Welcome to Auchengray Primary School’s Winter newsletter. We have included what we have been up to this term, and all of our achievements. We hope you enjoy reading about them.
Ross and the Jewel of Happiness

“No!” said Ross, he was coming home from school on his bike when his bike rolled into an unseen pothole, his bike got a puncture.

“Rats! How am I meant to get home now? I can’t walk home from here in Auchengray!” Ross pushed his blonde hair out of his green eyes, and then looked over to the forest of Auchengray. “The forest could be a shortcut home… but Mum did tell me to never go in there alone,” He didn’t have to tell his Mum that he went in though, how much danger could be there in that little forest? Yes, it did look really gloomy from where he was standing, but, of course, he was not scared! So he went in. He started by just walking over, then he got excited and started rampaging over the dirt path. He stopped dead in front of the trees, and thought, “Wow! These are so tall! Twelve times taller than me!” In addition, Ross was a tall boy for thirteen. When he went in, all of the trees were damp, even though it had not rained at all. Suddenly he heard something from the gloomy depths of the strange forest. He saw a figure running through ferns, and then he saw a glint. What was that? Not only was it bright, but it was colourful, shiny, and twinkled like a star shining in the night sky… Ross felt an overpowering magic coming from it… What was it? Only one way to find out… thought Ross. Cautiously, he stepped into the gloomy depths of the forest…

“You can’t do that, you can’t take my bag it has my phone in it and … also other things!” As he ran his hand through his long blonde hair.

“What other things?” Said the little green goblin wearing a tunic made of leaves. “I’m Hobnob the great goblin of this forest and if you don’t tell me then I will chuck this contraption in the boggy soggy stream of Auchengray!” Then Hobnob turned and started sprinting towards the stream as Ross ran after him. Suddenly he tripped up on a tree root; he could see hobnobs leaf tunic trailing behind him. Ross was covered in mud and it was oozing from his clothes. Hobnob was screaming “Yes!” whilst he was opening the bag he left a trail behind him of the things in it, then he pulled out a Hobnob bar and said, “Oh you stupid human beings why would you put my species in a bar!?”
Then Ross started to get up. “You miserable manky old goblin!” Ross shouted, “You won’t get away with this!”

“Oh yes I will!” he replied. “Yes, here it is the jewel of MY forest, it will give all the happiness EVER!!” said Hobnob

“Nooo!” screamed Ross. “GIVE IT BACK!” Ross yelled at the top of his lungs.

“No! I won’t! I want to be happy, all by myself!” He blurted out as snot flew from his pointy nose towards Ross “Auchengray forest won’t ever be colourful or happy again! All the happiness is for me!”

Another piece of snot flew towards Ross as Hobnob hobbled away. “MWAHHAHAH!” It’s surprising how fast a little goblin can go before falling into the squelchy ground below him.

Ross picked some dirt from his blonde hair before going to retrieve the muddy little Hobnob that lay squirming knee deep in mud.

“Now will you give it back?” Ross questioned while picking up Hobnob.

“Well…well….” A tear fell down from his beady black eyes. “I just want to be happy again, please…please… Give me another chance, I’m only 94!” The goblin cried. He looked up at Ross, which was quite a long way to look up because Hobnob was short and stumpy and Ross was tall and slim.

“Maybe if you give me the jewel we can share the happiness?” questioned Ross

“NEEVER!” He screamed before snatching back the jewel in his grubby hands then sprinting away, now avoiding all puddles and boggy bits in the wide path.

“Note to self, never trust a goblin!” Ross said as he began to walk after Hobnob, for Ross knew that the path would bring him back to the same place, unless he was going to risk drowning in muddy parts of the other paths, and he wasn’t going too. Ross held up his fingers.

“Three, two, one.” Ross spun round, “Hello again.”

“I always wanted to be friends with someone, but nobody likes me, so I thought if I took the jewel from the forest I wouldn’t be the only one who was sad.” Hobnob cried, a teeny tear fell from his eye and onto a mushroom, the mushroom grew bigger and bigger, there was a rumble from under the ground, and right in front of Ross’s eyes. A house came out of this mushroom.

“WOW” they both said.

Hobnob could now be happy, and if he tried he could have friends too. He gave the jewel back to Ross, and smiled….

“Thank you…”

The End
In our last newsletter we mentioned that we were working towards winning the Levenseat Acorn Award, we are happy to announce that once again we have won!

When working towards the Acorn Award we had a Bee Afternoon allowing our parents and community to see what we have been up to. This included a willow tunnel, planting flower beds, making seed bombs and refurbishing our Bug Hotel.

We went to Sky Academy in November this included making our own news reports about earthquakes, as that is part of what we have been learning about for our natural disaster topic.

Outside Sky’s Academy, there is a HUGE whale named Polly. Who is made from 1,500 plastic bottles and straws. #PassOnPlastic
We would all like to thank everyone who took part in our Curling competition, and to Mrs. Wright our principal teacher & Conner from wat-if who both taught us how to curl.

Throughout South Lanarkshire, 7 gritters were being named, every school in south Lanarkshire got the opportunity to name one. We entered the name ‘Snow Coo’ and we won!

Primary 6 & 7s also went to Biggar Rotary quiz which was held at Tinto Primary School.

In August we elected new JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) so we have chosen all our Primary 5s, and so far there doing a great job!