

# Review

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Edition







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# Editorial

As the Review 2014 is finalised, the items collected and read, the photographs collated, once again I feel a sense of privilege in having first look at this annual over-view of the talent and enthusiasm of the pupils at this school. In every area - from sport, the arts, writing, performing and researching and fund-raising, to name just some of the activities they have been involved in - our pupils give of their very best and achieve wonderful things. I hope you enjoy reading about our pupils' endeavours and achievements.

Mrs J Phillips (Editor)



# Rector's Report

**One of the wonderful features of the High School is that we have been educating young people from age 5 to 18 as an all through school. We have been working hard in recent years to develop the whole school aspect that is to ensure a smooth progression from L1 to F6. And this is all the more appropriate given that we are about to open a new nursery in August. This is an historic moment as the school has never had a nursery before. We will therefore, from August onwards, be educating children on a continuing and smooth journey of progression from age 3 to 18.**

We are delighted to have appointed a nursery manager of the calibre of Sarah Tosh, and look forward to welcoming our first intake of nursery children on 18 August. The curriculum will include specialist input in PE and Music, and other specialists will be deployed from time to time to provide a structured programme designed to develop young children in all sorts of ways in these crucial formative early years. The importance of progression through the junior years into F1 and on to F6 cannot be overstated. The conventional wisdom is that Highers are done in a year. In fact we see them as the culmination of a 12 year programme!

Our ongoing ambition is to ensure that the High School is a centre of excellence in all areas of the curriculum. To this end we have been reviewing several areas for development. Our position as an all through school, with subject specialists on hand, enables us to provide a junior years education that is second to none. We are always looking to develop this further. First, the teaching of modern languages in the junior school: from August we will be teaching French taught by specialists from L4, rather than L6. In order to accommodate this we have decided to lengthen the school day for L4 and L5 by 20 minutes to 3.30pm. In addition we will be providing modern language input into the nursery.

We have also been enhancing the specialist input into science, drama and art and design. We have developed a programme to allow our classes from L5 to L7 to benefit from time spent in the senior school science labs and this will continue until next year. Similarly we have introduced specialist drama from L5, and also art from L4. The impact that these initiatives have already had has been substantial and make the High School unique in this whole area.

Turning to the SQA results, we can look back on another year of outstanding academic results, the best in Tayside, including the top individual mark in two Higher subjects, Biology and Classical Studies, a remarkable achievement for one school.

**40% of F4s achieved top grades in all 8 subjects, with entries also at Higher and one at Advanced Higher.**

Our results at Higher and Advanced Higher place the school in the top 10 of all schools in the whole country and the best in the area by some distance. In F5 59% of all Higher papers were passed at A, with a pass rate of 95%; in F6 the % of As was a new record, at 61.2%.

As parents will be aware, this year we have seen the first sitting of the new National 5 exams. I am pleased to report that these have gone smoothly. Heads of Department have reported that the exam papers were appropriate and contained no surprises. This year our F4 prelim results were entirely in line with previous years so we are confident that the N5 results in August will not bring any undue surprises! We wish all our candidates success when they receive their results in August!

Changing tack it is important that the High School remains at the forefront of academic advances, including technological advances. For this reason we have been investigating the use of tablet technology specifically iPads. After an extensive trial last session we installed a powerful Wi-Fi network last summer and as of this January introduced iPads to all pupils from L6 to F3, with pupils in F4-6 able to bring in their own devices. This has already had a transformative effect in a number of subject areas. And we will now be continuing to roll it out further up the school next session, along with the installation of Apple TVs in many classrooms.



**Magazine Centenary**

June 1914 was a remarkable month. On 28 June Gavrilo Princip, a young Bosnian Serb nationalist, assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife in Sarajevo, the event that is regarded as providing the spark that began the First World War. Four weeks before that, however, on 1 June 1914, the very first edition of the "Dundee High School Magazine" was published. This year therefore we are celebrating the centenary of the first edition of our school magazine, or Review, as we now call it. A copy of the cover of the first edition is printed elsewhere in this edition. The original editors felt the magazine was an 'experiment', but earnestly hoped it would find favour with present and former pupils alike. It did, and the rest is history! We thank them for their energy and dedication, and commemorate them in this Centenary Edition.

As regards the Junior School we are still discussing the best way to utilise these powerful tools in earlier years, including the possibility of acquiring a class set. Please watch this space for further developments in this area. It is certainly the case that one-to-one technology is here to stay for some time, and that we would be irresponsible if we did not seize all the positives that it can bring. In this it is good to know we are amongst the first to embrace this technology to the extent that we have done, and other schools are following us.

The High School is very much a community! A number of events have illustrated that over the past year, in completely different ways. We have the regular annual events such as the Caird Hall concerts, the Carol Service, Sports Day, and of course the annual Prize-Giving, to mention the most prominent. But this year there have been other occasions when the true spirit of the High School has come to the fore. Who can forget that November evening at Murrayfield? Of the 5,600 spectators we certainly had the most vocal, and whilst the final score on the field did not quite go our way we certainly won the match in all other ways - not least through the impact of the powerful pupil inspired and produced video!

Everything was brought into perspective, however, when, earlier this calendar year, we were faced with the loss of one of our pupils. A tragic event of the most visceral sort. Words are inadequate to describe what we all felt. But if there was anything positive to come out of this

tragedy it was the way all members of the school community came together and supported each other during this very difficult time. Pupils and their families, and staff together were looking out for and caring for each other.

**Everyone realised people cared about them.**

As a school community we take our responsibility towards the wider community very seriously, and once again our Charities Committee, with the High Helpers and the now 29 years old Interact Club have been extremely busy. This year the total sum raised for charities local, national and international has been over £28,000, a remarkable sum, representing an average of £28 for each pupil at the school. Thank you to all of you who have helped in some way.

Finally, and completely differently, there was Our House! Our school at its most vital, bouncy, passionate, spirited, joyous and uplifting. This was a wonderfully exuberant way to round off the school year, a product of pupils, former pupils and staff coming together to create something that was greater than the sum of the individual parts. That is after all the defining quality of teamwork - and community.

The two main components of our Community are the pupils of course, but also the staff. This past year we have therefore been focussing on how we can improve the pupil experience through developing the Guidance System. We have an excellent structure of pupil

guidance throughout the school, which has been proven over many years now, and in the senior school eight staff have a responsibility for leading this, alongside their subject teaching obligations.

There is no need for a root and branch review. On the contrary. Over the past two years, however, we have also been developing the role of the registration teacher, or Group Tutor as he or she is now known. Their role is no longer merely to take the register. And of course many have been doing more than that for years. They will now all be enhancing the work done by the guidance staff, by engaging with each individual pupil in their Group Class and helping him or her develop and coordinate a portfolio of skills and experiences, mostly through their involvement in the co-curricular programme. This will ensure that our pupils' experience is more consistent, and that every individual pupil will be exposed to a range of learning experiences and styles inside and out with the classroom. I hope that this modified approach will lead to noticeable differences in the years ahead. It is evolution, not revolution. In essence, we are working hard to develop self-evaluation skills in our pupils so they can be more in control of their own destiny.

The second main component of our community is of course the staff. 80% of our income is invested in our colleagues, and quite rightly. They are the most important assets of any school or indeed any organisation. Self-evaluation and reflection are also important so colleagues feel they have the opportunity to develop professionally. To this end we have also been revitalising the structures and procedures for staff development and review. The interlocking improvement planning process, bringing together individual, departmental and ultimately whole school improvement plans is designed to ensure that all members of the community are valued and have the opportunity for personal development.

At this point, I would like to thank all of our colleagues throughout the school: the teaching staff and class assistants, as well as the caterers, cleaning staff, janitors, groundsman, Mayfield staff, office and bursary staff, technicians, for their hard work, professionalism and dedication over the past session -

**Thank you!**

#### L4 and 5

The Marshall Prize for Recorder  
(Early Stages)

Cameron Fish

#### L6

Academic Merit Prize

Ethan McColgan

Lewis McLennan

Melissa Mitchell

Rohan Tauro

Dominic Westwood

The Russell Trophy for Chess

Jim Cowan

Academic Merit Prize

Marshall Prize for Recorder

(Upper Stages)

Christina Kennedy

#### L7

Academic Merit Prize

Fraser Coupar

Mackenzie Lemon

Eilean Mauritzen

The Robbie Prize for

Public Speaking

Ollie Campbell

The Old Girls' Prize for Piano

Jamie Daniel

The Prize for Bagpipes

Archie Frame

Tie for International

Recognition (Hockey)

Jamie Golden

The Special Prize for Chess

Jamie Meade

The Prize for Brass

Jessica Ritchie

The Hutton Prize for Environmental

Studies in L7 (joint)

Georgia Stirling

Susanne Stirling

Academic Merit Prize

The Prize for Strings

Hannah Meade

Academic Merit Prize

The Prize for Guitar

The Dr Rita Forrest

Prize for Art in L7

Sandy Bonnyman

The Prize for Woodwind

The Walter Smith Memorial

Prize for Drama

Tie for International

Recognition (Choir)

The Leng Silver Medal for Singing

Alex Fish

The Old Girls' Trophy for all-round  
ability in L7

Ailsa Millar

The Old Girls' Prize for  
Creative Writing in L7

The Stark Cup for

Public Speaking

John McLennan Prize

for Proxime Accessit

Jonathan Lang

The Woodman Trophy for

Mathematics in L7

E M Stewart Prize for Dux of the

Junior School

Reece McLennan

#### Form 1

Academic Merit Prize

Robbie Coupar

Kirsten Grant

Anna Hudson

Rebecca Humble

Bogdan Kapelyukh

Sophie Levin

Luke Wyatt

Betty Sword Prize for Academic

Improvement in Form 1 (joint)

Sam Chesters

Amy Ovenstone-Jones

Leng Silver Medal for

Singing (Boys)

Ruairidh Cowieson

Tie for International

Recognition (Choir)

Nathanael Fagerson

Tie for International

Recognition (Gymnastics)

Sarah McKenzie

Tie for International

Recognition (Choir)

Matthew Rawcliffe

Tie for International

Recognition (Chess)

Intermediate Chess Club

Trophy and Prize

Euan Dawson

A S Drummond Prize for Public

Speaking in Forms 1-3

Alexander Mill White Prize for all-

round ability in Form 1 Girls

Florence Whytock Memorial Prize

for Dux of Form 1 Girls

Hannah Alijani

Alexander Mill White Prize for all-

round ability in Form 1 Boys

Robertson Prize for Dux of

Form 1 Boys

Robert Connolly Brown

#### Form 2

Academic Merit Prize

Lily Bircham

Abhisri Chaudhuri

Eilidh Fish

Lucy Graham

Asad Jafferbhoy

Brian Lim

Alice Raitt

Tie for International

Recognition (Choir)

Charlotte Jennings

Tie for International

Recognition (Sailing)

Anna Sturrock

Leng Silver Medal for

Singing (Girls)

Hannah Cowieson

Betty Sword Prize for Academic

Improvement in Form 2

Eleanor Gunaratna

Andrew K Paton Memorial Trophy

for all-round sporting ability in

Form 2 Boys

Lewis Hall

Neil Fraser Cup and Prize for all-

round ability in Form 2 Boys

RSL Macpherson Prize for

Dux of Form 2 Boys

Joe Carstairs

The Old Boys' Club Prize for

Creative Writing in Forms 1-3

Prize for all-round ability

in Form 2 Girls

RSL Macpherson Prize for

Dux of Form 2 Girls

Caitlin Mitchell

#### Form 3

Academic Merit Prize

Jill Fraser

Hannah George

Lynden Nicely

Logan Thomson

Alexandra Vagg

Tie for International

Recognition (Choir)

Mariam Alijani

Kirsty Barron

Finlay McKillop

Catrina Murphy

Joshua Rawcliffe

Tie for International Recognition

(Contemporary Dance)

Shona Floate

Tie for International

Recognition (Hockey)

Cameron Golden

Academic Merit Prize

Tie for International

Recognition (Orchestra)

Robert Zhan

Tie for International

Recognition (Cricket)

Chris Rae Prize for Games in

Form 3 (Boys, joint)

Rory Johnston

Chris Rae Prize for Games

in Form 3 (Boys, joint)

Lewis Keddle

Chris Rae Prize for Games

in Form 3 (Girls)

Mhairi Millar

Prize for Higher Russian (joint)

Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of

Form 3 Boys

Ivan Kapelyukh

Jane Spiller Prize for

Dux of Form 3 Girls (joint)

Elle Wyatt

Tom Durrheim Memorial

Prize for Recitation in F1-3

Jane Spiller Prize for Dux

of Form 3 Girls (joint)

Alex Smith

# Prize list 2014

**Form 4**

Academic Merit Prize  
**Taskeen Baitwal**  
**Sally Burnett**  
**Emma Duncan**  
**Arya Nair**  
**Zhenteng Shen**  
**Cara Walsh**

Tie for International  
 Recognition (Rugby)  
**Ewan Fox**

The David Mathers Trophy and  
 Prize for Mathematics in  
 Form 3 and Form 4  
**Robyn Gibson**

Larg Prize for Percussion  
**Allan Hamilton**

Larg Prize for Strings  
**Eleanor Scott**

Academic Merit Prize  
 Tom Durrheim Memorial Award for  
 Essay Writing in F4-6  
**Ciara Mitchell**

RSL Macpherson Prize for Dux of  
 Form 4 Boys  
**Kenny Matheson**

Armitstead Trust Prize for  
 Dux of Form 4 Girls  
**Anushka Pathak**

**Form 5**

Academic Merit Prize  
**Molly Duncan**

Tie for International  
 Recognition (Equestrian)  
**Abbie Clark**

Tie for International  
 Recognition (Triathlon)  
**Euan Rose**

Tie for International  
 Recognition (Choir)  
**Rebekah Wilson-Pearce**

Dennis J Paterson Prize and Trophy  
 for the Best Individual Speaker in  
 the Inter House Debates  
**Rachel Allen**

Prize for Higher Graphic  
 Communication  
**Matthew Furness**

Prize for Higher Classical Studies  
**Jennifer Harris**

Southgate Prize for  
 Musical Ensemble  
**Zac Inglis**  
**Fraser Munnich**

James Stevenson Memorial Prize  
 for Higher German  
**Sophie Kroboth**

Prize for Higher Russian (joint)  
**Anastasija Polakova**

D Arnot Shepherd Travel  
 Scholarship  
**Chloe Rawcliffe**

Prize for Higher Managing  
 Environmental Resources  
**Lucy Thomson**

Edinburgh Angus Club Prize for  
 Higher Spanish  
**Olivia Wight**

Isabella Hunter Award for  
 Higher Art  
**Rosie Young**

Academic Merit Prize  
 Edinburgh Angus Club  
 Prize for Higher History  
**Molly Andrew**

Academic Merit Prize  
 Prize for Higher Latin  
**Sophie Kelly**

Academic Merit Prize  
 Armitstead Trust Prize  
 for Higher Modern Studies  
**Roisin McCrimmon**

Tie for International  
 Recognition (Athletics)  
 The Illsley Trophy for Outstanding  
 Performance in Drama  
**Rhys Paterson**

Academic Merit Prize  
 Prize for Higher Drama  
**Catriona Strachan**

Academic Merit Prize  
 D Arnot Shepherd  
 Travel Scholarship  
 Robert Biggar Prize for  
 Higher Geography  
 Glenday Award for Higher Biology  
**Caitlin Richardson**

Academic Merit Prize  
 Spankie Quaich for Higher  
 Technological Studies  
 High School Quaich for the  
 Best All-Round Instrumentalist  
 Tie for International  
 Recognition (Choir)  
**Euan Strachan**

Graeme Matheson-Bruce  
 Prize for Higher Music  
 Larg Prize for Woodwind  
 Southgate Prize for  
 Musical Ensemble  
 Tie for International Recognition  
 (Orchestra, Table Tennis)  
 Games Merit Scarf  
**Alasdair Rennet**

J B Meiklejohn Prize for  
 Mathematics in Form 5 Boys  
 Prize for Higher Computer Studies  
 Dennis J Paterson Prize for Dux of  
 Form 5 Boys  
**Joshua McLaggan**

Sandy Wardlaw Memorial Trophy  
 and Book Prize  
 for Higher Chemistry  
 J B Meiklejohn Prize for  
 Mathematics in Form 5 Girls  
 Christopher and Philip Daft  
 Prize for Higher Physics  
 James Stevenson Memorial  
 Prize for Higher French  
 E M Stewart Prize for  
 Higher English  
 Caroline S Low Prize for  
 Dux of Form 5 Girls  
**Eilidh Lockhart**

**Form 6**

Leaver Award  
**Rory Anton**  
**Rose Arthur**  
**Alexander Ashworth**  
**Andrew Baldie**  
**Calum Bennett**  
**Katie Bing**  
**Kirsty Black**  
**Nassim Branine**  
**Charlie Caffery**  
**Dominic Cartlidge**  
**Rebecca Chalmers**  
**Kulveer Chima**  
**Sadik Chowdhury**  
**Jamie Clark**  
**Jamie Clarkson**  
**Chloe Collins**  
**Lauren Cowie**  
**James Currie**  
**Olivia Davidson**  
**Robert Donald**  
**Guy Doogan**  
**Lucy Duncan**  
**Owen Fitzpatrick**  
**Cat Fomina**  
**Katie Fyffe**  
**Mila Georgieva**  
**Neil Gunn**  
**Angus Haddow**  
**Finn Harrod**  
**Beth Heenan**  
**Murray Hill**  
**Emily Hood**  
**Chris Hughes**  
**Akdas Hussain**  
**Laura Johnston**  
**Ronan Joy**  
**Fuadul Karim**  
**Natasha Kidd**  
**Scott Lothian**  
**Rory Macdonald**  
**Eilidh Macfarlane**  
**Catherine Mackay**  
**Cameron McCrimmon**  
**Ellis McLeod**  
**Nicholas Morran**  
**Sian Munro**  
**Mariam Okhai**  
**Katie Paas**  
**Duncan Raitt**  
**Kirsty Reynolds**  
**Gordon Robertson**  
**Jack Rogers**  
**Henry Sampson**  
**Katie Simpson**  
**Callum Sinclair**  
**Christopher Smith**  
**Lauren-Rose Smith**  
**Mark Smith**  
**Michael Smith**  
**Rachael Stubbs**  
**Anna Thomson**  
**Rifat Uddin**  
**Lucy Van der Ham**  
**Brewster White**  
**Jenny White**  
**Derryth Wilkinson**  
**Keir Will**  
**Araminta Yates**  
**Findlay Young**  
**Katie Young**  
**Ashia Zainab**  
**Zhengwen Zhang**

