

St Fergus Primary School – P7 Leavers’ Legacy 2019 - 2021

Our annual enterprise came to a halt in March 2020 and then resumed with our current P7 class this session. The Leavers’ Legacy is a project whereby the senior class identify an area of school that they feel can be improved or developed for those pupils coming behind them.

“It feels good to leave something behind for the future P7s.” – Frazer Park P7.

The P7 pupils decided in the autumn of 2019 that they would transform an unused courtyard space into an outdoor common room for senior pupils but also create an accessible place for planting and growing flowers and vegetables. Fundraising prior to the pandemic allowed initial property works to be completed including a bespoke gate incorporating the school colours and logo, as well as alterations to the door and new signage.



The project restarted when school returned in August 2020 with a new cohort of P7 pupils, who were keen to continue and complete the Legacy. We have been working in partnership with pxLimited based at St Fergus Gas Terminal who introduced us to Kirsty and the team from Pale Blue Dot Energy for a series of virtual workshops entitled “Low Carbon Energy & Carbon Capture and Storage”, where pupils learned about types of energy, its effects on the climate and what we can all do to reduce CO₂.

“The CO₂ level has risen a lot and it is damaging our planet. So, we have to do something about it.” – Lola Evans P7.



During these workshops, Hazel Robertson, local explorer, told the children how she had seen for herself the effects of climate change on the environment. Pupils were asked to reflect on what changes they could make to improve the world for future generations and were introduced to the Acorn Project at St Fergus Gas Site. This project aims to make best use of the legacy of oil and gas infrastructure at St Fergus and Scotland's excellent geology for CO₂ storage. The final workshop culminated with a challenge to our P7 learners to design a poster showing their understanding of the effects of climate change and what we are doing locally to alleviate this. This sparked the idea with the pupils to use their designs to create a mural in the courtyard. *"From little acorns mighty oaks grow."*



The combined enthusiasm of the team from Pale Blue Dot and the pupils, led to professional artist, Craig Fisher, coming on board with the Legacy. Craig took inspiration from the poster designs to create a concept template of the mural depicting pupil awareness of the importance of sustainability in our local area. A virtual live art lesson, with Craig, was arranged for pupils to draw their own sea creatures which would be incorporated into the final design.



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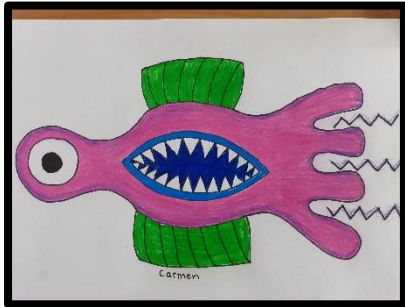
Creating the Potential
to Succeed



Pupils will Exceed
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"Getting your own artwork brought to life, is soooooo exciting" – Lucas Webster P7.

Pale Blue Dot Energy intend using photos, video clips and artwork as part of their input to UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) due to be held in Glasgow in November 2021.

The courtyard wouldn't be complete without sustainable wooden furniture to make it into an inviting, relaxing area for our pupils to enjoy. We would like to thank pxLimited for the provision of this as well as support from their gardening team at the site. Pupils are looking forward to making best use of their new outdoor space and taking ownership of the courtyard.

