

# The Tay Tribune

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Dear Readers,

another term has passed and soon we will need to say 'good-bye 2018, hello 2019'!

We have all been very busy during a term which has brought with it trials and tribulations, tears and laughter. We have celebrated the start of Advent with our beautiful Advent Garden and pupils, young adults and adults polished their shoes and put them by the fireplace as St. Nicolas was sure to come.

Over the past weeks we have been busy in the Hall rehearsing for our Carol Concerts. The Hall is brought alive with angels, Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and the Kings and beautiful bell-ringing.

Now it is time to thank everyone for your hard work and support.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Goodbye one-way plastic!

Last term we learnt about plastic and its many good uses. We also explored the damage it causes to the environment and the wild life when disposed of inappropriately.

To help Ochil Tower School reduce their use of one-way plastic the Action Team ordered sturdy soap dispensers to replace the Carex soap bottles. Hopefully people can let us know how they are getting on with them in due course.



It is time to say goodbye to Billy H.



Billy has worked in Sycamore, Belvidere, Rowan, Earn Class and the Life Skills Centre. We wish you all the best and don't forget about us!



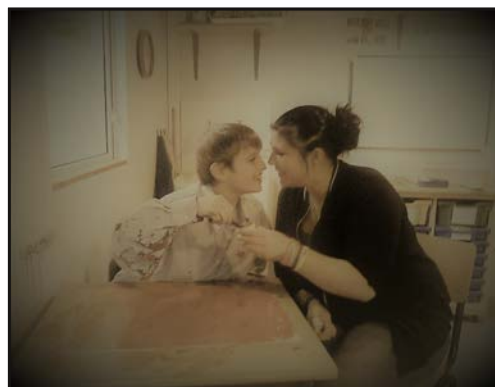
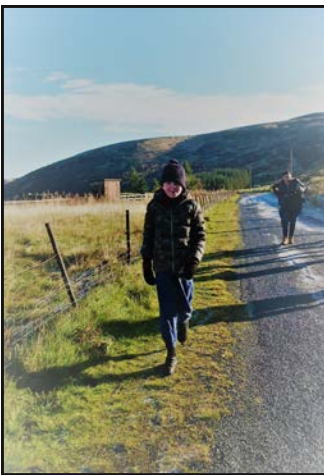
Picture of the Week



# Dochart News



The big news from Dochart is that Cooper joined the class. In these photos you can see him felting with Nicolas and painting with Allisia. Kieran has been joining the class for 3rd lessons and enjoying the baking. The highlight of the week has been the Friday outings, in fact since the school year started it has only rained on 2 Fridays, we have been very lucky. Other news is that Calum tried roller skating and will hopefully be able to continue in the new year.







Dear Tay Tribune readers,  
We hope that you enjoyed lighting up your advent garden candles as much as we enjoyed making them for you all.





# Get creative with Conner and Harvey



Turn your boring biscuits into a festive treat!

You will need biscuits and icing (the kind you can roll out) and off you go!  
Here are some that Conner and Harvey made earlier.



