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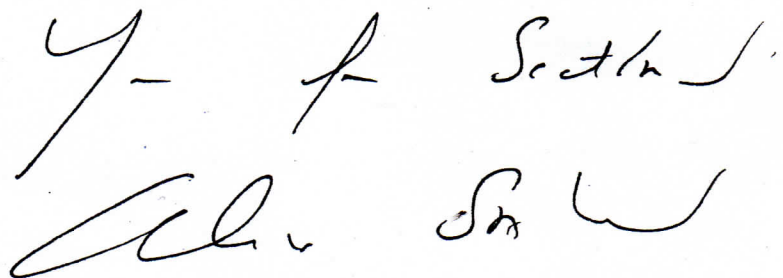
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Dear Mrs Japp

I recently received a letter from Mr Dave Ramsay regarding the refurbishment of the Maggie Law Maritime Museum in Gourdon and the excellent support received by pupils and teachers at Gourdon Primary School and Lathallan School.

It is important that young people are encouraged to take an active role in their local community and in doing so, there are able to gain knowledge and understanding of their own history, heritage and culture. I understand that both schools have done a tremendous amount of work in fundraising for the Museum and have also worked on a combined programme of designing and developing age and stage appropriate heritage educational activities for the Museum and the associated Coastal Trail, in line with the principles of Curriculum for Excellence.

I would be grateful if you could pass on my best wishes to all the pupils and teachers at Gourdon Primary School for their work on the project and in building a living heritage for their community.



**ALEX SALMOND**