Dr John M Morgan Prize for Outstanding Service to School Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Calum Archibald**

Larg Prize for Vocal Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Stephanie Baker**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Zara Billah**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Barbara Braid**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Catherine Coull**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Calum Hedigan**

Dr John M Morgan Prize for Outstanding Service to School Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Andrew Kelly**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Jenna Low**

Armitstead Trust Prize for Dux in Form 6 Leaver Award English  
**Rhiannon Martin**

Prize for Higher RMPS Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Rachel McFadden**

W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Computer Studies Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Kirsty Mellor**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Angus Milne**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Ranjini Mohanlal**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Pallavi Pillai**

Dr John M Morgan Prize for Outstanding Service to School Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Adam Powrie**

Southgate Prize for Musical Ensemble Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Callum Strachan**

William Laird Prize for Scottish Studies Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Molly Wilson**

William Laird Prize for Scottish Studies (Geography) Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Katrina Ballantyne**

Mhairi Henderson Cup and Rector's Prize in Physical Education (Girls) Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Alice Burnett**

Edinburgh Angus Club Prize for Dux in Classical Studies Dr John M Morgan Prize for Outstanding Service to School Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Jack Cannon**

Brian McNeill Prize for Dux in Biology Frank Young Prize for Dux in Natural Science Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Daniel Davidson**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Rector's Prize for Deputy Head Girl Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Hannah Douglas**

Caird Prize for Higher Business Management Edinburgh Angus Club Prize for Higher Economics Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Michael Fergusson**

Rector's Prize for Higher Accounting W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Economics (joint) Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Ciaran Grewar**

Block Prize for Creative Writing in Forms 4-6 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Betty Henderson**

Dallas Allardice Cup and Prize for Dux in Physical Education (Boys) Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Christopher Jollands**

Edinburgh Angus Club Prize for Dux in Modern Studies Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Alice Keddie**

Simon Newton Memorial Trophy for Commitment in Music and Sport Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Duncan Leese**

Graeme Adamson Prize for Dux in Drama Bain Prize for Outstanding Service to School Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Katie Lumsdaine**

J Torrington Bell Prize for Dux in Art Bain Prize for Outstanding Service to School Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Erin Smith**

Prize for Higher Physical Education Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Catriona Wallace**

Alan Hall Prize for Dux in Technological Studies Larg Prize for Brass Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Matthew Wiggins**

The Beckingham Trophy and Chess Club Prize Girls' Chess Trophy Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Jenny Zhan**

Jacuk Prize for Dux in Physics T S Murray Prize for Dux in Chemistry Larg Prize for Piano Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Jamie Mather**

Baker Trade of Dundee Prize Richard Beaton Prize for Practical Cookery Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Laura Strachan**

Dott Memorial Prize for Dux in Mathematics William More Prize for Dux in Applied Mathematics James Smart Prize for Project Work in Chemistry Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Hannah Arnold**

Dott Prize for Dux in Music Larg Prize for Bagpipes Dr John M Morgan Prize for Outstanding Service to School Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Jack Hamilton**

Sibbald Prize for Dux in Geography D Arnot Shepherd Travel Scholarship Bain Prize for Outstanding Service to School Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Karyn Joss**

W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Spanish Armitstead Trust Prize for Dux in French Eiko Takahashi Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages D Arnot Shepherd Travel Scholarship Bain Prize for Outstanding Service to School Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Sarah Emslie-Smith**

Sir John Leng Trust Prize for Dux in History W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Economics (joint) P Gordon Grant Trophy for Games Tie for International Recognition (Touch Rugby) Games Merit Scarf Rector's Prize for Deputy Head Boy Form 6 Leaver Award  
**Marshall MacLeod**

The Rorie Trophy for Inter House Debating Inter House Shield for Champion House  
**Airlie**

Lowson Prize for Head of School (Girls)  
**Hannah Arnold**

Erskine Prize for Head of School (Boys)  
**Duncan Leese**

Rector's Prize for Proxime Accessit (joint)  
**Marshall MacLeod**

Rector's Prize for Proxime Accessit (joint)  
**Jamie Mather**

Harris Gold Medal and David Gray Book Prize for Dux of School  
**Hannah Arnold**

# Prize list 2014

# Welcome



**Adam Kerr**

Head of Art

Adam Kerr took over as Head of the Art Department at the beginning of this session and has thoroughly immersed himself in the life of the school already! In addition to nurturing the artistic talents of HSD pupils he has been on the first school ski trip - the first of many, we are sure! He has also introduced and run Form 1 and 2 football in the school this year. When he is not occupied with teaching art and running his co-curricular activities, Adam is busy with his own projects, including embarking on the renovation of part of an old building. Adam recently got engaged - so all in all it has been a year of big changes for him!



**Forbes Walker**

Head of Technology Department

The Technology Department at the High School of Dundee is pleased to welcome a new head of department. Forbes Walker has been a teacher for the last twelve years and is currently studying for a Master's Degree in Education at Aberdeen University. He has had a varied career with over nineteen years in management and engineering working as far as Dubai, Oman and Abu Dhabi. In the past he has taken part in an SAS selection course and is a keen hill walker. He is currently training for a 3rd Degree Black Belt in Jiu Jitsu and will be climbing Mont Blanc in the summer of 2015.



**Susan Ireland**

IT Support

HSD welcomed Susan Ireland into the IT support Staff this year. Susan studied at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, where she obtained her degree in Computer Science. She began working with Perth & Kinross Council in 1999, but she has had a varied career, having previously worked for a petrol pump manufacturer and a medical supplies company. Married, with two children, Susan has a number of hobbies, but singles out Girl Guiding - she particularly loves going camping with her charges!



**Iona McFarlane**

Librarian

Iona McFarlane, a former pupil, recently returned to the High School in the post of Librarian. Iona, an enthusiastic reader throughout her years at HSD, graduated in 2009 with a degree in Scottish Literature and Comparative Literature from Glasgow University. Working with Glasgow Women's Library as an Adult Literacy Tutor while completing her degree made her see that paradise really is a kind of library, to misquote Jorge Luis Borges! She then embarked on her MSc in Information and Library Science and graduated in November 2011.

Taken on by Edinburgh City Libraries as a Reader Development worker, she worked closely with authors, publishers, and most importantly, readers. She moved into community libraries, spending time promoting reading as an enjoyable and beneficial pursuit to children from a range of backgrounds, in partnership with local community high schools.

Now that she has established herself in the Library she is looking forward to embarking on many grand plans, including the introduction of e-books and the continued promotion of reading in all its forms. Iona has thoroughly enjoyed being back at HSD and is thrilled to be staying on permanently in what can only be described as her dream job.



**Jamie Darby**

Head of Physics

Jamie studied Laser Science at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh and moved to Dundee when he started teaching at Blairgowrie High School, where he taught for twenty years, including seven years as an APT Guidance and four years as PT Physics, before taking up the position of Head of Physics at the High School of Dundee last August.

Jamie loves theatre - and, in particular, musicals - though he normally confines himself to being in the audience. However, he was part of the production team of this year's musical, "Our House", which he found interesting and enjoyable. In addition, Jamie loves travelling; having explored Asia, Africa and South America, he is setting off to discover Europe this summer.



**James Campbell Hendry**

Business Studies

Campbell left Lawside Academy in 1967 and worked in the Health Service becoming the Deputy Unit Administrator at Kings Cross Hospital, Dundee.

In 1982, he went to Dundee Institute of Technology where he gained an Honours Degree in Commerce. After that, he completed one year at Moray House College in Edinburgh to gain his teaching certificate.

After teaching Economics for five years at St Andrews High School, he went to Dundee College in 1992 as a lecturer in Economics, where he stayed until 2009 when he took early retirement. During his time at Dundee College, he was also involved in Leonardo da Vinci International Work placement programmes, where he set up links with several countries in Europe. He was also involved in EU projects in Enterprise where he represented Dundee College at conferences and project meetings in various parts of Europe. In addition, he lectured at the University of Abertay on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes as well as delivering their "New Venture Training".

Campbell returned to teaching in 2010 and has worked previously here at High School of Dundee, St Leonards in St Andrews, Blairgowrie High School, Kilgraston boarding School prior to his return to the High School in November last year.



**Duncan Brown**

Physics Department

Duncan joined the Physics department in August 2013. He completed his doctorate at St. Andrews in 2003 but along the way discovered that he enjoyed tutoring undergraduate students more than academic research. He also wanted to travel the world and this led him to teaching English abroad. He lived and worked in Eastern Europe, Asia and North America. In 2011 he decided to make the transition to teaching physics and returned to Scotland where he completed his teacher training at the University of Strathclyde in 2012. During his first year at the High School, he has become involved in a variety of co-curricular activities including the F1 Science Club, the Warhammer Club and Duke of Edinburgh. Out of school, Duncan enjoys going to the cinema and is a keen traveller.



## Jasmine Cortazzi

English

The English department was delighted to welcome Jasmine Cortazzi, as maternity cover, in January of this year. Jasmine came to us with a wealth of experience having previously been Head of English at Madras College, St Andrews and having worked in Birmingham at two inner city schools, at a top private grammar school, an international British Embassy school in the Middle East and at an international sixth form college in Cambridge. As well as teaching English, she helped sixth form students prepare for university interviews, not just for those wishing to read English but for those wishing to study other subjects as well. In addition to all that, she also worked with universities to deliver teacher training and mentor student teachers at primary and secondary levels.

When she is not busy teaching, Jasmine enjoys theatre, fitness, dancing and travelling - in fact she headed off to Australia this summer. We wish her well as she takes up her new post at St Leonards School.



## Lynsey Shand

Drama

Lynsey hails from Deeside, where she was born and brought up, before moving to Edinburgh, where she studied at Queen Margaret University (Drama and Theatre Arts) and University of Edinburgh (PGDE). She has always loved dancing and has indeed been dancing from a young age, both competing and performing. Lynsey worked with Active Schools, teaching Street dance around Edinburgh schools whilst at university and she choreographed and directed the resident Scottish Show at the Jam House in Edinburgh - Spirit of Scotland.

A self-confessed musical theatre fanatic. She has performed in the musicals *Grease*, *Annie*, *West Side Story*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Oliver*, as well as English Touring Theatre in their production of *Grapes of Wrath*. Lynsey started co-curricular dance at HSD where the groups have performed at the Burns Supper and Talent show. She has thoroughly enjoyed her first year teaching at the school, saying she is "astounded by the talent and enthusiasm of the pupils"!



## Lesley Ross

Head of Home Economics

Congratulations to Lesley Ross who was appointed the new Head of Home Economics for the start of the new session.



## Oliver Jackson-Hutt

Director of Development

Oliver Jackson-Hutt was placed as the school's Director of Development commencing 6 January 2014 having worked for over ten years for The University of St Andrews and previously at both Oxford and Cambridge. Born in Winchester but predominantly educated in Edinburgh and latterly Cambridgeshire, Oliver joins both the school's senior management and strategic teams at an exciting time in the school's development. Tasked with providing a comprehensive, cross-school, international Development function; Oliver leads the team in The Office of Development in its various functional areas including Fundraising, Alumni Relations, Events, Stewardship, Reputation Management and Publications. Chief amongst these priorities is to design, launch and lead a major capital fundraising campaign following the recent acquisition of the Former Head Post Office Building. The school's aspiration is to sensitively adapt and enhance this building to create a stunning centre of excellence for performing and visual arts. Oliver commented on the project:

'the generations of children its facilities will cultivate will contribute in perpetuity to the regeneration of the culture, climate and character of this city of discoveries and its young people.'

An associate member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, The Institute of Development Professionals in Education and the Institute of Fundraising, Oliver holds an M.A. Honours from The University of St Andrews as well as Postgraduate Certificates from both The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University.

In his spare time Oliver enjoys all aspects of music (especially early music, choral and opera), sport, drama, art, literature, travel, automotive journalism, food, wine and whisky.

Oliver is married to Charlotte Jackson-Hutt. The couple have two sons, Rupert and Henry.



## John Nolan

Modern Languages

Mr John Nolan joined the Modern Languages Department in August 2013, having spent 35 years as Head of German at St Columba's High School in Dunfermline. He subsequently worked in a number of schools throughout the UK, teaching German and French. John is something of an expert in the post-war history of the two German states and an avid reader of East German literature. When not engaged in enthusing our learners of German, John is frequently to be found out on the hills, enjoying the great outdoors.



## Sarah Tosh

Nursery manager

We are delighted to welcome our very first Nursery manager, Sarah Tosh, who has taken on the role of overseeing the development of the School's brand-new nursery which opened at Mayfield in August.

A fully qualified Primary teacher specialising in Early Years, Sarah brings to the post a wealth of experience. She was previously a Nursery Teacher at the Frances Wright Pre-School Centre in Dundee and before that she was very closely involved in setting up a nursery at another school.

Sarah will be responsible for leading the Nursery towards its goal of providing the very best start for every child, within a happy, secure and purposeful environment. Sarah is delighted to have begun her new role and says that she is particularly looking forward to meeting the new children and their parents.



## Richard Bunting

Biology

Richard joined the High School of Dundee in August from a school in Gloucestershire to work in both the Biology and Chemistry departments. A Zoology graduate from Durham University, Richard enjoyed a career in wildlife biology before coming into teaching which took him all over the world to work with a variety of species. His experiences range from studying primate behaviour in Thailand to tracking and trapping feral pigs and wild boar in Texas, the Caribbean and the Forest of Dean. Most recently he coordinated a project with the RSPB, DEFRA and the Government of Montserrat, to monitor and control the population of feral goats, pigs and cattle to protect the critically endangered Montserrat Oriole.

Richard enjoys being outdoors and has already helped with the school's Duke of Edinburgh program. In addition to science, Richard loves music and is a keen trombone player. Currently a member of a local brass band and several of the school ensembles, he has in the past played with a wide variety of bands and orchestras and even appeared on one occasion in the Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall.

# Farewell



## Catherine Owens

Seven years ago I started working here at the high school. Over those years I've made some amazing friendships and had fantastic opportunities. If I were to thank everyone I've worked with, you'd see a whole staff list. So instead I'm going to list some memories that I'll never forget: finding a tent in the library, looking after a Chinese dragon, living with a carpet of tinsel every December, meeting the Forz at a conference, various trips with Classics and English departments and having daily conversations with pupils that both inspired and challenged me. I'm going to miss the school and the people that make it great, pupils, staff and parents alike. So, in farewell, thank you for a fabulous seven years, it truly has been wonderful. Happy reading folks!



## George Mackenzie

George began working at the High School in August 1992 and left the Art Department during the first term of this session. When asked what he enjoyed about working here, he said he likes the friendly atmosphere in the school and felt it had been a pleasure to work with and teach with so many of the pupils who studied Art: he is - rightly - very proud of the variety of work undertaken in the department and the quality produced.

George is looking forward to having more time to pursue his own interests: keeping fit was a priority (he is a keen swimmer, cyclist and walker); travelling even more; being able to do his own artwork in a more regular and systematic manner - he is also interested in photography. George plans to dabble in foreign languages and European history - so he will not be short of things to do!

George said he would have many happy memories of the school - and we will miss him too. We wish him a long and happy retirement.



## Gill Madden

Head of Home Economics

Gill has long been a High School stalwart, having worked at the school for thirty-four years. She joined us in 1980, having spent the previous two years at Kirkton High School (Now Baldragon High). Over the years, Gill has seen many changes: from the old O Grades and Higher years to the present National 5 and she has developed courses for all of them! Gill became Head of the Home Economics Department in 1996 and has always been busy in the life of the school. She was the Deputy Child Protection Officer and she has been involved in various interdisciplinary projects with the junior school: for example, the Potato Project (which allowed her to indulge her great love of gardening!) where L1 pupils planted potatoes and harvested them in L2, cooking and preparing their own potato salad. For Gill, probably the most memorable was the project when Form 3 made crepes - taught entirely in French. C'est formidable, Mme Madden!

Gill also helped out in a number of ski trips annually from 1981 until 2000 in Europe and USA and was a Duke of Edinburgh's Award leader for several years. She has accompanied the school's French trip to France last two years and, as her swansong, she went with pupils on the Spanish exchange in June.

Gill has also been active in fund raising events such as Comic Relief, Fair Trade and was a driving force behind the Breakfast Club. Year after year, Gill provided the tasty treats for visiting parents, as she organised the Open Morning baking. She made costumes for school plays and shows, repaired many a split pair of school trousers!

As retirement beckons, Gill is looking forward to spending time with family and friends, hillwalking, bird watching, fly fishing, golfing, skiing and cultivating orchids and alpine. She is a keen DIY-er (she and her husband built their own house in 1986!), and looks forward to more time for reading and exploring Scotland and beyond. We wish her all the best for her retirement, which is going to be every bit as busy as the years she has spent with us!



## Gordon Rennet

Modern Studies

Gordon Rennet joined HSD in 1984 as a member of the Geography Department. Over the years he has been hugely involved in the sporting life of the school. He has led Rugby teams, coached football and worked to develop the skills of our athletes running Sprint School for a number of years. In addition he was the member of staff responsible for coordinating the HSD Interact club for several years. Gordon has also taught History where his passion for WW2 fighter aircraft spiced up many a lesson. He was appointed the first Head of Co-Curriculum and founded and developed the F6 post exam programme. As Head of Modern Studies he has built a Department with a first class academic reputation. Many of our F6 pupils opting to study H and AH Modern Studies have been inspired by Rocket Rennet! Recently founding the HSD Model UN and his involvement in preparing our pupils to exercise their right to vote in the referendum have brought new challenges. As Principal examiner for Modern Studies, he leaves at the top of his game. We thank him for his 30 years of dedicated service to the High School and wish him well as he moves on to new challenges.



## Guy Warner

Computing

After completing his doctorate at St. Andrews in 2001, Guy Warner had various software and network development jobs before landing the post as a trainer at the National e-Science Centre based at the University of Edinburgh. This work involved travelling round Europe and the UK, training researchers in the extremely large-scale computing concepts and software used by the Enabling Grids for E-sciencE project and the UK's National Grid Service, with experiments such as the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. At the same time, Guy was also responsible for teaching parts of an e-Science, distributed computing MSc at the University of Edinburgh. He followed this job with a research post creating a data management/fusion infrastructure and portal for social scientists at the University of Stirling, whilst also teaching student tutorial groups. In 2011 he decided to make the switch to secondary level teaching and we were delighted to welcome him to the school in 2012. Guy is leaving to take up a post at Kelso Academy and we send him our best wishes in his new position.