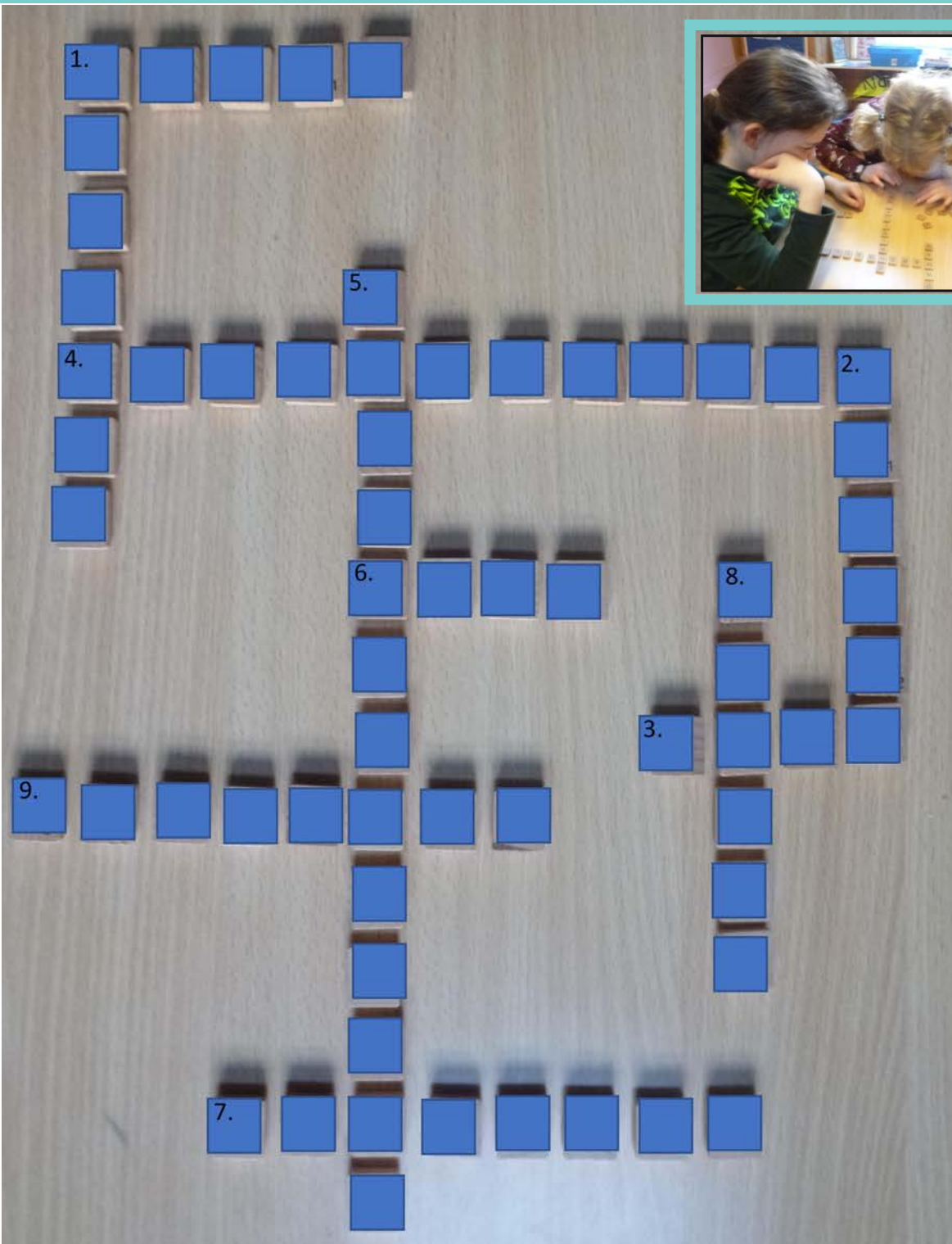
On 10th December Bonnie and Mark welcomed their bundle of joy into their lives. Congratulations from all of us and we are really looking forward to meet him.







# Seasonal Crossword by Melly & Roisin

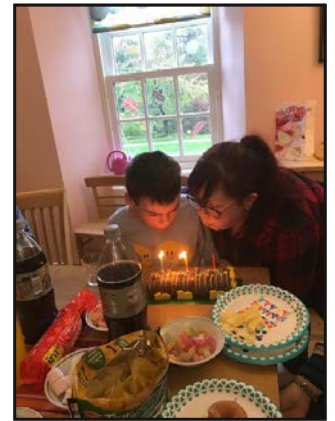


- 1a. Something you can wear around your neck to keep you warm.
- 1d. You can make one of these with something white that falls from the sky.
- 2d. Something you can sit on to go down the hill fast.
- 3a. You can light this in the house to keep you warm and cosy.
- 4a. Put these on a stick and toast them over the fire.
- 5d. It is green and prettily decorated.
- 6a. It shone brightly over Bethlehem.
- 7a. Hopefully you can find lots of these under the Christmas Tree.
- 8d. He really doesn't like Christmas.
- 9a. Let's go out and have a .....fight.





