



Author visits

BOOKWORMS at a primary school in Dumbarton had were treated to a special visit by a renowned Scots author, Primary six pupils from Knockland Primary were given a talk by Matthew Pitt, whose books include But It Don't Rain, Kate O' Shearer's Tale, And Other Poems, and Kate's Blooms.

Quiz the candidates

BUSINESS and the economy will be on the agenda this week as the area's parliamentary hopefuls take to the stage in an election hustings.

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As polling day on 18 the campaign machine of prospective MP's begins to wind down, the hustings will be the final chance for candidates to put their case to voters. In Dumbarton, the hustings on 27th May will see the candidates for the seat of Dumbarton and Vale of Leven. The candidates are: Labour's Ian Davidson, Conservative's Pauline Green, SNP's Gordon Brown, and Scottish Labour's Graham Sharp.

Bookies have their say on election result

BOOKIES have slashed the odds on a Labour victory and on Thursday, with Labour leader Nick Gray tipped to leave his seat.

Man jailed after refusing to pay compensation

A MAN who grabbed a lady over in raising her shoe to go to prison rather than pay her compensation.

In respect of the lady, however, she stated that she did not go to jail for her shoe. Mr. Green, who was found guilty of an offence which took place on June 21 last year, accepted a fine of £100 for breaching the peace for which he was sentenced to the compulsory prison.

Fishing competition

ANGLERS in West Dumbartonshire have had a chance to test their skills by taking part in a fishery fishing contest.

Labour candidate Jackie Butler said "I am looking forward to being part of the Dumbartonshire Chamber of Commerce hustings this week as I believe a debate on business and our local economy could not come at a better time."

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Closure threatened school's green joy



A CLOSURE-threatened primary school has celebrated attaining a prestigious and highest award in a recent scheme.

Low Primary, which is set to close in 2012, has been awarded the highest award in the National Park every day. The award is given to schools which have been judged as being 'outstanding' in their provision for children's outdoor learning.

By Jenny Foulds

Green School Awards from the Children's Commissioner from the Environment.

Pedal power

THE NSPCO is calling on nurseries in Argyle and Bluff to take part in its annual Pedal Push. Now in its 10th year, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCO) says Pedal Push is a fun and easy way for pre-school aged children to raise funds for the NSPCO.

Children at nurseries, creches and playgroups can take part by being sponsored to hop on their bikes, sike or scooter and pedal or push their way around a local course at their nursery, playground, playground or even their local park to raise funds for the NSPCO, making a real difference to children's lives in Scotland and across the UK.

Outdoor advice

AS people head out to enjoy the countryside this spring, RSPB Scotland is asking everyone to take care around new-born lambs and calves and to be careful not to disturb them.

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This week's hot topic on Facebook

The Advertiser has gone interactive to find out what issues are affecting our readers.

Stephen Morgan: "Yes it is, if it weren't for the Christmas, present and Easter eggs I doubt whether a significant part of the country would have any involvement with Christianity any more."

Lyns Spencer: "The Easter bunny or rabbit comes from the hare, an ancient, pre-Christian symbol of fertility associated with spring. Anglo-Saxon mythology says Easter changed her pet bird into a rabbit to entertain a group of children, and the rabbit laid brightly coloured eggs for them. Eastre (or Eostre) who was celebrated as the goddess of spring by the Saxons of northern Europe. A festival called Eastre was held during the spring equinox by these people to honor her. So it's not really a 'hot' topic."

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