**Gwyneth McLaren**  
Head of the Junior School

Mrs Gwyneth McLaren, Head of Junior School, leaves us this year and moves on to the next chapter of her life looking forward to many years of travelling with her husband, Jim with her first trip to South America on the cards already. Mrs McLaren has been Head of Junior School since 9 January 2007, having joined the school as Deputy Head of Early Years in August 2002. Before that she was Senior Teacher Luncarty PS. However, she did not start out as a teacher. A product of Harris Academy she studied for an MA Hons French Language and Literature at St Andrews before joining the TSB as Assistant Manager Business Development, responsible for a department of eight people. After her two children were settled in school she then decided to join the honourable profession of teaching, achieving a PGCE with distinction Northern Colleague in 1990 and a Certificate in Early Education in 2000. Her great strengths are professionalism, commitment and enthusiasm, coupled with diplomacy and sensitivity. She has done an excellent job in working for and with the pupils, and in developing the staff in the Junior School. She is delighted that in the last year of her teaching career she will see the opening of a school nursery!

We all wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement with her husband Jim and her growing number of grandchildren.



**Lorna Christie**  
Physical Education

Lorna Christie left us in the summer to take up the post of Head of Faculty, responsible for PE, Music and Home Economics, at Invergordon Academy. Lorna joined the High School PE department in April 2007 and was a key member a very busy department, teaching and coaching at all levels in the range of sports on offer at the school. Her expertise in volleyball has been particularly welcome and she has developed our teams with success in recent years. In addition she has also been involved in the wider co-curricular programme, accompanying ski trips, and participating in whole school events. We wish her health, happiness and success in her new post!



**Paul Smith**  
Mathematician

Paul joined the Mathematics department in August 2012. After gaining a first-class degree in Engineering from the University of Cambridge, Paul intended to become a software engineer and worked writing GPS software for a Formula 1 company. In 1997 he was tempted back to Cambridge to do a PhD in Computer Vision, and spent a further twelve years in academia, initially as a lecturer at Cambridge. In 2001 Paul and a fellow researcher had the idea of using video cameras in cricket to adjudicate LBW decisions. Unfortunately, Hawk-Eye was trying the same thing at the same time and made money out of it! He later moved to Oxford to do research in Robotics, then to Galway, Ireland, for Pure Mathematics research, and finally to the department of Computer Science in St Andrews. In 2011 he retrained and completed a PGDE at the University of Dundee.

Outside of Mathematics, Paul sings with the Senior Choir, is a keen cricketer and tennis player, and enjoys cooking elaborate meals. However, most of his spare time nowadays is spent helping bring up his two young children! Paul has enjoyed his two years at HSD teaching within the maths department where he has challenged his pupils with inventive lessons. He has made valuable contributions to the work of the department and has been instrumental in the development of resources and books for the iPad.

**Alison Beck**  
Singing Teacher

We also bid farewell to Alison Beck, singing teacher, and Bob Dunsire, guitar teacher are both leaving the Music Department after a number of successful years with us.

## New Arrivals

Happy news over the summer, with the arrival of Thomas to Clare Laird-Portch and her husband: a little brother for Sebastian

Welcome to Emerson, who was born on 13th March 2014: a son for Eilidh Whatley-Marshall and her partner Monty - and a little brother for Kingsley.

Congratulations to Lionel and Elizabeth Steuart-Fotheringham who became the proud parents of a baby boy, Peter, on 5th April 2014. Charlotte is now an equally proud big sister!

## Engagements

Congratulations to Gill Simpson who became engaged to Roy during the summer holidays. The happy couple plan to marry in October, on board Discovery!

The secret is out that Adam Kerr, Head of Art became engaged to Michelle, in the Easter holidays and they will be getting married in Islay next summer.

Best wishes also go to Graeme Merry, who became engaged to Philippa. And there's more...wedding bells were ringing for Graeme and Philippa on 25th July 2014!

## Marriages

Celebration was the order of the day when Rhona McKay married her fiancé Gareth Lloyd on Sat 13th July 2013 at Murroes Church. Our very best wishes to the happy couple.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Jane Crudass, Head of Chemistry, who was married to Graeme Broom on 27th July 2013 at St Edwin's Church in High Coniscliffe, County Durham, her home parish.

Kirstie Mckie married Gavin Hawe in her home county of Galloway on April 5th 2014. Kirstie and Gavin, who is also a History Teacher, have finally tied the knot having been together for 12 years. They are both looking forward to a Canadian adventure in the summer to celebrate their marriage.

Congratulations to all of our High School newlyweds!

# August

## The new L1



## Nuffield Placements



**F5 pupils Andrew Kelly and Hannah Arnold have been given an insight into the world of university research thanks to a placement programme.**

Andrew and Hannah secured highly sought-after Nuffield Research placements which allowed them to work with Scientists and Mathematicians on some complex projects.

Andrew spent six weeks in the Mathematics department at Dundee University, looking at modelling of cell populations and learning how modern mathematics techniques are used to predict how things will grow.

He said, "It was great. The placement has really fuelled my desire to study Maths.

"In research, you aren't simply learning what you need to know, you are trying to discover those new concepts which will one day be taught in classrooms."

Hannah spent four weeks in the Chemistry department at St Andrews University, working alongside organic chemists on the synthesis of macrocycles.

Hannah said, "I really enjoyed my placement. It was great to be involved in conducting actual, brand-new research as opposed to looking at something which has been done before."

After their placements, Andrew and Hannah wrote reports on their experiences and produced posters on the research they had been involved in, before joining their fellow Nuffield participants for a reception at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh.

## Hockey 1

**On the back of an extremely successful Summer Tour to Canada spirits were high with pupils and staff alike heading into the 2013/14 hockey season.**

The season started with some internal practices and matches on the lovely facilities at Dalnacraig. All the year groups showed up with great enthusiasm for the season to come.

At the beginning of the season it is always good to have these internal games as it allows year group teachers and coaches additional opportunities to make selections going forward. Unfortunately games against Albyn did not go ahead so again we had internal matches, vying for selection.

# Silver Final of Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



# F1 Residential trip to Nethybridge



# September



## L6C assembly

### Be a Buddy, not a Bully!

The L6C assembly was about bullying and friendship. We played our very own version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" during which pupils won money by correctly answering questions about bullying. We acted out sketches to help the audience to understand the problem. Our assembly finished with tips about how to be a great buddy rather than a bully.

Campbell Morrison and Ethan McColgan L6C

## Music 1

The year began with the House Music Competition, in which the four houses sang their own arrangements of contemporary songs with between 50 and 100 pupils each. The event was very popular, and even some former pupils returned to watch. Dr Tim Ridley, Director of Music at Glenalmond College,

was the adjudicator and chose Airie as the winner; they performed "Pompeii" by the British rock band Bastille with great skill and aplomb. The pupils were very supportive of each other's efforts, and there was a festive atmosphere at the first music event of the session.

# Hockey 2

September saw some good hockey performances and results across all year groups.

Some notable results included wins for both the u15 and senior boys against Stewarts Melville College (4-1 and 1-0 respectively), a win for the F3 A team against Dollar Academy and a narrow defeat for the 1st XI girls. There were home wins for the F3's v Marr, with the F2 also winning this fixture, scoring within the first thirty seconds of the match. In this month the F3 and F2 also managed wins against St Leonards. Some stand out performances at the start of the season came from Sophie Stobbs and Jennifer Coull, which resulted in them being voted as Captain and Vice-Captain. In addition to these fixtures September also included

preparation training for the rugby/hockey European Tour which saw twenty six pupils gaining some valuable hockey experience under the guidance from Mr Strachan.

Each year we enter the Madras tournament where hockey, netball and rugby are the order of the day. This year's tournament saw the girls 1st XI run out, narrow losers to Strathallan on goal difference having drawn with them in the penultimate match.

The Midlands u18 tournament took place at Dalnacraig. Again it was a wonderful spectacle, with excellent hockey on show. Both semi-finals and the final went right down to the wire with running penalties.



## L6R assembly

On Friday, 20 September 2013 L6R performed their annual class assembly. The theme this year was 'Being Prepared' which encouraged the pupils to be organised at the beginning of the new session. This was nicely demonstrated using a story about Sydney the squirrel and how he would prepare for the long, cold winter ahead. Pupils in L6R worked hard to learn their lines and perform for the rest of the school in what was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

# Debating

The year began, as always, with a day at West Coast Worlds in Kilmacolm, where our team was Ciara Mitchell F4, Rachel Allen F5 and Jenny Zhan F6.

A week later we were on the train to Newcastle to participate in the Northern Juniors Debating Competition hosted by Royal Grammar School, with three teams: Sandy Neville and Calum Paterson F2, Alex Smith and Hannah George F3, and Ciara Mitchell F4 with Steven Roy F3. Topical debates such as holding public referenda on all decisions resulting in military intervention entertained and challenged our young debaters, and at the end of the day Ciara was six points clear at the top of the speaker tab, with Steven placed 4th - out of 120. Unsurprisingly, they also topped the team tab; disappointingly, they lost the final on a split vote.

It may be remembered from last year's Review that Ciara and Steven had won through to the final of the ESU Juniors debating competition, which should have taken place in June 2013. It was finally held towards the end of September in Committee Room 2 of the Scottish Parliament, which has a lovely view. Ciara and Steven spoke with conviction on the reasons why This House Would ban parents from smacking children, citing psychological damage and the blurred line between acceptable discipline and excessive force as their key points. They were commended by the judges for their extensive research and broad discussion of the pertinent issues on a topic which the Scottish Parliament had previously debated in depth, but on another split the trophy went home with Douglas Academy.

## Geobus and visiting Japanese Professors

September saw a visit from Japanese Professors and the GEObus



## R.S.N.O Concert

Caird Hall, 19th September 2013

Several classes from the Junior School attended a special RSNO concert for school pupils. The orchestra played a selection of contemporary music which was interesting and creative. We were taken on a mythical and imaginative journey.

The musicians also demonstrated a few of the more unusual instruments in the orchestra. We particularly liked the percussion section.

Our favourite piece played was the theme tune from the Harry Potter films.

We were given 😊 and 😞 cards, so we could raise a card and show how we felt about each piece of music.

We all loved the pieces of music and hope to hear the orchestra again soon.

Liam Armit and Malachy McCrimmon (L6C)



## Theatre Workshop

In September, all F3 and F4 pupils took part in Technical Theatre Workshops at the Rep Theatre in Dundee.

Led by the Theatre's technical staff, the sessions gave the pupils the chance to learn about and try their hand at lighting, sound and stage management.

They were also able to put together their own special effects and to do some performing on stage.



## L7 Safe Taysiders

This month, all the L7 pupils took part in Safe Taysiders. Run by the emergency services, it teaches pupils how to prevent accidents from happening and also what to do if you find yourself in an emergency situation.

We took part in a variety of scenarios, discovering what to do if we found a lost dog, an injured person or came across a car on fire. Everyone learned a lot and also had an enjoyable day meeting members of the police, ambulance and fire brigade.

Eve Jarron, Lily Shaw, L7



## L4 Crannog visit

Inside the Crannog museum there was lots of information to help us write about life during the Iron Age at Oakbank Crannog on Loch Tay.

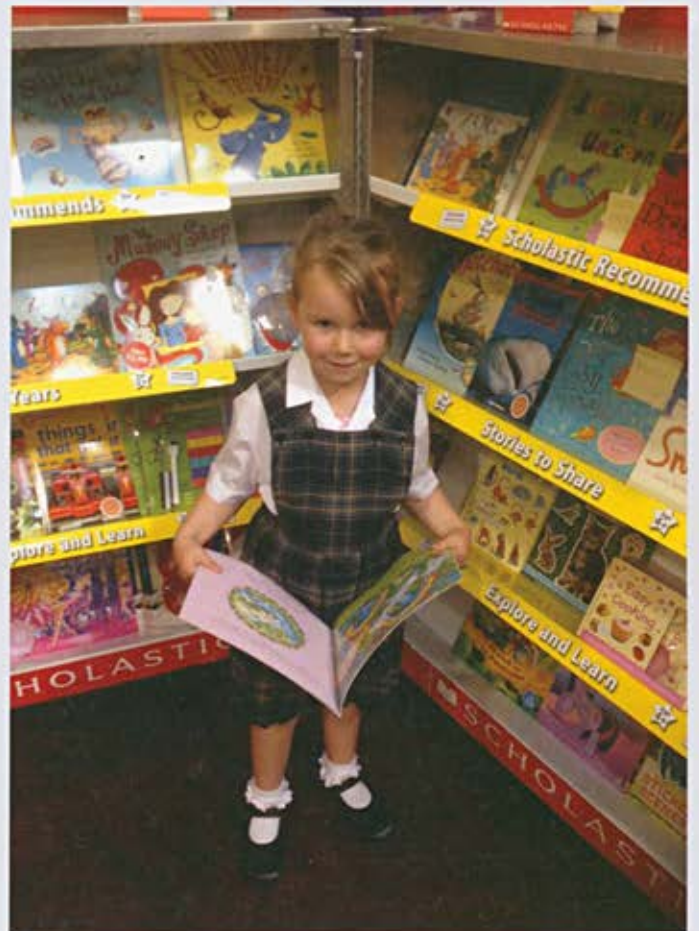
Trying our hand at fire making was not as easy as it looked but it did warm us up!

## Learning Skills

This year's Book Fair in September was a big hit with pupils and parents alike and raised the magnificent total of £1433.45 which was spent on additional sets of books for both the Junior and Senior School.

All classes, from L1 to L7 were allocated times to visit with their teacher, and pupils were welcomed back after the school day with parents, grandparents and friends to browse again at their leisure, when senior school pupils were also encouraged to visit. Scholastic had provided an excellent selection of enticing titles and stationery. All ages and abilities were catered for, with a fabulous selection of picture books for our younger readers, through encouraging books for blossoming readers, to more challenging texts for pupils in the senior school. There was something for everyone, from the most reluctant reader to the avid book worm!

Many thanks go to the Learning Skills Department for organising the Fair, and the Parents Association for helping man the sales counter. A reminder, now, to start saving for the next one - here's to a similarly Booktastic Book Fair 2014!



# October



## Squashing Brambles in L1

We used brambles and squashed them on to our paintings to make bramble bushes. Our fingers were stained dark purple. The brambles tasted good!

Sam Brass and Adi Jamal L1

## Michelin Insight Day

The biggest problem encountered by pupils when studying Business Management is trying to relate what they are learning to reality. Because of this, the department was keen to take the pupils on trips so they could see how a large manufacturing plant operates. The Michelin Insights Day provided exactly this opportunity.

The day involved getting to see how the plant operated along with an insight into the careers on offer.

The pupils had a fabulous time and were able to use what they had learnt during that day throughout the Business Management course. What is more, it gave them the opportunity to see how a large business operates, thereby, helping them think about their own future careers.

## Hockey 3

Unfortunately the Senior House hockey had to be postponed until February due to weather conditions. The following week the weather improved so we managed to play Junior House Hockey, Lindores finished in 1st place, Wallace in 2nd, Airlie in 3rd with Aystree in 4th place. As always there was enthusiasm and face painting in abundance.

## Debating

The Glasgow University Union one-day tournament was attended by Rachel Allen F5 and Ciara Mitchell F3, who finished respectively 17th and 15th on tab out of 56, and Anushka Pathak F4 with Gwenan White F5.



## New F2 Recruits at the Annual Recruit Camp



## 'Lessons from Auschwitz' Holocaust Educational Trust Visit

Having been selected by the History department to participate in the Holocaust Educational Trusts' programme "Lessons from Auschwitz", we set out to the Orientation Seminar in Glasgow. This seminar gave us some background information on Jewish life, pre-World War II and we had the chance to hear a first-hand experience from a Holocaust survivor. Leslie Kleinman spoke to us for over an hour, and by the end of his talk we all had a far deeper insight into the experience of Jewish people in Auschwitz. We left this seminar inspired and amazed by Leslie's story and nervously looking forward to our day trip to Auschwitz in a few weeks' time.

On 30th October, we left Dundee at 3:15 am to catch a 7am flight to Krakow. After sleeping a lot and nervously anticipating what was in store for us during the flight, we hopped straight on to a bus and transferred to Oswiecim - the Polish name for the city we know as Auschwitz.

Upon arrival, we made our way towards what had once been known as the Great Synagogue. While we were not entirely sure what to expect, both of us were completely shocked as to how little remained of what we believed to have been the core of the Jewish Community before the war broke out. The site effectively was a small patch of grass surrounded by a few trees, and the only visible piece of evidence suggesting the historical importance of this area was a small tourist board. Already, it was becoming hugely apparent that the Holocaust did not simply cause the deaths of millions of people, but completely eradicated a way of life, to the extent that even to this day, it has not been able to rebuild itself in some areas. From here we then attended a ceremony in a nearby synagogue held by a Rabbi who had come on the trip with us. This was a first time experience for us both, which proved to be hugely informative and once again, allowed us to gain some background knowledge to the Jewish religion.

Afterwards, we got back on the bus where we then headed towards the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Museum. We were taken on a tour of Auschwitz first of all, and despite expecting to feel moved by what we would see, it became obvious that processing the details of the appalling events caused us both to feel entirely numb. Even though we were partly aware of what we were about to experience, it is true that there is no preparing for something so shocking, and ultimately, this caused us both to be completely unsure how to react. This feeling continued as we arrived in Birkenau and passed through the infamous "Gate of Death." As we were shown around the camp, we became increasingly more aware of the horrific conditions faced by prisoners and the completely distressing and heart-breaking concept that the targets of these heinous acts were in fact human beings with families, friends and lives. Ultimately, the information we had previously received on the Holocaust from school and from the opening seminar became reality, as we were stood in the exact place as the murder of six million people decades beforehand.

We ended the day with a short memorial ceremony where we were allowed time to reflect on this concept and the feelings of gratitude held, as a consequence of knowing we were allowed to leave, unlike those who had entered 70 years previously. After placing candles on the infamous railroad in commemoration of those who lost their lives in the camps, we made our way back to the bus. Most remained quiet as we then reached the airport for our journey home, and it was clear the day was starting to catch up with us all and the mass amount of information we had gained was beginning to process.