# Prory News



Prory welcomed Fallon to the team just a few weeks ago! Briony made a very cute Minnie Mouse for our Halloween Party. The girls like nothing better than having 'girlie time'. Darren was in need of a good and well - deserved break whilst Lucia clearly has forgotten how blowing up a chair works! And we celebrated Daniel's birthday in style.







# Sycamore News



Sycamore pupils did lots of arts and crafts together and as it got colder outside we put on the fire indoors to warm us up. We loved getting dressed up for the Halloween Party. We began decorating the house for Christmas.

We also went swimming to Perth leisure pool and Cooper joined Sycamore House. Mark broke his ankle! We celebrated the birthday of Hamish, Lachlan and Loere this term. We went for many walks. And we were flying kites and aeroplanes!



# Wordsearch



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 FATHER CHRISTMAS  
 PRESENTS  
 CHRISTMAS TREE  
 MINCE PIES  
 SNOWMAN  
 ANGELS  
 BABY JESUS  
 STAR

BAUBLES  
 TURKEY  
 HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
 BETHLEHEM

RUDOLPH  
 STUFFING  
 CAROLS  
 PUDDING

By George and Jenny







# Earn News



Reuben: I walked Sasha and enjoyed it.  
 Melly: I enjoy taking Sasha and Gaia to Cloan Glen.  
 Lachlan: "I like the steam, it is coming out."  
 James: I worked hard since the start of the year. I was also involved in my first end of term festival.  
 Hamish: "I drew a cottage"  
 Boris: "I enjoyed the traditional autumn outing in the straw bale field"  
 Mark: " I enjoy being in Earn class every day in different."  
 Lydia: I enjoy going to Perth swimming pool with Josh.  
 Jenny: I enjoyed the walk with Lachlan at Benny Beg.  
 Attila: I enjoyed the challenging walk Mark took us on, I was walking with Lachlan and Maddie.  
 Billy: "I enjoyed downhill mountain biking with Hamish"  
 Maddie: "I got to know Lachlan well, it can be great fun."  
 Mirja: "Folk dancing is always fun"



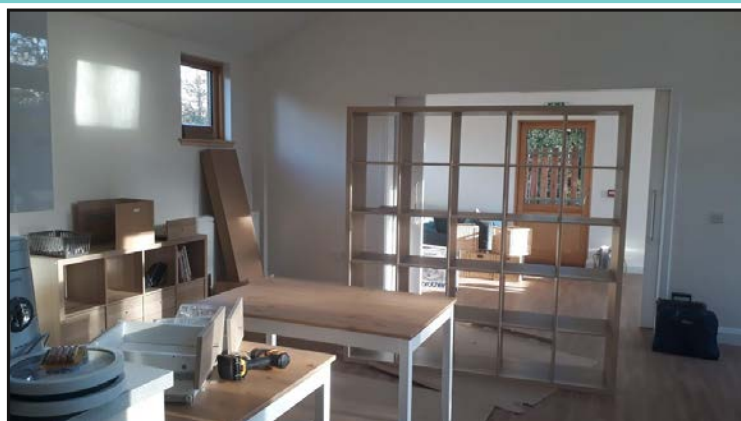


# Life Skills Group



After spending the Michaelmas term in two small classrooms the Life Skills Group has finally moved down into the new building.

Everyone helped to move in and it has become a favourite workspace and hangout for many of us. We have been doing vegetable prep for Dave, our Super Chef, we have made biscuits, bagels and pizzas. And many of us have learnt to use a sewing machine and make lovely lavender bags. We have also been busy on the Estate – moving fire wood and sieving compost. Sometimes we have young visitors who pop down and get a taste of what it is like to be an adult.







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