

Dear all,

It is already time for the first Tay Tribune Issue – how time flies!

Ochil Tower has welcomed quite a few new faces; we are sure you will be able to spot them as you look through the wonderful contributions from the 'bubbles'.

We have included some pages from the Easter Edition which we weren't able to publish at the time.

We hope you enjoy finding out about what the other bubbles have been up to over the past 8 weeks and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a good holiday!

See you next term. xxx



Picture of the Term

Joke of the Term

Hamish is learning about mushrooms/fungi. He is learning what they are called, where they grow and if they are edible.

Boris: Before we consider eating it we really should ask Veit and see what he says.

Hamish: Why Veit?

Boris: He knows a lot about mushrooms. He is the mushroom guy.

Hamish: So, he is the funguy.

Farewell Judyta



On Tuesday 10th March we said farewell to Judyta. She has worked in Ochil Tower since 2011. First as a night staff and then the last three and a half years as a teacher. We are sad to see her go and wish her all the best in her new job at Robert Douglas Memorial School in Scone.



Scott's Shed

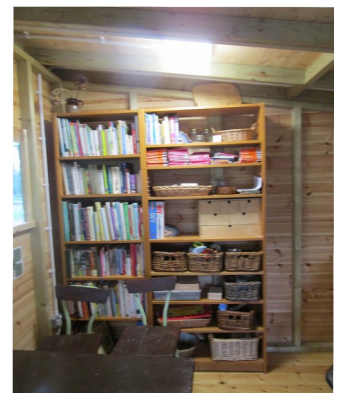
Scott has been thinking about building a shed for over 15 years. A year ago it finally became reality and last year the concrete was put in and the building of the shed began. The shed was completed in April last year.



The shed was designed by Scott himself and was built with the help of a company from Errol. We think the design is fantastic and the shed looks great.



Since it has been built, new things have been added like a new stove. Soon a rain water collection system is going to be added.



Callum's interview with Scott.

(since this interview was made Scott has decided to retire. We wish you good luck with your future endeavours)

1. What is your job in
OTS ?

*My job tittle is HR advisor. I
help with employment law
interpretation.*

2. Where do you live ?

I live in Auchtararder.

3. Who do you live with ?

I live with my wife.

4. How do you travel to
work ?

*I walk every day about
15-20 min.*

5. Currently we are learning
about Solar System. Do
you have a favourite
planet or star ?

I think I like Mars.



6. Can you choose your
favourite from the two
options?

Sport

Football or **Tennis**

Where would you go on holiday?

Mountain or **Seaside**

Choice of food

Pizza or **Steak pie**

Animal

Cat or Dog

7. Do you have a pet?

No

8. What is your favourite meal
that Dave cooks ?

I really like the Beef goulash.



Interview

Conner's interview with Linus.

(Linus has since gone back to Germany)

1. Do you like your work at Ochil Tower School?

Yes, I really like the work.

2. Do you like Pizza with Macaroni on it?

I don't really like that.

3. Where did you worked before?

I worked in the Camphill Holywood in Ireland before.

4. Do you like rock music?

Rock music is not my type of music.

5. What is your least favourite thing to do at work?

My least favourite thing is doing the dishes.



6. What do you like to watch on the TV?

I like to watch the News and nice movies.

7. Do you like the beach?

Yes, I love the beach.

8. Do you like me?

Of course I like you!

9. Do you like kangaroos?

I guess I like them.

10. Why did you choose this school?

I wanted to work with children. This school is also completely different to the place I worked at before. I chose this one because I only heard nice things about it.

Interview

Briony's interview with Jo.

1. How are you doing today?

I am very well, thank you.

2. Where do you live?

I live in Dundee.

3. Where do you go to university?

I go to university in Dundee.

4. Do you like studying there?

Yes, I do.

5. What are you studying and why did you choose it?

I am studying social work because I like helping people.

6. Do you like working here?

Yes, I am enjoying it.



7. Where are you working in the school?

I work in Earn class and Priory house

8. What do you like more, pizza or pasta?

I like pasta more.

9. What are your hobbies?

I like to go horse riding.

Are you going horse riding with the class?