It was not until the following day that the impact of the trip truly started to take hold. While the overall concept of the Holocaust remains incomprehensible, upon reflection of the experience, the events during this period of history have become entirely humanised, as we both can now put individual names, faces and stories to some of the six million dead. This has caused the whole thing to become much more personalised and less distant, in turn, causing extreme feelings of upset. We shared these reactions at the Follow-Up seminar in Glasgow a few weeks later, before discussing our intentions for the "Next Steps" part of the project, where we would attempt to pass on everything we had learned to a wider audience.

Essentially, participating in this project has been entirely beneficial for us both in terms of education, but also life experience. It is has become clear that the people who were murdered at Auschwitz deserve to be remembered as more than just a number and that they had homes and lives, just as we have now. It so important that we acknowledge that they were not just victims of the Holocaust, and from the beginning, Lessons From Auschwitz has worked to humanise the events for us. Ultimately, it was the success of this aim that truly made the experience of the trip all the more heart breaking and all the more memorable.

**Sarah Emslie-Smith and Erin Smith F6**

# Music 2

The two string ensembles in the Senior School (String Sinfonietta and the Chamber Orchestra) along with two pupil string quartets had a 2-hour master class in the Margaret Harris Hall with members of the Scottish Ensemble, Scotland's premier string orchestra.

This was followed up a couple of days later by a joint performance in the Caird Hall by the Chamber Orchestra, pupils from the Dundee Schools Symphony Orchestra, members of the Dundee Symphony Orchestra, and the Scottish Ensemble itself of Tchaikovsky's "Andante Cantabile". The pupils acquitted themselves very well, and were able to then enjoy a superlative account of Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings" by the Scottish Ensemble in the rest of the concert.

Towards the end of the month, the Senior Music Competition took place in Trinity Hall. There were 128 performances by pupils during two whole school days of classes in woodwind, brass, strings, guitar, voice and piano. The visiting adjudicator was James Grossmith, Chorus Master of Scottish Opera and Director of Chapel Music at the University of Glasgow. He was very impressed with the standard both during the day classes and with the evening performances for the High School of Dundee Quaich and the Southgate Prize for Chamber Music. The latter prize was won by a saxophone quartet performing Handel's "Sarabande & Air", and the Quaich winner was Euan Strachan (F5), playing Elgar's "Idylle" and Bellstedt's "Variations on 'Napoli'" with much panache on the trumpet.

# A dramatic experience!

A group of senior pupils went with the Drama department to London in October, to see three plays in three days - "Billy Elliot"; "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time"; and "Macbeth" at the famous Globe Theatre - as they immersed themselves in the city's famous Theatreland.

And as if that wasn't enough excitement, after the Macbeth show, they had the chance to meet with and ask questions of two of its stars, Stuart Bowman and Billy Boyd, who spent time chatting and posing for photographs with the excited pupils.

The pupils also participated in workshops at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and the National Theatre, as well as taking in some of London's famous sites. It was while they were doing some sight-seeing, that they bumped into yet another well-known face - director Danny Boyle!



# Visit by Professor Iain Stewart



Professor Iain Stewart, star of BBC programmes including *Earth: The Power of the Planet*, *Making Scotland's Landscape* and *Rise of the Continents*, visited the school to talk to Geography students about natural disasters.

Professor Stewart, who is Professor of Geoscience Communication at Plymouth University, spoke about the impact that development has on survival rates in areas affected by the likes of earthquakes, tsunamis and landslides.

He said, "95% of disaster deaths occur in developing countries. The temptation is to see development as a separate thing but it turns out to be a big influence on people dying in natural disasters."

"I was trying to encourage the pupils to challenge how we study disasters so that they look at them from a development perspective too."

"I was impressed by the pupils. They were getting switched on to the key points very quickly."

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## Classics Department Theatre Trip to Euripides' "Hecuba"

Hecuba, Queen of Troy, a city destroyed in war, is now a slave of the Greek king Agamemnon. Her husband and most of her sons are dead, her daughters sold into slavery. But there is a glimmer of hope. Her youngest son had been sent away before the war began to be looked after by a friend with the treasures of Troy, and one daughter is left to comfort Hecuba in her grief and regret.

But this is Greek tragedy and the Classicists of F4 and F5, some thirty pupils, were not expecting a happy ending. The play began with the ghost of Hecuba's youngest son breaking through the stage to announce that his father's friend had murdered him for the treasure. Then Odysseus comes on stage to say the ghost of Achilles is requiring blood and so Hecuba's daughter must be killed as a sacrifice to propitiate his spirit.

Hecuba is broken but as her daughter goes to her human sacrifice saying it is better to die than live as a slave, grief transforms Hecuba and she is empowered to take revenge in Greek tragic style. She invites her son's killer to visit her, gouges out his eyes and then kills his baby son.

Our pupils enjoyed this play, surprisingly. But it was a fantastic opportunity to see Greek drama by the writer Euripides performed on the stage of Dundee Rep. A bleak play that looked not only at the Trojan War but the futility of war throughout the ages, it was a great opportunity for our pupils who all have to study Greek Tragedy as part of their courses to see a play performed live on the stage.

# Visit to the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh

Weapons, treasure, amazing sculpture! These are just some of the things we went to see on the last day before the October break when a group of fifteen F4 Classical Studies pupils and their two teachers, Mr Faulkes and Mrs Findlater, left Dundee for a day to study Roman artefacts at the National Museum of Scotland. For one day we became archaeologists when we were allowed

to handle actual Roman finds and replicas in an area of the museum where we found a set of boxes. These boxes contained real Roman items, but also replicas and it was our task to find out what was real and what wasn't. This way we got a very good idea of some Roman games, clothing, armour (a Roman sword and dagger!) and other everyday items.

After our discoveries we went to study the museum's Roman collection which contains finds mostly from the North of Britain. We were able to see some well-preserved army equipment and a treasure which was left buried for 2000 years! We also looked at some Latin inscriptions which showed how the Romans conquered the north. When we had seen all the fascinating things the Romans did for us, we had an opportunity to explore some of the other wonderful collections in the museum as well.

This was definitely an exciting opportunity to get a bit closer to the Romans in Scotland!

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## Collecting Leaves

Mrs Proudfoot asked me to collect leaves in my garden. We used them to make leaves out of tissue. We chose, red, brown, yellow, orange and green tissue and lots and lots of glue.

Nafia Kashmiri L1





## L2 Farm Trip

L2 went to visit Newton of Arbirlot Farm as part of their Food and Farming Project. The children were split into three groups and worked round the farm in rotation. They looked at the winter crops just planted in the fields and also chatted about the animals that live in the hedgerows and their importance to the farm. After that the children headed to the sheds where they had the opportunity to see tractors and a combine harvester, which was

very exciting. Inside the sheds they saw mountains of barley, wheat and oil seed rape and had to investigate what each of these crops were used for. The final area was the smelliest as that was where the cows were. The children were lucky enough to see heifers, bulls and new born calves and they learned how to look after the cows and what they feed on. The children had a great visit with lots of interesting things to see and investigate.

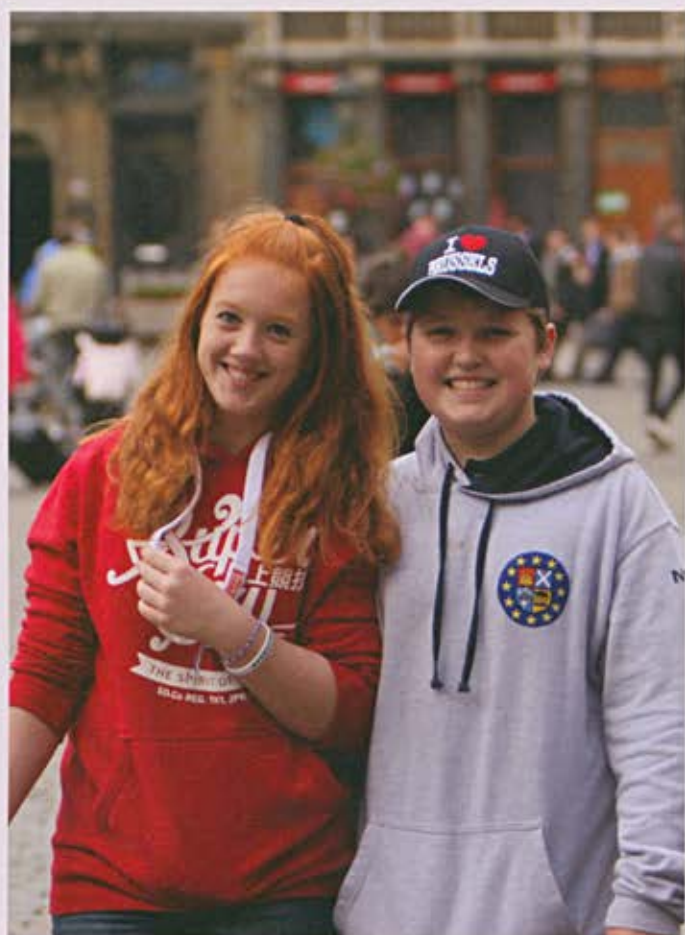


## Palaeontology Club

In October and November, L5 took part in a Palaeontology Club. We did lots of activities like colour coding a Geological timeline, making a fossil out of plaster and looking at real fossils that were interesting. Our teacher's name was Miss Walker and she was from St Andrews University. We watched videos about ammonites, and other sea creatures that were alive back in time and are still around today. On the last day we had a dinosaur dig when groups dug for fossils and everyone felt a huge fossil in the middle. The last group eventually got it out, it was a Tyrannosaurus Rex skull! It was really fun and I would recommend it.

Jonathan Leslie L5P







# Rugby and Hockey

**On 4th October, forty six F1 and F2 pupils met at school to embark on a European adventure. These pupils and five staff were starting on an eight day tour that would see them playing Rugby and Hockey in Holland, Belgium and Germany.**

After packing the coach, the tour party departed, heading to the ferry terminal at South Shields. Overnight, the pupils and staff enjoyed a smooth crossing. On arrival in Amsterdam we immediately headed to the centre of town and enjoyed the sights and sounds of this cosmopolitan city. After a short period soaking in the atmosphere we visited Anne Frank's house and the fantastic Amsterdam Arena.

On Sunday, the boys played the first of their three rugby fixtures. On this occasion the boys lost to a very good side who were huge for their age. Happily, this was the only defeat the boys suffered, winning their other two fixtures; one in Holland the other in Brussels.

The next day, the tour headed to the Tikki pool and adventure park which was a real highlight for pupils and staff. The girls then played their first Hockey fixture and lost narrowly to a very strong side. After this game the girls played a game a day in what proved to be a very challenging series of matches. Some of the play was exceptional from our opponents and ourselves.

We also enjoyed a boat trip on the Rhine and a trip to the amazing Phantasialand theme park. After the theme park we had one more adrenalin ride remaining as the return ferry crossing was somewhat lively. Despite Mr Campbell and Mr Strachan's singing and jaunty dance routines, many of the party felt a little under the weather.

Overall, the tour was successful and enjoyable. Hopefully this will be the first of many tours for this age group in the years to come.





# School Swimming 2013-14

This year saw the school swimming gala at the new Olympia at the end of October. As ever the competition was fiercely competitive to ensure the best house won. A good number of pupils entered the heats this year meaning only one race went to a straight final in the heats.

#### Age 9 and Under Girls and Boys Championship

1st Christina Kennedy                      1st Rory Grant

#### Age 10 and Over Girls and Boys Championship

1st Blythe Brown                              1st Callum Findlay

#### Form 1-3 Girls and Boys Championship

1st Eilidh Grant                                1st Stefan Baldacchino

#### Form 4-6 Girls and Boys Championship

1st Claire Mather                              1st Jamie Mather

A huge congratulations to all the pupils who entered the gala this year and better luck next year on beating the staff in the final relay! The overall house points for the gala came down to the final relays resulting in the final placings.

1st Airlie    3rd Wallace

2nd Airlie     4th Lindores

This years Tayside schools Gala was held in November with a small select from our pupils reaching the qualifying standards. Eilidh Grant (Form 3) won her 400m Freestyle race in 4 min 41 seconds and was a very respectable 3rd in 200m Freestyle final. The Junior boys 200m relay team of Conor Walsh, Cameron Murray, Keiran Forster and Ross Brown won their race. The Junior girls of Kitty Scott, Hannah Murray, Emily Baxter and Blythe Brown were placed 2nd in their race. Another notable result was Kirsten Grant who was 3rd in the girls 13-14 200m Freestyle.

In December the Nancy Riach trophy took place. The same Junior boys relay team came 3rd and the girls also came 3rd in a very competitive race. The school entered a group of very young swimmers for this event some girls were 5 years younger than their opponents but our girls put up a very good show to post respectable times. The boys were also just as competitive and they too showed some real potential for future years. In the girls under 15 100m Freestyle Eilidh Grant swam a quick race allowing her to qualify for the Scottish Schools Championship in March where she came a respectable 10th with a lot of her competitors older than her. The swimming within the school is looking good for the future with the youngsters showing some real potential in the events they entered.

A huge congratulations should also go to Eilidh Grant who won the Discovery Mile race held in August. It is a non wetsuit race in the Tay from the Bridge view café to Discovery Point. Eilidh was the youngest entrant and won not only the Junior Championship but the overall Championship also, this was only a week after her winning the Scottish open water swimming Championships 2km event at Loch Vernaccher.

# Senior music competition 2013-14: results

Congratulations to all pupils on their hard work and excellent performances

## Grade Three Brass

Winner: Emily Morrison 1Li1 – tuba

## Grade Three Guitar

Winner: Blair Wilson 2Ay2

## Grade Three Piano

Winner: Caitlin Mann 3Ai2

Runner up: Isabel Campbell 3Ai1  
Sian Gregson 3Wa2

## Grade Three Strings

Winner: Anna Sturrock 2Ay1 – violin

Runner up: Genevieve Christie 1Wa2 – violin  
Emily Norman 3Ay2 – violin

## Grade Three Voice

Winner: Katrina Crowe 3Li2

## Grade Three Woodwind

Winner: Sandy Taylor 3Ay2 – alto saxophone

## Grade Four Brass

Winner: Joshua Rawcliffe 3Li2 – trumpet

## Grade Four Guitar

Winner: Lucy Drummie 4Ay2  
Paige Lawrie 4Ai2

## Grade Four Piano

Winner: Laura Murphy 1Li2  
Katie Bonnyman 1Ay1  
Abhisri Chaudhuri 2Li1

## Grade Four Strings

Winner: Rachel Strachan 1Wa2 – violin

## Grade Four Voice

Winner: Finlay McKillop 3Ai1  
Eden Miller 4Ay1

## Grade Four Woodwind

Winner: Aisling Ellis 1Ay2 – clarinet

## Grade Five Brass

Winner: Gregor Vagg 3Li2 – tenor horn

Runner up: James Shearer 2Li1 – euphonium

## Grade Five Guitar

Winner: James Currie 6Li1

## Grade Five Strings

Winner: Catriona Dobie 3Wa2 – violin

Runner up: Lucie Kelly 2Wa1 – violin  
Sophie Levin 1Li1 – violin  
Mia Vidman 3Ai2 – violin

## Grade Five Piano

Winner: Alex Smith 3Ai2

Runner up: Catriona Murphy 3Li2

## Grade Five Voice

Winner: Kirsty Barron 3Ay2

Runner up: Catriona Murphy 3Li2

## Grade Five Woodwind

Winner: Eilidh Fish 2Ay1 – clarinet

Runner up: Anna Hudson 1Ay2 – clarinet

## Grade Six Brass

Winner: Euan Chalmers 5Li1 – euphonium

## Grade Six Piano

Winner: Robert Zhan 3Li2

Runner up: Mariam Alijani 3Wa1  
Eleanor Scott 4Li2

## Grade Six Strings

Winner: Lynden Nicely – violoncello

## Grade Six Woodwind

Winner: Sarah Elgin 2Li2 – flute

## Open Class Brass (Larg Prize)

Winner: Matthew Wiggans 6Ay2 – trumpet

## Open Class Piano (Larg Prize)

Winner: Jamie Mather 6Li1

## Open Class Strings (Larg Prize)

Winner: Eleanor Scott 4Li2 – violin  
Runner up: Lucy Brunton 5Ay2 – violin  
Oran McNair 3Wa2 – violin

## Open Class Voice (Larg Prize)

Winner: Stephanie Baker 6Wa2  
Runner up: Sophie Kelly 5Wa1  
Rebekah Wilson-Pearce 5Wa1

## Open Class Woodwind (Larg Prize)

Winner: Alasdair Rennet 5Ai1 – oboe  
Runner up: Callum Strachan 6Wa2 – alto saxophone

