staff Development Day - 4th April 2025
- Easter Holiday - Monday 7th April 2025 - Monday 21st April 2025.
- Return to School - Tuesday 22nd April 2025
- P7 London Meeting - Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 6pm