No, but hopefully I will be able to go in the future.



10. Where do you prefer to go on holidays, the city or the beach?

I prefer the city because I like exploring.



News from Dochart Class



Everyone in Dochart Class is happy to be back together, with the addition of Briony, Anne, Luise, Fiona and Steven.

Although Calum has been home for 5 months he has not forgotten anything and he is enjoying taking part in the lessons he missed.

We have dived straight into a busy timetable of PE, cycling, music, art, recycling, games, gardening, our school topic of habitats and much more.

The topic lesson takes us outside to explore our school grounds and beyond as we take a closer look at everything with habitats.



Eagle eyes are required for this one! Good luck.



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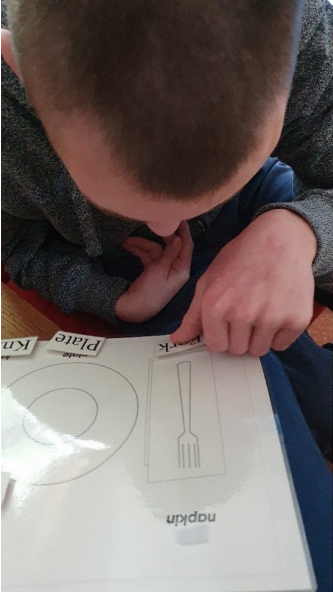




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An update from Earn



Lee: I've enjoyed getting to know Shaz.

Daniel: I am learning to set the table.

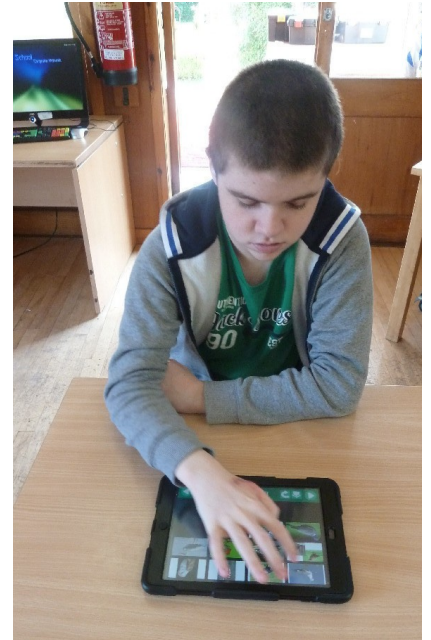
Boris: I have enjoyed helping Hamish with his reading.

Shaz: I am excited about our newt 'Smootches', he has moved out of the house we made him... he is independent now.

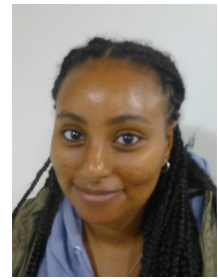
Hamish: I have worked a lot on my 'Toe by Toe' reading.

Rachael: I have enjoyed helping Daniel with setting the table.

Hannah: I am enjoying working at OTS and getting to know everyone.



Interview with Fe (who works in Belvidere)



1. Hello, Fe. How are you?
I am good, thank you.
2. What have you enjoyed so far at Ochil Tower School?
The good atmosphere, the friendly people, the activities. It never gets boring.
3. What have been doing on your days off?
I have gone to Edinburgh with Angeli, Ben and Lara. It is a beautiful city.
4. Do you have any favourite foods?
Pizza and Injera - it is a flatbread with many different sauces - it's a dish from Ethiopia.
5. Do you have any pets at home?
Not at the moment.
6. Do you like cycling?
Yes, I do. As long as it's not too hilly!
7. Where about in Germany are you from?
I am from Buehl - Baden. It is near Baden - Baden.
8. Do you have any hobbies?
I like reading, meeting friends, going out and travelling.



Interview with Billy



1. Hi Billy, how are you?
I am wonderful.
2. Where do you live?
I live in a small village called Tillicoultry.
3. Which house do you work in?
I have just moved to Belvidere. For the past 2 years I have worked in Rowan House.
4. What is your favourite food?
I love shellfish and seafood.
5. When is your birthday?
11th April 1995
6. Do you have any siblings?
I have 1 sister, 2 half-brothers, 1 step brother and 1 step sister.
7. Do you have any pets?
I have 2 cats called Clio and Tiami. And a dog called Buddy.
8. Do you have any hobbies?
Fishing. If I catch a trout I will cook it for supper I like fishing at Loch Glow.
9. Which 3 items would you take on a desert island?
A hatchet, a water purifier and a friend.