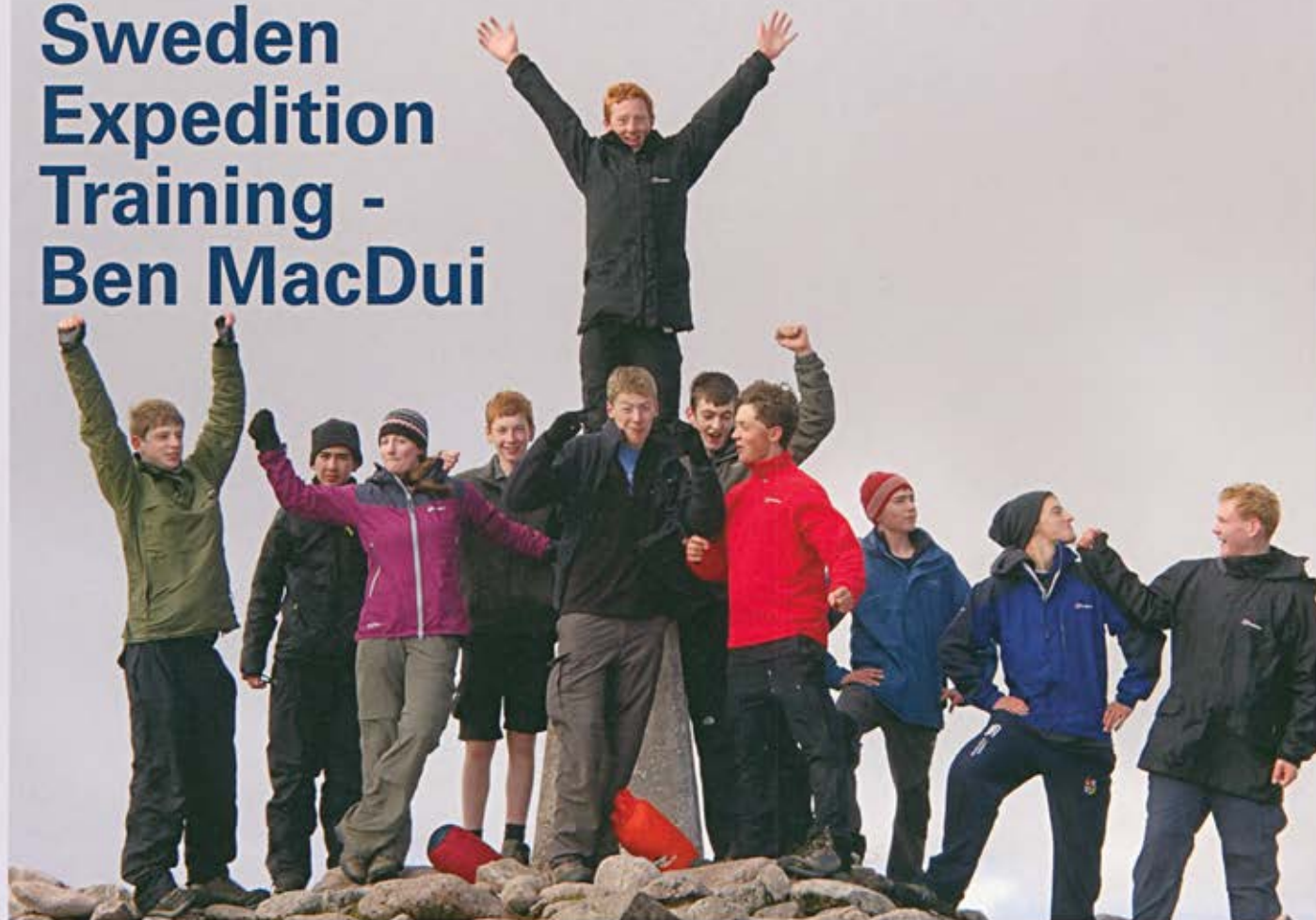
## Southgate Prize (for Chamber Music)

Winner: Alasdair Rennet 5Ai1  
Zac Inglis 5Wa1  
Fraser Munnoch 5Li1  
Callum Strachan 6Wa2  
saxophone quartet

## High School of Dundee Premier Quaich (for Solo Performance)

1st: Euan Strachan 5Wa2 – trumpet  
2nd: Alasdair Rennet 5Ai1 – oboe and alto saxophone  
3rd: Alister Goodfellow 5Ai2 – trombone

# Sweden Expedition Training - Ben MacDui



## On Your Marks, Get Set, Cook!

Trinity isn't usually the place where we can hear and smell the sounds of cooking, but that's just what happened when Chartwells, our school caterers, put on a special competition for the L4-L7s. The Red Team, led by Mrs Goldie, ably assisted by Owen Voice, Sandy Robertson and Abbie Graham had a cook off against the Green Team, which consisted of Mrs Halliwell, Cherry Stuart, Lewis McLennan and Mirah Okhai. Each team were given a number of ingredients, which included pasta, rice, chicken and a variety of spices and vegetables and it was difficult to choose a winner. However, the audience had the final vote and the winning team were the Red Team, who produced a tasty pasta dish.



# November



## Armistice Parade

The School marked Remembrance with its traditional Armistice Parade and Service.

Guests including the Lord Provost Bob Duncan, local politicians and forces personnel were present as the School's Combined Cadet Force paraded in front of the Pillars.

The ceremony concluded with a wreath being placed in front of the School's war memorial by Head Boy Duncan Leese and Head Girl Hannah Arnold, assisted by Junior School pupils Jamie Golden and Ailsa Millar.

## Debating 3

A rather more exciting event took place at Ingliston towards the end of November, when Ciara Mitchell and Rachel Allan were invited to participate in a demonstration debate at the NFUS Agri Scot conference.

The motion was "THW abolish all farming subsidies" and turned out to be tremendous fun, especially when we discovered that the opponents of our 'Scottish Schoolgirls' team, under the banner 'Young Farmers' were our old friends and rivals Matthew and Eilidh from Forfar Academy. All four young people had members of the distinguished audience queuing up to shake hands with them after the good-natured and impressively stylish debate. Also the bacon rolls were excellent.

This obviously set the girls up for the St Andrews University tournament three days later, where Ciara topped the tab of 64 speakers and Rachel was 6th, taking them into their first senior final. Two days after that they were in action again, going through to the second round of the Mace. Meanwhile Calum Hedigan F6 and Gwenan White F5 won through to the second round of the competition run by the Law Society of Scotland. A hectic month for debaters concluded with Ciara and Gwenan breaking 3rd at the Aberdeen competition but losing the final; the organisers decided they would run a 'fun' motion, so they set it in Harry Potter land - and Gwenan had, perfectly reasonably, read none of the books! It was a very entertaining debate.

## Young Speakers November 2013

As part of World Book Week, the Young Speakers' Club held a lively discussion on the future of paper books which some speakers believed was challenged by the growing popularity of ebook readers. While most speakers felt a natural affinity for traditional books, valuing their covers, their accessibility in book shops and libraries, and their sentimental value, most speakers identified the benefits of a more technologically advanced method of storing and reading books. Although the environmental benefits to trees was strongly acknowledged, it was the ability to protect books from being destroyed which most appealed to our speakers. In the final vote the majority of speakers chose traditional books over the ebook because "We like the feel of them". Clinching the argument was the fact that ebooks cannot be signed, and that in ten or twenty years the ebook reader will most likely be obsolete and we shall have to buy paper copies of our all favourite books, or lose them.

# Form 3 Mountain Biking



## L4C Assembly

Our assembly was on the theme of Advent. We first saw Angus impatiently counting down the days to Christmas on his Advent calendar. He was waiting to give his mum and dad their Christmas gift.

Then, we learned the meaning of the Advent wreath by looking at its colours and the days in the Advent period when they are lit.

We finished our Advent assembly by looking at Advent traditions around the world. Our hymn was a new one called "Wake Up, Oh People!"



## The Bank of England's Target 2.0 Competition

Every year the Bank of England runs a national competition where it asks pupils to outline what their approach to monetary policy would be to ensure that inflation remains or moves to the 2% target set by the government. The pupils have to present their analysis and subsequent monetary policy decision to a board from the Bank. Therefore, this competition is extremely challenging

and enables the pupils to get their teeth into the impact monetary policy has on the UK Economy, which supports the Advanced Higher Economics curriculum perfectly.

The Advanced Higher class, with ten pupils, is the largest it has been for a long time. This meant that while there were only four places for pupils to present to the board, the others would provide essential research support.

Alas, when the regional heat in Edinburgh came round it coincided with the preparations for the Brewin Dolphin Cup Final, so this meant that the team could only muster three members.

Nevertheless, they boldly insisted in taking part in the competition and produced an excellent presentation on why they would not make any changes to interest rates or QE at that moment in time.

The panel of judges recognised the team's bravery in competing in the heats and provided quality feedback that the pupils could take on board and use in their studies of the UK Economy.

Overall, the pupils gained a lot from taking part in this competition; in particular, how important it is to present passionately an argument with bags of confidence.



## Form 1 Edinburgh Visit



Originally inspired by Halloween and Edinburgh's ghoulish history, the English Department's annual trip with F1 took place on the 5th November and had a packed itinerary. This year the trip included Edinburgh's anatomical history and the illegal trade of the grave robbers. Highlights for pupils included the preserved body parts in Surgeons' Hall Museum and the cramped rooms of Mary King's Close where we walked through the homes and life stories of several colourful characters from the 17th Century onwards. Pupils took time to explore the cemeteries of Edinburgh, walking the routes taken by the grave robbers on their way to the anatomy rooms of the University of Edinburgh, where the bodies would be dissected.

## Enterprise - Charity Fair

November's Charity Fair proved to be a busy morning for the L6 Enterprise Group.

Our navy and gold cotton shopping bags, featuring the school pillars and motto, sold well while Christmas cards and spring bulbs in decorated pots were also popular. All money raised was donated to our chosen charity, the WWF/Sky Rainforest Rescue Appeal.





## Gymnastics

F1 pupil Sarah McKenzie was part of a team from Dundee Gymnastics Club 2K which competed at the Hamburg International Gymnastics Competition in November 2013.

The team of four gymnasts finished in sixth position overall. Sarah also competed in the Women's Espoir British Championships at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow in December, finishing in a highly creditable 26th position in the all-around standings.

## L3 Egypt Day

From August until November, the L3s studied Ancient Egypt as their Environmental Studies topic.

As a conclusion to the topic the children took part in a fun Challenge Day which involved different activities focused around this theme. The children played an Egyptian board game called Senet with Miss Reith which used Smarties as counters! They made decorative collars with Mrs Wilson and visited the Home Economics department to make some traditional flat breads with Mrs Madden and Mrs Ross. It was hard to resist eating these straight away as they smelled yummy!

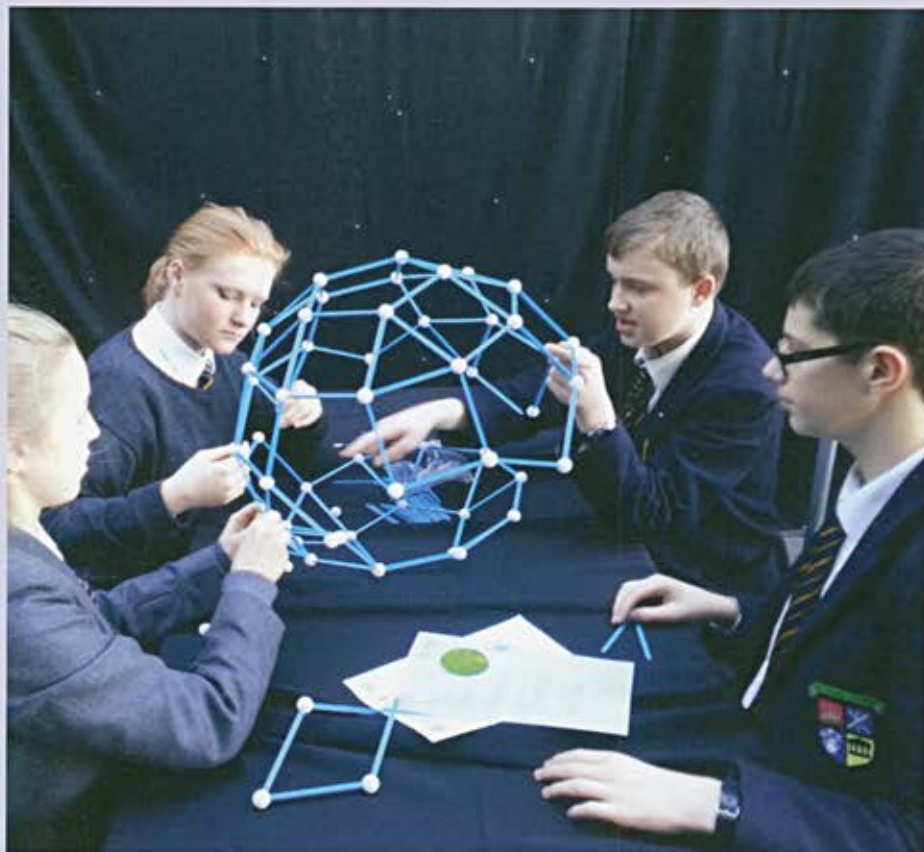


## F5 Social Enterprise

This year the F5 Social Enterprise Class raised money for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and Help for Kids, a local Dundee Charity, by selling a selection of products at the Charities Fair in November.

The group that raised money for Help for Kids worked closely with that charity's fund raising manager and they gained a startling insight into the extent of child poverty in Dundee. The shock of this galvanised the group and they produced an excellent school calendar using photographs from the Photography Club. The calendars were very successful and the group raised just over £300.

The group that was raising money for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund also did extremely well. They utilised their artistic skills to produce handmade Christmas cards. What's more, they used old newspaper to make the envelopes, therefore producing an environmentally friendly product. They also put a lot of effort into making candles and even had freshly laid free-range eggs. They managed to raise just over £200 for the Red Cross.



## L6 Heartstart

In November, a group of eight L6 pupils achieved their Heartstart qualifications. During an eight week course, the pupils learned vital emergency first aid skills including how to put a casualty into the recovery position, how to cope with serious bleeding and choking and how to administer CPR. All eight pupils demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm during the course.

## Mathematics 1

### UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

Although exams were on the horizon, on 7th November, twenty-eight pupils from F6 and thirty-six from F5 were eager to take part in the Senior Maths Challenge and three gold certificates were awarded to Hannah Arnold F6, Marshall Macleod F6 and Joshua Mclaggan F5. A further thirteen silver and twenty-five bronze certificates were also awarded. Joshua took 'Best in School' and Joshua along with Hannah qualified for the follow-on British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1, while Marshall qualified for the follow-on Senior Kangaroo competition. All three received certificates of participation.

#### Enterprising Maths

Having qualified in 4th place at the Independent Schools' round of Enterprising Maths in September, the team of Elle Wyatt F3, Sandy Taylor F3, Scott Macandrew F4 and Claire Mather F4 took part in the National Final at the Glasgow Science Centre on the 19th November.

Fifty-six teams of pupils from all across Scotland competed throughout the day in four varied and challenging rounds for the prestigious title of EMiS champions. The day began with the Team Round as contestants were faced with twelve tricky problem solving style questions. Round Two was a practical round where teams raced to construct and answer questions on one of the Archimedean solids. After lunch teams tackled the Stations Round where they worked against the clock on six fiendishly difficult challenges which required teamwork, logical thinking and perseverance in order to succeed. After a break to explore the treasures contained within the Science Centre, teams reconvened for the Relay Round. The team finished in a very creditable 12th place.

## L1 read to Mrs McLaren

I wrote a story with Evie about Floppy the yellow dog. He is very cuddly and he likes to run fast and chew things. All of L1 read their Floppy stories to Mrs McLaren and she liked it.

Marwan Muquit L1





## First XV march to Murrayfield showdown



Throughout the Autumn term, the whole school community was gripped by the excitement of the 1st XV rugby side's march to the Brewin Dolphin Scottish Schools Cup U18 final.

Victories over Trinity Academy, Edinburgh Academy and George Heriot's saw the squad book the School's first appearance in the showcase event at Murrayfield since 2004.

And, as the big match against George Watson's College drew near, support for the boys was such that the School provided multiple buses to transport the ranks of pupils who wanted to be there to encourage the team over the line.

Urged on by this large and vocal backing, the team did themselves proud in the game, pushing the Edinburgh side all the way, before eventually losing out 31-17 in front of a crowd of more than 5,600.

After finding themselves 24-3 down, the team fought back bravely, two quick-fire tries from Brewster White and Ollie Davidson (both converted by Duncan Lees) bringing the score to 24-17 before George Watson's scored again late on to seal their win.

We couldn't have hoped for better support from the school and wider school community and although we didn't quite manage to bring the Cup back we gave a very good account of ourselves against a top quality side.



## L1 think about the soldiers

We remember the soldiers who died and also the soldiers who were injured. The poppies grew in the muddy fields. We are too little to go out and stand still so we made poppies in class.

Harry Groome and Sam Blackhall L1

## Hockey 4

After another successful Open Day at the school, the following weekend's fixtures included games against St George's School, Robert Gordon's College and Kilgraston School for the girls and the boys' hockey played Grove Academy Menzieshill, Robert Gordon's College and Stewarts Melville College.

In addition to these fixtures the senior girls played in the u18 Indoor Midlands tournament. This year's standard was extremely high, with a number of excellent individual and team performances. Unfortunately HSD lost out in a hard fought semi-final but did themselves and the school proud.

At the Midlands U15 outdoor tournament held at Strathallan School there were again some wonderful performances with an overall finish of 3rd place.



## Still making rugby headlines

The Murrayfield Cup Final may have ended in a brave defeat, but one of the School's pupils still managed to, quite literally, make the headlines.

F6 pupil Sadik Chowdhury was able to help write the official match report for the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) after being named the winner of the Brewin Dolphin Young Sports Writer Challenge.

Having scooped the award for his report on the School's U18 quarter final victory over Edinburgh Academy, Sadik was given a seat in the press section at Murrayfield for the big game and then received expert match reporting advice from the SRU media team as he worked on a piece which was later published on the SRU website.

Whilst at the game, Sadik was also able to meet current Scottish internationalists Richie Vernon - a former pupil of the High School - and Matt Scott and had the chance to talk to Scotland's all time record cap holder and points scorer, Chris Paterson.

Sadik said, "The experience at Murrayfield taught me a great deal about the media work that goes on behind the scenes and how the media operates."

"I got to see the occasion from a different angle and to find out the process that goes into putting together the sports reports which we read."

# Sweden Expedition training - Lochnagar



High School of Dundee pupils used the Angus hills as preparation for an expedition to the Arctic Circle.

By way of practice for a unique hike into northern Sweden this Summer, ten pupils spent two days hiking in the picturesque surrounds of Glen Clova.

The hardy youngsters ascended the steep Capel Mounth trail and took in stunning views of Lochnagar, braving snow flurries and encountering deer as they made their way through the countryside.

Outdoor Education Instructor Gordon Ross led the Swedish expedition, in which a group of pupils will hike 15-25km per day for two weeks, finishing with an attempt on the country's highest mountain, Kebnekaise, which is 90km north of the Arctic Circle.

# December



## L4M Assembly - Boxing Day theme

In December the pupils of L4M performed their Christmas Assembly in Trinity Hall. The theme was Boxing Day and the assembly explored some of the wonderful customs associated with this special day. Pupils acted in scenes portraying alms-giving to the

poor and the giving of boxes to servants from the lord and lady of the manor. The main message of Boxing Day - to show kindness and generosity to those less fortunate - was portrayed by pupils speaking and acting the lines from the hymn, 'Good King Wenceslas'. It is said he carried out his good deeds on Saint Stephen's Day (Boxing Day). The Assembly concluded with images of the helpful work of the Salvation Army at

Christmas time - acting for those less fortunate. A box was displayed during the Assembly containing cans of soup, biscuits, teabags and honey etc. This box was later presented to the Salvation Army house in Dundee on behalf of the school. The box was gratefully received and a letter of thanks was duly delivered to the Junior School.

## Curling

We have had a very successful season at Dundee Junior Curlers.

