



Anstruther Primary School Visit to The Murray Library Project

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After the completion of extensive exterior refurbishment to The Murray Library, Cllr Elizabeth Riches (Chair) and Trustees Lorna Jones, Jim Braid and Carl van der Lee welcomed a group of pupils from Anstruther Primary School to visit the site and to discuss the Time Capsule Project they are working on with the Trustees.

Led by their teacher, Mrs Joyce Wilson, the children learned all about history of the building and about Anstruther born Mr David Murray, who left the money for its construction in 1908.

Graham Hunter and Inglis Douglas of Marshall Construction supervised the site visit, during which the children had the chance to ask lots of questions about the building and what is being done to it. They learned about its historical background and some anecdotal stories about the Library's past.

The contents of a Time Capsule are being considered by the children, similar to the Time Capsule which had been buried in the building in 1908. The original contained lots of coins, newspapers and artefacts of the day. During the next few months the Foreman promised to look out for the 'old' time capsule and let the Trustees know if they find it. The Murray Library Trustees are very grateful to the RNLI who are kindly sourcing 2 time capsules for the children to use for the project.

The Trustees look forward to welcoming the children back at the end of the year to place their unique Time Capsule in the newly refurbished building.

(Various photos are attached – permission is given to print any or all of the photos)

About Murray Library

History. The Murray Library was established in 1908 by Trust Deed and is now a registered charity (SC001142). It was originally set up to provide a library and reading rooms with educational and recreational facilities for the local community. These facilities no longer exist as the library has been relocated to the local Anstruther Town Hall building nearby. In recent years the Trustees have endeavoured to meet the objectives of the trust deed by ensuring that the building is used to further the education and recreation of the local community.

In order to renovate the Murray Library, large grants were needed. The renovation of the Murray Library is one of the key projects in Fife Council's Anstruther Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) and Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funded by Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland respectively, with match funding from Fife Council and - for the snooker hall - from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

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