Rowan House Education Group

The Rowan House Education Group has been hard at work and helping to maintain the grounds and wildlife environment here at Ochil Tower School.

We are always kept busy, whether it be filling the bird feeders, clearing some trees, or helping to pick and prepare fresh vegetables. In our free time we always enjoy cycling and going on our local walks. We have had a busy start to the new term and cannot wait to share with you all the activities that we have planned for the future.

We welcomed Carina, Lara, Elias and Ben to our group.



Tried and Tested Recipe:



German Apple Cake

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 170C/150C Fan/Gas 3.

Butter and line a 23cm/9in round cake tin.

2. Coat the apple wedges in the lemon juice and set aside.

3. In a large bowl, beat together the butter and sugar, using an electric hand mixer, until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs and beat until smooth.

Sift in the flour, baking powder and salt and mix well.

Slowly add the milk, mixing well after each addition, until you have a smooth batter.

4. Transfer the batter to the cake tin.

Arrange the apple slices, flat-side down, on the batter in a spiral pattern.

5. For the topping, mix together the demerara sugar and cinnamon.

Sprinkle over the batter.

6. Bake in the middle of the oven for 40–45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean and the top is golden-brown.

Leave to cool for 15 minutes in the tin. Run a knife around the edges of the cake and turn it out of the tin onto a wire rack.

7. Serve warm or at room temperature with whipped cream.

Ingredients:

- 2 apples, peeled, cored, and sliced into thin wedges.
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 125g butter
- 140g golden caster sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 225g plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 5 tbsp full-fat milk

For the topping:

- 1 ½ tbsp demerara sugar
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon



Interview with Roisin

1. Hi Roisin, how are you?

I am fine.

2. Did you have good weekend? What did you do?

I went swimming in the sea. It was cold.

3. What is your favourite planet?

The moon is my favourite. It looks like a cheese.

4. Have you ever been on a plane?

Yes, I went to Africa – to Tunisia on holiday.

5. If you had a lot money what would you do with it?

I would buy lots of ham and give lots of money to my Mummy and Daddy.

6. If you were a lollipop what flavour would you be?

Ham!!!

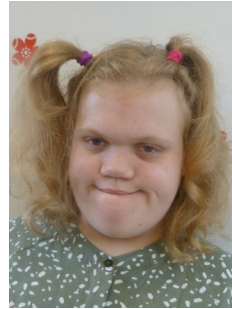
7. Do you have any siblings?

Yes, 2 sisters and a brother.

My big sister will have a baby soon and I will be an Auntie.

8. Do you have any pets?

I have two cats named Max and Mia, a dog named Jess and a hen named Clem.



Born to run...



Between 10th and 13th September the Auchterarder Running Festival Virtual Edition took place.

Miriam and Annie both ran in the 10k event and Ami in the Half Marathon. They all did amazing and worked very hard.

Here they are with their well deserved medals!

News from Sycamore

Sycamore has been very busy this term. Everyone was a star and has contributed to a wonderful and creative atmosphere in the house as well as around the whole of the community. Well done!!

There have been plenty of creative initiatives, such as felting, painting, wreath making, leaf flower folding, waxed paper and card making, chair upholstery for the dinning room and singing. We bought some new kitchen appliances which came in handy for baking lots of lovely cakes and drying fresh fruits and vegetables from the gardens for the colder months to come. Yummy Yummy!!! Lets not forget about the self pressed apple juice! That was wonderful as always!

All were keen on being active outdoors. Lots of walking, using the playground, playing games and having a go on the football field. This year's favourite definitely has to be called: cycling. All youngsters have shown the ability and stamina to go for miles! Last year we set our aim to cycle out with the school grounds, which has been achieved! Hurray!!