We started the year by winning the opening bonspiel at Dundee Ice Rink with Iain Wallace, Catlin Jones, Blair

McKay and Jamie Meade. In December we played in the Alan Dargie where the Juniors were split up into different teams except for four juniors, Iain Wallace, Alex Macintosh, Alistair Munnoch and Blair McKay who came second overall which was a tremendous achievement. To top it off some of our young curlers even got to meet Olympic Bronze medalist Eve Muirhead! We have recruited many new young Curlers this year and can't wait to welcome more next year.

## The BFG

On the 4th December, Junior School pupils and teachers visited Dundee's Rep Theatre to see 'The BFG'. Of course, many of us already had already read the story so it was a great opportunity to see it on stage. We thoroughly enjoyed watching the story unfold through actors, puppets, song and dance.

Fraser Houston and Sebastian Nagy L6C

# L4 Crannog

The L4 Crannog topic provided an ideal opportunity for pupils to design their own board games using a variety of skills. The games showed lots of individuality and ingenious ideas to catch out the unwary.

Watch out - wild beasts and Romans are about!



# L7 Animation Project

The L7 year group worked in pairs to create a short stop frame animation film. They devised their own story, then constructed the models they needed from clay. Figures included minions, penguins and some very odd-looking aliens! Using the Zu3D programme, the pupils then began to take the photographs for their animation and quickly realised why the Wallace and Gromit films can take five years to make! Once their animation was completed, captions, credits and audio were added. The project gave the pupils an insight into animation while developing their media skills and team work.



# Snowman Drive!

Many people will have taken part in a 'Beetle Drive' but the L4s gave this game a seasonal theme and had a 'Snowman Drive'! All the children worked with partners and then moved around the class in groups of four. They used lots of listening and Maths skills when participating in the game. All agreed that it had been a very pleasurable activity and that they had become much faster at adding up all their points at the end of the session to find the winning team.



## The Christmas Display Story - Junior School Construction

Three very creative and inventive pupils in the Junior School - Hamish Doig, Cameron Jones and Owen Voice - set to at Christmas time to design and make their own LEGO versions of Father Christmas, Mr. Snowman and Santa's elf. The models were marvellous with clever, interesting details and they made very eye-catching figures. The L5 boys had also designed these models without plans to work from - a very creative

enterprise. The Christmas figures were central characters in a Junior School corridor display also featuring colourful baubles, tinsel and festive pictures. A competition then took place to find a name for the model of Santa's LEGO elf. Pupils, staff and three of the Junior School cleaning ladies all popped ideas into the nomination box at the front of the display. It was calculated that there were perhaps over ninety entries!

The boys chose winners in various categories, but the outright champion was Mrs. Mooney of the Junior School with the name of Neddy the Elf - she won herself a net of chocolate coins! This was a fun project which emerged from some inventive design work in the hands of three young and talented LEGO engineers.

Miss M. Cardno

# The Junior School Christmas parties

The Junior School Christmas parties are among the highlights of the school year and as you can see from our photographs, they are a lot of fun, with singing, dancing and games. The L6 teachers are particularly pleased to report that not too much cheating went on this year during the Snowman and Chewit games!





# Junior School L7 Netball Team



Emily Baxter, Kara MacRitchie, Holly McComish, Fiona McKechnie, Eilean Mauritzen, Ailsa Millar and Rebecca Stewart are pictured below with their medals.

Between October and December 2013, the Junior School L7 Netball team played in the Dundee District Primary Schools' Netball Association Winter League. They played five matches at Ward Road Gym after school on a Thursday against St. Ninian's, Fintry, St. Peter and Paul's, Eastern and Sidlaw View. The team played exceptionally well and won all their matches in their league which meant they qualified for the finals which were played on 12th December at Ward Road. The girls lost their first match of the final against St. Joseph's 7-5. The game was extremely close and the score stayed tight throughout the match. The girls, however, stayed determined and won their second game against Blackness 8-4. The L7 girls were therefore second in the Winter League. Well done!



## L4 Christmas Party

Great hilarity as the L4 House Teams tried to win the race! The challenge was to dress each member of their team first as the 'Ugly Sisters' at their Christmas party.



## Hockey 5

December saw quite a few pupils unavailable for hockey fixtures as a result of the school ski trips and cancellation due to bad weather conditions. We did manage to get a fixture played against Morrison's Academy where there were a number of good performances and results. Because of the poor weather we also managed to put some fun indoor games into the calendar giving more pupils the opportunity to take part on a Saturday morning.

## Debating

As the term drew to a close, the annual House Debate took place in Trinity before an audience of F3 English classes.

This year's motion was *This House Believes That the next James Bond should be a woman* and was won for Airlie from 2nd Opposition by Alex Smith F3 and Marshall Macleod F6, with Ciara and Rachel coming a close 2nd for Aystree. The Wallace team was Steven Roy F3 and Calum Hedigan F6, and Lindores was represented by Ellie Scott F4 and Hannah George F3. Rachel Allen won Best Speaker.



HSD donation to Children 1st

## Music 3

There was an extensive series of musical events in the run-up to Christmas, many of which raised money for local and national charities or were part of the school's service to the community. The Chamber Orchestra performed at Meadowside St Paul's in aid of Parkinson's Society, as well as in the Caird Hall at the Tayside and Fife Hospitals' Christmas Carol Concert in aid of CLIC Sargent Scotland for children with cancer.

The school's new chamber choir, Cantabile, and the Brass quartet performed an hour of Christmas carols to the residents of the Carseview Centre at Ninewells Hospital and of the St Margaret's Care Home, Victoria Road.

The pupils returned to Discovery Point to perform a concert in aid of the Friends of Dundee Heritage. There was a wide selection of ages, ensembles and repertoire, ranging from traditional Scottish dances played by the Fiddle Orchestra to Concertos by Handel and Vivaldi and four numbers performed by the Big Band. The pupils were given a warm welcome by the Friends and the concert audience alike.

The Carol Service took place once again at St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Performances were given by the Chamber Orchestra, Brass ensemble, Cantabile, Concert Choir, Chorale and the L6-7 Choir, along with the traditional series of nine lessons from the Bible. Alex Fish (L7) sang the opening solo of "Once in royal David's city" from the west end of the Cathedral before the extended procession of more than 150 pupils up the main aisle. A retiring collection was taken for the Dundee Food Bank.

## ADDVA Volleyball December 2013

During the first term F3, 4 and 5 girls have been participating in Division two of Angus and Dundee District Volleyball Association. The team is split into two groups and both have performed remarkably well. From eight sets played by each team, team one have won seven and team two have won six out of their eight. This means that the combined team have won an exceptional five matches and drawn three! There are six teams in the league and they will all play each other three times over the year.

The girls have achieved a great standard of playing from the first half of the season. Well done to Lauren Short, Olivia Wight, Jennifer Harris, Victoria Vitale, Emma Duncan, Annie Caldwell, Taskeen Bailwal, Katie McLennan and Emma Brown. With more matches to come our hopes are high!

### The Team

# Ned's Christmas Discovery

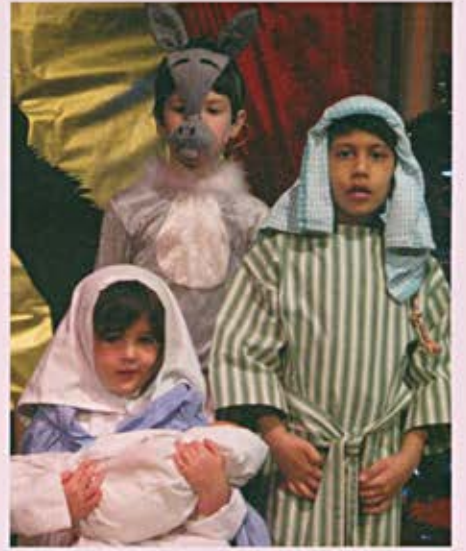
This year ninety five Early Years children took to the stage to kick start the traditional festive season with our annual Nativity production.

Ned the donkey was inquisitive to discover the true meaning of Christmas. His search took him on an entertaining road of discovery through the hustle and bustle of a busy kitchen preparing Christmas dinner, a visit to a toy shop and a magical encounter with Santa and his reindeer. His journey at last led him to an open church where the timeless story of the birth of Jesus unfolded before his eyes.

As ever family and friends were delighted and amazed at the fantastic talents and maturity of all taking part. The children once again rose to the occasion and gave performances that stole the hearts and raised the roof.

Due to overwhelming generosity of our audience members on both days, we raised an outstanding total of £1628. This was shared between Rachel House, the Children's Hospice and our ongoing sponsorship of our Kenyan pupils at the Mashimoni Squatters School.





# Alpe d'Huez

## Ski Report



The ski trip to Alpe d'Huez was a fantastic way to end the school year with our friends. We had five days of skiing in perfect snow and weather conditions. The sixth day brought thick snow and low visibility, so skiing was more of a challenge - but still great fun! We had an early start to each day, which we managed to cope with as warm pain au chocolat or croissants were served for breakfast before heading out for a two hour ski lesson. Our hotel was not far from the slopes, so a short walk and lift took us to where we met our ski instructors. We had a hot lunch at the hotel before another two hour lesson in the afternoon. Having this break between our lessons was perfect to have a short rest before getting out in the snow again. Our ski lessons were combined with another school from England, which we particularly enjoyed as we made new friendships and mingled with others who were not from our school. The ski instructors were friendly and fun and we had a great time skiing with them. They taught us new skills so that we could improve our technique and have confidence on the slopes.



Skiing with our teachers from school was also a fun experience and we loved being treated to a hot chocolate one lunchtime!

Our hotel was not far from town so it was a short walk to the Spar, pizza places and creperies! The evening activities let us spend time with the second year pupils in each of our groups and this let us get to know them more through working together in the town trail competition or helping each other to ice skate. We had an amazing view of the mountains from our hotel, and the bar was put to good use as we bought many ice cold drinks after a day of skiing. It was also useful that the ski store was in the same building as our hotel as we could take our skis/boots/ poles to be repaired or changed when required.

On the last day of the ski trip, we were definitely gutted to be going home and leaving behind the beautiful French Alps. However, something we could take home with us was our newly made friendships and our ski award and badges. We would definitely recommend a ski trip with the school to anyone!!

**Natasha Kidd, Rachel McFadden and Catherine Coull**



# Ski Trip



## This is the story of our ski trip in a dodgy rhyme

Despite the 6 am start, we had such a great time

A short flight and bus journey, finally we were there  
The hotel Universo in beautiful Courmayeur

We were given our rooms, go unpack the teachers said  
Five minutes in and Hannah had somehow broken her bed!

The very next day off to ski hire we went  
Not knowing how long the skis took to rent!

But finally we made it onto the snow  
And the fun began be it on piste or tow

People moved up, poor Sean was moved down  
But with seven girls in his group there was never a frown!

At night we sledged, ate pizza and went disco dancing  
Another school were there; the ladies were romancing!

Huge wipeouts, room lockouts, things lost and found  
By the end of the week Silly Betty and Billy were crowned

Our final evening and the box game tested skills  
Poor Cat D over did it and needed pain pills!

All too soon the time came to say good bye  
To wonderful skiing and Pila in the sky

So a massive thank you to those who took us there  
Mrs Downie, Mr McAdam and Mr Kerr

Along with Miss Hegan, Mr Campbell and Mr Jack  
We loved it so much, please take us back!

**Hannah, Alice, Cara and Shona**



# January



## FMC Visit

**Higher Technical Studies pupils got an insight into the work of a leading technology solutions company when they visited FMC Technologies in Dunfermline.**

The pupils were given a full factory tour, taking in the Machine Shop, Welding, Test and Assembly areas, as well as

demonstrations of CAD (Computer Aided Drawing) and Manufacturing Engineering.

They also learned about the importance of Health and Safety in the factory and received a motivational talk from FMC Technologies Manufacturing Manager James Robb.

## Music 4

Nearly 400 pupils in L4-F6 assembled in the Caird Hall on 7th January for the New Year Concert, delayed from the originally-planned Autumn Concert which had unfortunately clashed with the Scottish Schools' Rugby Cup final at Murrayfield.

The range of repertoire was characteristically wide, with English and American folksongs from the Junior School choirs, close harmony from Cantabile, Adele's "Skyfall" from the Symphonic Band, Ravel's "Bolero" from Sinfonia, a Bach cantata, and Beethoven's Symphony No.1 in C major performed by the Symphony Orchestra. The concert usually supports the pair of charities chosen by the pupils for the whole school to support during the year, and we were very pleased to be able to raise funds for Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy at The Armistead Child Development Centre, Dundee, and The Teenage Cancer Trust (UK).

Later in January, four pupils took part in the Dundee Musician of the Year Competition in the Bell Street Music Centre, organised by the Rotary Club of Dundee. Euan Strachan (F5) on trumpet and Alasdair Rennet (F5) on alto saxophone were among four Dundee pupils chosen to go through to the Rotary District Final in Perth in March.



# Eddie the Editor

We wear our glasses and become Eddie the Editor! We have learned to edit our work and look for mistakes. That's what editors do for the newspaper. We love the glasses!

Alyvia Bruce and Charlie Grewar L1



# L5 Burns Supper

Each year, the L5 pupils hold a Burns Supper, where pupils get the chance to entertain their classmates with Scottish music and poetry and sample some traditional Scottish delicacies, including haggis. This year, Mrs Val Vannet from the Senior School, gave the address to the haggis, which was piped in by Archie Frame from L7.

# Debating 6

The term began in good style with the Oxford qualifier, where Ciara and Rachel were one of five teams from Scotland to be invited to compete at the Oxford Union in March. Alex Smith and Ivan Kapelyukh participated in the Law Soc, in the second round of which Ciara and Rachel went out to a team which eventually made it to the final.





## Pupils bid to snap up photography prize

This year's competition produced a wealth of striking and beautiful images. The eventual winners were:

**Glen Wilson**  
4Ay2 (1st - technical)

**Jack Hamilton**  
6Ai1 (1st - popular)

**Sam Marshall**  
2Li2 (2nd - popular, 2nd technical)

**Mairi McAdam**  
1Ay2 (3rd - technical)

**Jacob Shaw**  
L4C (3rd - popular)

Mrs Lloyd (staff 1st - technical)  
Mrs Carrie (staff 1st - popular)

## L6 Biologists

L6 Biologists investigated the production of oxygen by plants with an amazing water plant called Cabomba. Here you can see pupils counting oxygen bubbles with great concentration. We were grateful to Dr Fotheringham for providing us with all of the resources we needed.

Mrs Leburn





## Top of the Bench

Brian Lim (F2), Sally Burnett (F4), Alex Smith (F3) and Sandy Taylor (F3) saw off competition from Bell Baxter High School, Perth Academy and Breadalbane Academy to triumph in the regional final of the Top of the Bench Quiz at St Andrews University's School of Chemistry.

The HSD team had already battled through three knock-out rounds to reach the final of this year's event, which is a collaboration between St Andrews University and the Tayside section of the Royal Society of Chemistry.



## L7/F1 National Volleyball Festival Report

On the 21st January 2014 there was a 3 a-side National Volleyball Festival for L7/ F1 held at Aberdeen Grammar School. There were three teams competing from the High School of Dundee and all teams played very well. The boys' team only had two players - Reece and Lewis McLennan. The Primary girls' team included Suzanne and Georgia Stirling, Kara MacRitchie and Pip Forster. The first year girls were Sophie Levin, Emily Morrison, Alex Mackintosh and Caitlin Jones. Each team played approximately ten matches and also officiated. The boys' team finished second in their competition. This was excellent as they only had two players, both from the Junior School, whilst all the other teams had three players and were F1 pupils. The Primary girls finished 3rd and the Form 1 girls finished 5th in their competition. We all had a great time and enjoyed the day. We all hope to get the opportunity to do something like this again!

## Hockey 6

The New Year saw another Indoor Midlands Tournament; this time it was the u15s with an overall finish of 3rd place. The u15 XI boys put in an excellent performance running out winners 12.3 against St Leonards. There was also a good 4.0 victory for the 2nd XI and 2 good wins for the L6&7 girls' hockey teams against Morrison's Academy. In addition to this there was another good round of games played against St George's School. Having given many of the F2 girls an opportunity as captain and vice-captain, votes were then cast with Rachel Flack and Eleanor Anderson voted into these positions.

House competitions continued with the Junior School House hockey. Again some wonderful, passionate performance with the following results; 1st place, Lindores, 2nd place Aystree, 3rd place Wallace and 4th place Airlie.

# February



## Beaver Computing Challenge

Almost 400 pupils ranging from L6 to F6 took part in a Europe-wide computing challenge during the Autumn term.

Every pupil in L6 to F2 completed the Beaver Computing Challenge, a week-long event in which participants tested their logic and computational thinking skills by taking on a series of fun and challenging problems.

Distinctions were awarded to those whose results were in the top 25% at the School and one pupil - Zoe Smith, Form 2 - made it onto the National Hall of Fame for her age group.



## Hockey 7

The weather was reasonably kind to us this hockey season allowing most games to go ahead. Although at times the overhead conditions were challenging the pupils showed great resilience and enthusiasm throughout. In February we had some notable results including the 1st XI girls winning 8.0 over Queen Victoria School as well as the F1a winning 5.0. The boys' u15 managed a 2.2 draw against George Watson's on a very cold and windy day at Peffermill, Edinburgh. There were also wins across the board from F2, L7 and L6 against George Heriot's School.

Due to the earlier postponement of the Senior House Hockey at the beginning of the hockey season these games were moved to February. On a rather cold day at Dalnacraig good numbers turned out to do their houses proud. Eventual winner was Wallace; 2nd place Airlie, 3rd place Aystree and 4th place Lindores.

## Fairtrade Assembly

The Enterprise Group performed their assembly in February to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by farmers in the developing world. Following this, during Fair Trade Fortnight, the group ran the Fair Trade Tuckshop selling lots of tasty Fair Trade treats to eager Junior School customers.

The Enterprise also ran a five-a-side football tournament for L6 and L7 pupils. Boys and girls played together in a very competitive event which was eventually won by the Ravenous Rhinos.

Liam Armit and Fraser Houston L6C



## L4 Practical Maths

In L4 maths, the children enjoyed learning about volume. In this photograph, the children are estimating how many litres they thought the bucket would hold. They then filled the bucket, counting the litres taken to fill it as they went along. The children demonstrated excellent maths and team work skills during this activity.



