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Flow Country creatures come to life in Farr

First day of October and first visitors of the Autumn term for Farr Primary, Bettyhill! Hilary Wilson, the Flows to the Future Project's Learning Development Officer, and Sydney Henderson, Flows Intern were at the school to deliver a morning assembly on Flow Country creatures.

The children learned about 4 of the Flow Country's most prolific inhabitants; hen harrier, frog, deer and dragonfly, who came to life through costumes, artefacts and puzzles! The children explored the life of these creatures, their home and their food, as well as the importance of the Flow Country habitat. Dressing up as the creatures was particularly popular.

Lots of children could identify these creatures through seeing them in their own gardens – how lucky to grow up with the Flow Country on your doorstep!

Hilary has recently joined the Heritage Lottery Fund supported Flows to the Future Project team at Forsinard, and will be working across all schools in Caithness and Sutherland.

Photos and captions.

- 1. The Hen Harrier team investigate some feathers
- 2. A hen Harrier comes to life!
- 3. Who knew deer lived in classrooms?
- 4. The bog box was a squishy hit!
- 5. How much rainfall do we get in The Flow Country?



NOTES TO EDITORS

The Peatlands Partnership includes Scottish Natural Heritage, Forestry Commission Scotlandland Council, RSPB Scotland, Plantlife Scotland, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, The Highland Third Sector Interface, The Flow Country Rivers Trust, The Northern Deer Management Group and The Environmental Research Institute. It is chaired by Professor Stuart Gibb from the Environmental Research Institute.

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