This year's aim is to cycle to raise money for a handful of new bikes for the house - so please keep an eye out for your piggy bank - it will soon come in handy :)

Always yours, Sycamore Bubble





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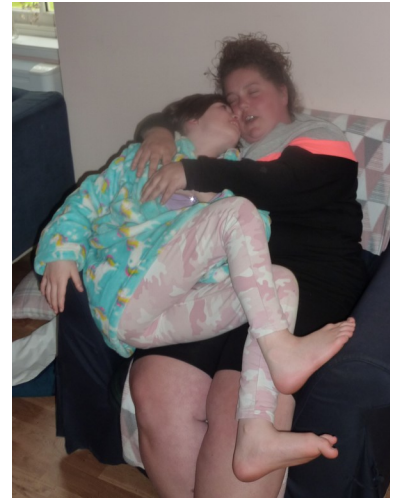
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And this is what Priory has been up to...



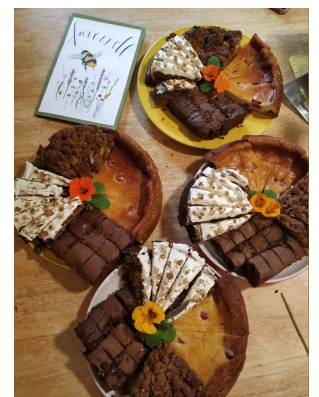
Fare Thee Well Bonnie!



This term we also said Fare Thee Well to Bonnie who has worked with us in a variety of capacities and in numerous houses and classes for many years. She is now studying to become a teacher - a wish she has had for many years.

You might still see her around (usually with a Hoover, mop and cleaning products) as she is now also the much-appreciated cleaner of the offices and the LSC building.

The Tay Tribune Team can hopefully catch up with her some time and find out what it is like to be a student at the moment.



Photos from Ami's & Katalin's Group



News from the Belvidere Group

The Life Skills Centre building is now the base for all the young people, co-workers and staff from Belvidere. As you can imagine it gets very busy. We have continued to look after the chickens, woodwork, basket weaving, cardboard recycling, eco bricking and baking. We are especially enjoying the folk dancing.

We have become pros at wearing our masks when going to do the shredding or when we pop out to the shops.

We have welcomed Paula, Rifath, Angeli, Fe, Billy and Craig to the team.



Angeli



Billy



Craig



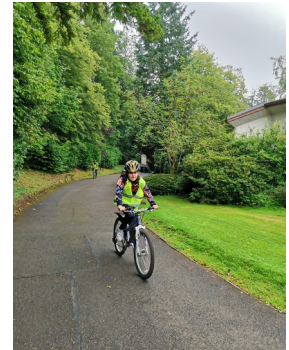
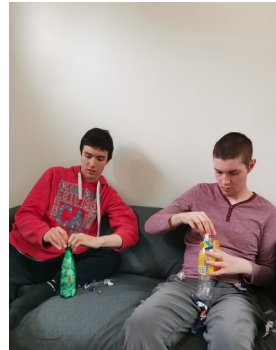
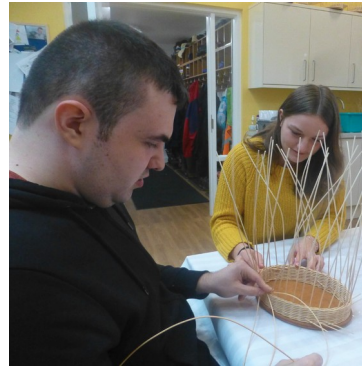
Fe



Paula



Rifath



John returned to us after being away since March. It was amazing to see how much he can remember. The kitchen has turned into a multi-purpose room; it has become a topic lesson room where Melly learns about habitats. Alex and Jamie have developed into the Kings of Eco bricking!





On Monday, 28th September we went out to harvest our vegetables, fruit and flowers. We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Neil and Kirsty for making this possible for us. Beautiful baskets, wreaths, and even a mandala, were created and added to our Michaelmas altar on the lawn. The following day all the houses hosted their own Michaelmas Meal and we enjoyed vegetable soup, bread and lovely apple cake made by Dave and Donna, thank you both so much.





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