## L7W Assembly

**In February L7W held an assembly which highlighted the importance of being unique, to celebrate the anniversary of the discovery of DNA.**

The class created a lively Science TV show with several experiments to demonstrate how our DNA affects what we look like and some of the things we can or can't do. A top team of detectives also used DNA evidence to help crack the mystery of the missing Friday sweets.

# Debating 7



Having begun the month with a 'warm-up' outing to the Edinburgh University tournament, where Ciara finished 10th on tab out of 88, she and Rachel had the honour of being one of only 3 Scottish teams to be invited to compete in the Cambridge Union at the UK final of their schools competition, and finished the highest of these on both team and speaker tabs. Having taken three impressive seconds in the first three rounds, including beating one of the Eton teams, they had the opportunity in the fourth round to speak in the chamber, where they lost out on a place in the semis to English teams consisting of vastly experienced sixth formers. We were welcomed to the Union by our former debater - one of HSD's three world champions - April Shepherd, now finishing her second year studying Modern Languages. In addition, making the most of every minute in Cambridge, we took the chance to attend Evensong at King's College where, after the conclusion of the service, one of the sidesmen allowed us to sit in the empty chapel and listen to the organ scholar practising while the lights were gradually extinguished. In the gathering darkness in the vast soaring space it was a truly magical experience.



This year the L6/7 Young Speakers took part in a new competition for the Tayside region, the Mock Court Case Project. This involved two teams of pupils learning about the roles of solicitors in civil cases, with each team taking on the part of pursuers or defenders. The pupils worked with a local law firm to learn about drafting legal proceedings, how to prepare witnesses and evidence for court and how a court case works. Both teams also had to design and create court robes from scratch, develop their journalism skills by creating three newspapers each and brush up on their artistic skills through court artistry tasks.

In February, both groups competed against fourteen other teams from across Tayside at Dundee Sherriff Court. Parents, pupils and teachers watched as our solicitors bamboozled opposing witnesses with their thorough evidence and excellent questioning skills while our witnesses dazzled the other teams with their outstanding acting skills. Both teams performed exceptionally well, with our Defenders taking 2nd place and our Pursuers taking 3rd place.

## Mock Court Case Trials



## L4 Roman Mosaics

Inspired by James and the Giant Peach (left by Kirsty Bett, right by Rishabh Akula)

## Music 5

There were seventy-eight entries in the Junior School Music Competition this month in graded classes for woodwind, brass, clàrsach, guitar, piano, voice and recorder. There were outstanding performances from Jessica Ritchie, Sandy Bonnyman, Jamie Daniel, Hannah Meade, and Alex Fish (all L7), and the overall standard was high, promising much high-quality music-making for the future.

A similar number of pupils took part in the Piano Day towards the end of the month, with an evening concert showcasing the depth of talent among thirty-four of the school's most accomplished pianists.

## L4 Roman Soldier Visit

The L4 year group were fortunate in February to receive a visit from a Roman soldier (alias Mr. E. Faulkes of the Classics Department!)

He took the L4 pupils by surprise - arriving unexpectedly in class wearing a spectacular outfit of red and silver and brandishing weapons - which impressed the children no end! They were even more impressed when they heard that

our Roman visitor had handcrafted the outfit himself - armour and all! The red and gold shield particularly grabbed attention. The Roman soldier told the pupils all about the uniform and weapons and about the Roman fighting formation called the 'tortoise'. The pupils especially enjoyed marching on the spot while speaking in Latin - 'sin, dex, sin, dex' (left/right etc). Trying on his helmet was a particular thrill and honour for a number of children and everyone enjoyed his visit. The L4 pupils and teachers would like to thank our Roman visitor for sharing his time and expertise and we would like to wish him well for future Roman campaigns and marches. We would be very pleased to see him marching back to see us in L4 once again.



## Volleyball Report

On Thursday 27th of February pupils from Forms 3,4 and 5 participated in the Form 4 to 6 National Volleyball Festival, at the Lynch Sports Centre in Dundee. Eleven girls' teams from all

over Scotland participated. Upon our arrival we were split up into two pools which consisted of five or six teams. Throughout the morning we played very well and managed to qualify for the top pool in the afternoon. After a short break for lunch the games resumed. Although our performance was good our results in the afternoon were not as successful as we had hoped! We had a few very close matches, such as 16 - 17 and another one

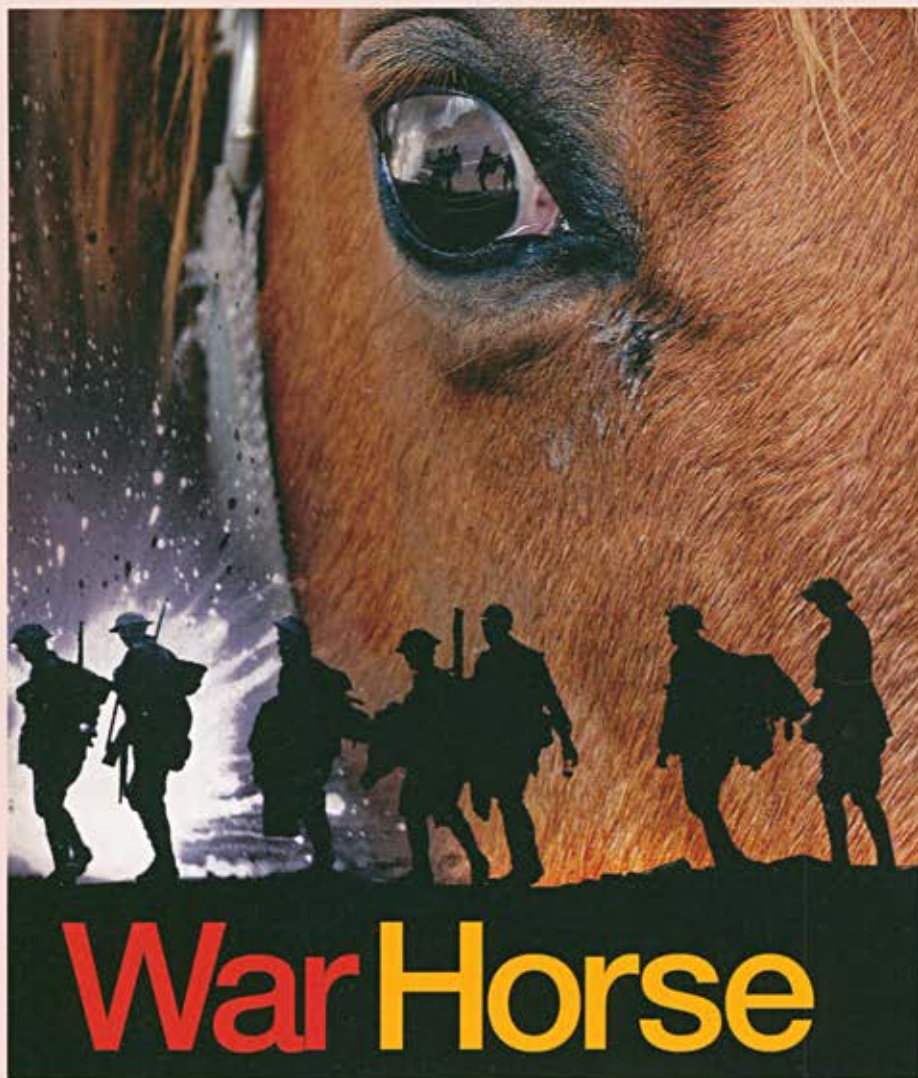
17-19. Despite this, overall we were very pleased with our result which was 6th out of 11. This was not bad considering that the majority of the players were much older than us. Nevertheless we felt this was a very good experience and hopefully we can learn from our mistakes and improve our performance next time.

Victoria Vitale

# Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics Champions

Rhys Paterson won a bronze medal in the boys over 16 200m final. He ran very well and held his place well to secure his medal. He has also produced two PB's.

Euan Rose won a silver medal in the 1500. His tactics were gutsy and he gave an impressive performance.



In February, 120 pupils and some of their teachers boarded the coach for Edinburgh after school, to go to see the National Theatre's acclaimed production of Warhorse, from the novel by Michael Morpurgo. The pupils were quickly engrossed in the moving story of Albert and his beloved horse Joey; a story which also packs a powerful anti-war message. The huge, puppet horses were quite astonishingly effective (to say nothing of the irascible goose!) and all those who attended this marvellous performance left with the sense that they had seen a truly wonderful piece of theatre.

Image by kind permission of the National Theatre.



# Maths

On Tuesday 4th February a team of four HSD pupils travelled to London to compete in the National Final of the Senior Team Maths Challenge, jointly organised by the UK Mathematics Trust and the Further Maths Support Programme. The pupils were Hannah Arnold and Jamie Mather from Form

6, and Josh McLaggan and Sophie Kelly from Form 5. They used their mathematical, communication and team working skills to solve a wide range of maths problems in a set time, and also showed their creativity skills in producing a poster on Ruled Surfaces, complete with an impressive model of a hyperboloid.

The competition from other schools from all over the UK was tough and our team did not manage to secure any prizes this time. However, they did very well to reach the final having won the regional heat previously, amongst the best mathematicians of their age in the country. Well done, and better luck next time!

## UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

The Intermediate Maths Challenge held in February saw Form 4 gain twenty-three certificates. A gold certificate and 'Best in School' was awarded to Scott Macandrew. Scott then went on to gain a Merit certificate in the follow-on Olympiad Round. Anushka Pathak, Kenny Matheson, Megan Ross, Grant Harley and Emma Duncan also received gold certificates. Anushka and Kenny qualified for the Pink Kangaroo Round where they both received certificates of participation. A further nine silver and eight bronze certificates were also awarded. F3 also did very well. There were six gold, thirteen silver and ten bronze certificates awarded.

Alex Smith, Elle Wyatt, Jill Fraser, James Cowie, Logan Thomson and Gregor Vagg all received gold certificates. Alex and Elle both qualified for the follow-on Pink Kangaroo Round which saw Alex gain a merit and Elle a participation certificate.

Finally, further congratulations must go to Scott and Alex who have been invited to attend Summer Schools following an excellent performance in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge from Scott and in the Intermediate Mathematical Pink Kangaroo Challenge from Alex. Scott has been invited to the National Mathematical Summer School at Woodhouse Grove School, Leeds in July and Alex to the Summer School for Girls at Balliol College, Oxford in August. Both Alex and Scott accepted the invitation. Well done.

# March

## Bronze Training Day in the Sidlaws



## Advanced Higher History Conference 2014

US Civil War 1861 - 1865

This year the History department was delighted to welcome two new faces to our annual Advanced Higher Conference; Dr David Silkenat of the University of Edinburgh and Dr Emma Hart from the University of St Andrews.

Dr Hart got proceedings underway with a fascinating lecture on 'Slavery and the Ante-Bellum South' which not only cemented the pupils' prior learning but also introduced several new ideas which linked nicely to the newly released '12 Years a Slave'. With many of the group preparing dissertations on slavery Dr Hart's contribution to the conference was invaluable. Dr Silkenat was up next with his engrossing lecture on 'Civil War Memory' which explored many different historical opinions of the war and Lincoln's leadership of the Union. Dr Silkenat, originally from New York, challenged the pupils to consider differing interpretations and left them with much to ponder.

Once again the annual conference proved to be an invaluable opportunity for our Advanced Higher pupils to hear from experts in their field of study and significantly helped with dissertation research. The History Department would like to thank Dr Silkenat and Dr Hart for giving up their time to share their expertise with us.

# Debbi Gliori visit



Debbi Gliori came to talk to us about her books. She has written lots of picture books and she really likes dragons. She drew us a dragon and we keep him in the library. He's a friendly dragon.

Emily Hough and Jadya Jalo L1



## Business Breakfast 2014

The Business Breakfast has become one of the main events in the school over the last few years. This year, it cemented its place as one of the most prestigious events in the school calendar.

The aim of the event is to encourage pupils to find out more about careers from businessmen and women. A F6 committee is in charge of the whole event and they have to deal with a spectrum of issues, from deciding whom to ask to be the guest speaker, to having to think about how many sausages to order for the rolls! It is an immense event management undertaking.

The committee was equal to this task and they managed to get everything arranged in good time so the event would run like clockwork. The pupils learnt that in event management they have to know what the plan for the event is and their part in it. Only by knowing this, can they be sure of a successful event.

The biggest coup this year was securing Ellis Watson, CEO of DC Thomson Publishing, to be the keynote speaker. Ellis provided a phenomenal motivational speech that had pupils talking about it for weeks after the event.

Overall, the event was a huge success and this year's committee have set a very high benchmark for next year's committee to reach.

## Hockey 8

An extremely windy day away to Robert Gordon's College saw some excellent performances from our younger players.

The girls 1st team played both Goldenacre 7s and The Glasgow High School 7s tournaments. A 3rd place group finish against some strong opposition at the Goldenacre 7s and a win, loss and draw in the group stages of the Glasgow High School 7s saw a decent showing. A solid win of 7.0 against Mary Erskine School for the 2nd XI was a definite highlight of the year and good way for many of our 6th form leavers to finish. There was also a fantastic tournament held at Kilgraston School where we entered development teams into the u11 and u13 girl's categories again with some excellent performances.

Of particular note were the Form 1 girls, who have had an excellent season all round, as a whole squad of thirty nine girls they have played in some excellent matches, gelled very well as A, B and C teams and show a huge amount of potential moving forward.

As the season comes to an end a huge vote of thanks has to go to the hard work and commitment of the Captain and vice-captain of the girls 1st XI. Both Alice Burnett and Catriona Wallace have done an outstanding job of leading their fellow players through a successful and enjoyable season. To you and the rest of the High School leavers, we hope that you continue to enjoy your hockey and always look back on your school hockey days with good memories.

The boys 1st XI team have all worked extremely hard this season. They have learned a lot in a very short period of time, really pulling together as a squad. It has been a very enjoyable season working with the boys, the commitment and enthusiasm they have donned the pitch with for every session has been commendable.

## Junior School L7 Netball Team

As the L7 netball team had won their Winter League, they were invited to play in the Dundee District Primary Schools Netball Association's Director's Trophy which took place on Saturday 15th March at Ward Road Gym. The morning was set up as two mini leagues and so the team played two games against Fintry and Downfield. They won both of these initial games and so qualified for the final to be played against St. Joseph's. As with every meeting between these two teams it was very tightly contested. Unfortunately once again St. Joseph's came out on top 5-3 but the girls kept fighting until the final whistle. The L7 girls were therefore second in the Director's Trophy. A great result!



Emily Baxter, Kara MacRitchie, Holly McComish, Fiona McKechnie, Eilean Mauritzen, Ailsa Millar and Rebecca Stewart are pictured above with their medals.

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## Hour of Code 2014

This year saw the 25th anniversary of the creation of the World Wide Web and to help celebrate, the UK hosted its first Hour of Code Event. This event, which is well established in the USA, was to enable children to develop an awareness and understanding of coding.

All classes from L3-L7 took part, using a range of PC and ipad activities. In our photograph, you can see an L4 class developing their own Flappy Bird game.





## L1 iPad collaboration lesson

We had our first iPad lesson and we made Sounds Books. L6R helped us and we had Melissa in our team. She was good and showed us how to do it.

Christopher Gordon and Lucie Grant L1

## Winter Skills training in the Cairngorms





Then it was time for Ciara and Rachel to set off for Oxford finals day and to sit for the first time in the other world-famous chamber, where two years previously senior staff had been privileged to be invited to watch our former debater Lauren Pringle chair a real grown-up debate as President of the Oxford Union. On this occasion the girls began with a win and a second, which then took them to a rather scary first Prop in the top room on **THBT Ukraine should seek closer political and economic ties with Russia rather than the EU**. This room was won from 2nd Prop by the eventual winners of the tournament, Cook and Collier from Dulwich, who, along with one of the boys in the 1st Opp team, constitute three quarters of Team England. It was very exciting to see the girls compete at such a high level, given their ages, and to receive feedback from one of Oxford's foremost debaters, who visited Dundee as part of Team England when we hosted the World Schools Debating Championship here in 2011.

## Debating

At the start of the month six junior speakers travelled to Edinburgh University to participate in the qualifying rounds of the International Competition for Young Debaters.

For several of these pupils it was their first tournament and the three rounds of short-prep debating, where they have just fifteen minutes to prepare their case, whetted their appetite for subsequent competitions.

This set them up nicely for the last major tournament of the season, which took place as usual over two days at the University of Durham, attended by teams from London and further afield and with five rounds, four of them with fifteen minutes' preparation time. They were unlucky not to break to the quarter finals but came home with Ciara thrilled to find herself in 17th place on tab out of 264, Rachel only 4 points behind, equally delighted to finish 22nd, and an overall team place of 30th out of 132, with the highest speaker marks of any Scottish team. The highlight of the tournament for both girls was clashing repeatedly with the leading British teams such as St Paul's Girls, Westminster and Dulwich - and beating some of them.

## Roman Technology Day

Building a card horse drawn Roman Chariot was great fun! It was a busy and very rewarding challenge for all the L4 classes at the end of the Roman History topic. Many cross-curricular skills were used to complete the 3D models which were proudly presented at the end of the day!





## L3 Visit to the RNLI

In March, the L3's went to visit the RNLI station at Broughty Ferry as part of their River Tay topic. They met with Scott Huggins, one of the mechanics, who initially showed the children a DVD which explained the different types of rescues that the RNLI can be involved in. The children found out that the RNLI even rescue animals! They then went downstairs to see the equipment that the volunteers use and saw all the suits hanging upside down by their boots



ready for the next shout. At the back of this room was a door to the ramp where they launch the inshore lifeboat from. Scott showed the children some of the equipment carried on this lifeboat. Oliver got the opportunity to try one of the suits on for size and all the children were given a pencil, activity book and sticker to take home. The year group kindly donated £160 to the RNLI to say thank you for this interesting and enjoyable visit.



## L4 Gardeners

L4 Gardeners have spent some time in the Junior School garden, weeding and sweeping, and a great deal of time in the dry and lighter classroom during the winter months, planting, identifying leaves and making bird-feeders to help our feathered friends.

The feedback from the birds was only positive! We know this because the feeders proved 'very popular' according to the children's reports of their feeders, which were taken to hang in their home gardens. The over-abundance of daffodils is to be dealt with next and we hope to produce some vegetables next year, having started with border plants and herbs this year. Thank you to all of the enthusiastic gardeners. If you want to know what trees we have in the playground, seek out a leaf-identification expert in L4!

Mrs Leburn

# Visit by Babcock International



## The High School of Dundee has become the first independent school in Scotland to implement an inspirational engineering programme.

The Primary Engineer Programme seeks to raise the profile of practical engineering by providing resources and engineers from industry to assist with the introduction of engineering within the classroom.

To mark the launch of the programme at the School, pupils in F1 and F2 were visited by six engineers and a number of directors from Babcock - the UK's leading engineering support services organisation - who came to engage with the pupils on various aspects of engineering.

The pupils listened to an address by Babcock's Engineering Director Alan Rodgers before learning about the relevance of STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - subjects and finding out about the many opportunities and career paths which engineering can open up.

The youngsters then had the chance to pick the brains of the visiting engineers in face to face interviews which they will write reports on for the Leaders Award. This is a separate strand of the Primary Engineer Programme which results in the award of certificates recognised by colleges, universities and employers. The authors of the six best reports will also be offered work experience placements with Babcock at Rosyth.

The Chief Executive and Founder of Primary Engineer, Susan Scurlock, was on hand for the day's proceedings.

She said, "Normally there would only be one or two engineers visiting a school so to have so many representatives here gave the pupils the chance to ask a diverse range of questions.

"It's always nice when the pupils take a real interest in what the engineers are talking about."

F1 pupil Emily Whitton said, "I found it really interesting. I was surprised by the range of jobs that engineers do and it has made me think about engineering."

Alan Rodgers of Babcock said, "Picking subjects is a crucial time for pupils as they begin to think about their future careers. It has been great to be here taking part in this engineering programme and discussing our personal experiences and the importance of STEM subjects in all engineering disciplines."

# L6 Botanic Garden visit



L6 visited the Botanic Gardens in St Andrews. After our 'Life in Water' topic in Science, we were excited to try a spot of pond dipping to find out which creatures live in the Garden's pond.

After our 'Rainforest' Geography topic, it was interesting to make a 'Rainforest in a Bottle' which demonstrated the water cycle in an old sweet tub! We also tasted food and drinks from the rainforest and learned more about that region of the world during our tour of the tropical glasshouse.

In the desert glasshouse, we tried some special honey which was made from the nectar of a desert plant.

All in all, we had a great time wandering through the hot greenhouses and learning a lot more about the rainforest and hot deserts.

By Rohan Tauro and Callum Todd (L6C)



## Junior School L6 Netball Team

On 13th March the L6 Netball team played in the Dundee District Primary Schools Netball Association's Miss Ward Trophy at Ward Road Gym. The girls played three matches on the night against St. Peter and Paul's, Craigiebarns and Mill of Mains and won them all. They had therefore qualified for the final. This was played on 20th March against Sidlaw View. The girls tried really hard during this match but Sidlaw View were unfortunately the stronger team on the night and the L6 girls lost the final 4-2. However, this was a great result as it was the first time that the girls had played together competitively as a team. Well done!



Blythe Brown, Annabel Dow, Hannah Forrester, Abbie Graham, Reave Kilcullen, Katie Macpherson and Ella Stanford are pictured above with their medals.



## L2 Trip to Discovery

Each year as part of our Famous People Topic L2 go on a visit to look around Discovery and to learn more about Captain Scott. Our pupils had a great opportunity to see where Captain Scott and his men worked, slept and ate and one lucky boy was allowed to sit on Captain Scott's seat. All the children remarked on how cold and cramped the conditions were for the men and they really were able to start to empathise with how the men would feel so far away from home in Antarctica. They also enjoyed trying on the clothes that Captain Scott wore compared to that of modern day explorers. After a lot of discussion it was decided that they preferred the bright colours and feel of the modern clothes instead of the scratchy, dull coloured material of 100 years ago. This was a great opportunity to make history come to life and the children really enjoyed their time down at Discovery.



# L7 Paris Trip



**Fifty-nine pupils travelled to Paris by coach with eight members of staff. Extracts from their diaries provide an insight into their experiences ....**

And, in the words of Ollie, "We all had a fantastic time. It was a great success!"

## **Monday/Tuesday: Overnight travel and arrival in France**

"As the tension started to build on our sunny half day, I trekked into school, feeling desperate to leave already, nervous but excited faces walked past me. Soon after I was back home doing my last minute packing and thinking about what lay ahead of me. When I arrived at school I registered and said my goodbyes. After I boarded the coach I jumped into my seat and before I knew it, we were off .... We journeyed through the Euro Tunnel with great excitement but sadly saw no fish! We reached France and travelled down to Paris." Archie

"The hotel was really nice and I loved my dorm. We went for some delicious dinner and after playing a game of Loto in French, we went off to bed." Kara

**Wednesday: Montmartre, Sacre Coeur, Arc de Triomphe, River Seine cruise, Paris by night**

"This morning we woke up at the crack of dawn (7.15am). We had breakfast and then jumped on the bus to go to Sacre Coeur. It is a magnificent piece of architecture." Fraser

"After viewing this stunning building we bought some souvenirs and went to Artists Square for our portraits. We then went to Arc de Triomphe and to its magnificent rooftop. As our evening activity we went on the coach and had an amazing experience of Paris by Night". Archie

## **Thursday: Eurodisney day and Eiffel Tower construction**

"When I woke up I had the best feeling in the world: it was Disney Day! After a quick briefing on safety, we set off to enjoy the rides and other attractions. Although, there were many enjoyable rides, my favourites were: Buzz Lightyear and Pirates of the Caribbean. Once the clock turned 5pm the parade of Disney characters began. It was great fun but we were very tired! Fortunately, we had some quick fun activities before we went to bed. It was a great day!" Ollie

**Friday: Eiffel Tower, Aquaboulevard, quiz evening**

"We set off for the Eiffel Tower and I wanted to go all the way to the top. When I got to the top, I wasn't disappointed. The views were sublime and I could see some of the landmarks. I thought of how pretty Paris looked. Next we had lunch and after that we all went to Aqua Boulevard! It was sensational. I tried out the rope swing, which was so much fun. Then I went on the flumes which were all brilliant." Reece

## **Saturday/Sunday: Depart Paris, Calais shopping and return travel to Dundee**

"I am sad that this is the last day of our trip." Jamie

"I was extremely disappointed when I had to leave." Cameron

"I really enjoyed myself in Paris and had a great time." Rami





## Poets' Visit to Form 3

**TJ Dema and Michael Pedersen Stanza Poets, and Zoe Venditozzi , novelist, visit HSD.**

On Friday, 7th March all S3 High School Dundee pupils enjoyed the visit of three published writers: the Botswana poet, T.J. Dema, the Scottish poet, Michael Pedersen and also the novelist, Zoe Venditozzi.

T.J. Dema is regarded as one of Botswana's most highly regarded and talented poets. Her poetry has a musicality and an experimental quality to it as it plays and weaves together combinations of words which surprise, tantalise and stun. Clearly, given her striking performance, to be a poet is a vocation. Following her rendition of her poems, T.J. Dema spoke of what poets meant in Botswanan society traditionally. Poets were given a high status, were usually male and were the custodians of tribal oral history. In fact, the only person who had the power to question or criticise the chief in the

past was the poet. Typically, poets represented the voice of the people and their common experiences enshrined in stories. As a female poet, T.J. Dema is reframing the traditional role of poet, sometimes her poetry is personal, at other times feminist, sometimes political but it is always memorable and rich. Thus, her growing international acclaim.

Michael Pedersen is an award winning poet, playwright for the National Theatre of Scotland and song writer for the band 'Jesus Baby'. He inspired the S3 audience with the tale of how he became interested in poetry when he was a pupil at Portobello School in Edinburgh and came across the work of the poet, Tom Buchan. Like Buchan, Pedersen was inspired to write about the world around him. Although he was to become a poet, before he did so Pedersen studied Law at Durham University, and travelled to Asia and the Far East. An entertaining poet and speaker, Pedersen relates well to the audience, using his humour and telling jokes at his own expense in a self-deprecating way to entertain everyone.

Both poets gave an inspiring performance of their poems. This was followed by a discussion of how they came to be poets, tips for inspiring writers and an opportunity for the S3 pupils to ask questions chaired by the superb novelist, Zoe Venditozzi. All in all, an excellent afternoon of poetry and culture!

Photo taken from: <http://www.samponiaway.org/literary-voices/2012/09/19/ovaria-slaughter-and-botswana-three-poems-by-tj-dema/>



## Mock Court Case Finals

In March, the L6/7 Young Speakers were invited to attend the finals of the Mock Court Case Project at Central Hall, Edinburgh.

The pupils watched as the six finalists from across Scotland competed to win the national title. Each of our pupils took part in a court artistry competition and were entertained throughout the day with performances from various school

choirs and soloists. Our four journalists for the project; Alex Laird, Sandy Robertson, Olivia Russell and Sarah Spalding were also presented with a journalism award for the Tayside region by Lady Smith.

# Music 6

March was a busy month for the Music Department, beginning with the Silver Leng Medal competition on 3rd. Alex Fish (L7) won the Junior School Silver Medal, whilst siblings Hannah (F2) and Ruairidh (F1) Cowieson won the Girls' and Boys' Senior School Silver Medals. On 9th, the Pipe Band won their section of the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships. On 14th, seven pupils gave a lunchtime recital at the Chaplaincy of Dundee University. A mix of vocal and instrumental repertoire was performed by pupils in F3-6. This was followed three days later by the Jazz Soirée in Trinity Hall. The venue had been re-arranged with seats around circular tables, resembling a cabaret, and the repertoire was designed to

match the relaxed mood, with some solo performances and contributions by brass and woodwind ensembles. A large amount of repertoire had been arranged especially for the occasion by Mr McAuley. The highlight of the evening was the singing of three jazz standards by Senior School pupils, expertly accompanied by the Big Band.

To conclude the term, the Spring Concert took place in the Caird Hall with over 380 pupil performing. This year there was no particular theme to the concert, leading to an extensive variety of repertoire. The Symphony Orchestra performed Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony, and Sinfonia played extracts from Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition". The Symphonic Band

performed a trio of 20th-century pieces, concluding the concert with Dizzy Gillespie's "A Night In Tunisia". The Girls' Choir sang three very contrasting lullabies, and the Boys' Choir sang two traditional South African items. At the more popular end of the musical spectrum, there were performances of a medley from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", Michael Bublé's "Home" and "NW5", a song from the Senior School show, "Our House" by Madness, to be performed later in the session. As in previous years, the concert was opened by a rousing performance by the Pipe Band.

# Spanish Exchange - Part 1!

Spanish students from St. George's arrived in Dundee on Friday the 14th of March 2014 at about 9pm. They all scurried off the coach in awe and excitement with the backdrop of the school pillars and our most impressive High School Buildings. I greeted my partner and decided to take him for dinner to somewhere very "Scottish" - Burger King! We chatted away getting to know each other. After dinner it was late so we went home, he unpacked and then we went to bed.

The next day, Saturday, we went to the hermitage at Dunkeld and then we went to Perth and did some "tourist" shopping, looking for tartan things and other Scottish memorabilia. We went to the cinema to watch Ride Along that evening. On Sunday we went to the Discovery and did some more shopping in Dundee. That evening we went to watch a very exciting game of ice hockey which finished with the CCS Stars winning the conference cup. It was a fabulous way to really show Fernando my partner the types of activities that are in offer in Scotland. On Monday the visitors went to Edinburgh to hunt for ghosts and then I took my partner curling with me and then to my scout group the days were flying by. On Tuesday we went to Stirling with the Spanish pupils and then to Olympia and finally went to see And Then They Were None by Agatha Christie which

was amazing. On Wednesday they went to school with us. They learned how to make Scottish shortbread, had a tour of McManus and then went to Mayfield to learn how to Scottish country dance in anticipation of the ceilidh! That night we all went to a Dundee United Match. Thursday they went to Pitlochry and then at night my exchange partner came to drama club with me after school and then we had the Ceilidh at David Lloyds. It was such a fabulous evening. The Spanish boys even wore kilts! On Friday they went to St Andrews and ate fish and chips at the famous Anstruther fish and chip shop.

Our partners left early on the Saturday morning. But it wasn't ¡Adios! It was ¡Hasta Pronto!, as we will be seeing them again during the 2nd leg of the exchange.

Glenn Davie F2



## Mathematics 3

### Team Challenge

On the 10th March Robert Connolly Brown F1, William Laird F1, Brian Lim F2 and Joe Carstairs F2, accompanied by Mr Middleton, represented the school in the Regional Final of the UKMT Team Challenge, held in the impressive Elphinstone Hall at the University of Aberdeen. In a very closely contested competition and after four rounds of rigorous problem solving, the team came fifth out of eighteen teams, which was a fantastic result as there was so little between the top five teams all day.

Pictured at the University of Aberdeen having a break from some serious Maths are Joe Carstairs, Brian Lim, Robert Connolly Brown and William Laird.

## L6 Chemistry

As part of our Life in Water topic L6 used the Transition Science Lab to investigate the detrimental effects of a more acidified ocean on the world's shellfish. This hands-on and informative session, with the support of Dr Taylor, involved using indicators to test for acidity and investigating how carbon dioxide makes water more acidic. We all enjoyed a colourful and enlightening afternoon dressed in our enormous safety glasses.

# April



## L1 Hot Cross Buns

We made Hot Cross Buns for Easter. We rolled them into balls and put a cross on top. My fingers were very sticky. We ate one in school and took three home.

Harry Groome and Evie Doyle L1

## L1 Easter Challenge Day

We made Easter bonnets. We put jewels, flowers, ribbons and other things on our bonnets to make them look pretty. In the afternoon we went on an Easter Bonnet parade. The other children loved our hats.

Ella and Matthew, L1



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# Spanish Exchange

In March the Spanish Exchange students were welcomed to the department to learn about Scottish baking where the pupils made shortbread biscuits. They were a very polite and co-operative group who spoke extremely good English. Even though the pupils do not have Home Economics as part of their curriculum they all coped very well and produced an excellent end result. The pupils were given a copy of the recipe to take home with them. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

## L6 Fairtrade Challenge Activity

In conjunction with Gillian Johnstone, as part of their 'Adventure Service Challenge' Club some L6 pupils completed a two week challenge. Pupils came to the department to make banana and chocolate muffins as part of Fairtrade Fortnight muffins, learning basic cookery skills and working with others to complete tasks. Pupils worked in pairs, following a recipe where they demonstrated an understanding of kitchen safety, learning new cookery terms and they had to do all the washing up!

The pupils learned about Fairtrade and were excited that the muffins they produced were to be sold in the Junior School Fairtrade tuckshop during Fairtrade fortnight.



## Fairtrade Fortnight L5 to F6

To introduce pupils to Fairtrade and celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight in February, all year groups had an important role to play. In class pupils designed and made banana and chocolate muffins to be sold on the Pillars along with other Fairtrade products. As part of the lesson pupils learnt what Fairtrade was, discussed ethical issues and explored the various Fairtrade products available. This also linked into the topic Citizenship which was being taught in F1PSE.

The Fairtrade Interval was a great success, all muffins sold out and pupils enjoyed selling the Fairtrade goodies very much.





# Dalguisse 2014

In April, L6 enjoyed an outdoor activity long weekend at Dalguisse.

Activities were a mix of old and new. Old favourites like the Giant Swing and Zip Wire brought squeals of excitement while the Abseil Tower and Sequoia Scramble provided challenge, even for those with a head for heights.

Fencing, canoeing, mountain biking and the forest walk also kept pupils busy.

Packed evening programmes as well as 'spare time' games and songs ensured that children were always entertained.

The Dalguisse weekend is a highlight of L6, providing children with fun and challenge in equal measure.



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## L4 Romans

As part of the topic 'Romans' being studied by L4, forty five pupils came across to the department to make pizza and to learn a little history of Italian Cooking. The L4 pupils worked cooperatively in pairs learning about food hygiene and gaining practical skills where they were able to following a recipe. Pupils appeared to thoroughly enjoy their experience and we hope would be encouraged to follow the recipe again at home.

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## L1 Easter Nests

L1 visited the Home Economics department as part of the L1 Easter Challenge Day. Thetwenty two pupils were involved in a project for the second time this session. They followed a simple recipe to produce little Easter nests, learning about cooperating with others, weighing and measuring, food hygiene and other cookery skills. The pupils were very excited to be in the department and appeared to enjoy their visit very much as we did.





# St George's Day

Mrs McLaren led a special assembly to celebrate St George's Day, ably assisted by a group of L1 pupils. The L1s re-enacted the legend of St George with a very convincing dragon and a very brave St George. Pictured here are the pupils who took part.

## Arkwright Scholarship 2014 - Zhenteng Shen 4WA1

Zhenteng has applied for the much sought after award this year and has completed an application form, an aptitude paper and most recently an interview.

Whilst we are still awaiting the outcome of this process we are hopeful that he will be successful as it would be a just reward not only for his efforts in applying, but for his hard work in general throughout the year.

This award is administered by the Arkwright Scholarships Trust which is a registered charity. The scholarship is seen by many as being the most prestigious award of its type in the UK. The aim of the award is to identify future leaders in engineering and design. This is achieved by awarding scholarships, through a rigorous selection process, to high calibre students in S4. The Scholarships support students through their Highers and encourage students to pursue careers in engineering and related areas of design. The Engineering Scholarships are sponsored by industrial companies, universities, charitable trusts, trade associations, professional engineering institutions, the Armed Services and personal donors.

We await the results of Zhenteng's interview with great anticipation, if any further information about this award is required it can be found at: <http://www.arkwright.org.uk/>

## Pupils Compete in Royal Society of Chemistry School Analyst Competition 27 April 2014

The competition is open to teams each made up of three 5th/6th year pupils and is designed to stimulate interest in analytical chemistry as an enjoyable and rewarding activity and also to give school pupils a brief glimpse of University life. The competitors work as a team to complete and report on a number of practical analytical chemistry experiments set up in one of the Robert Gordons University teaching laboratories. This year's experiments included analysing unknown tablets, checking the strength of vinegar and finding out if a water sample was contaminated. Unfortunately, the team (Daniel Davidson, Eilidh Lockhart and John Halford McGuff) did not win, but they found it good experience and an invaluable insight into analytical chemistry at university.





# Classics Department Italy Trip 2014

**There is something strange about arriving at the school gates at two thirty in the morning: a few late night revellers tottering along the streets and a group of forty-nine pupils and six staff with bleary eyes boarding a bus, waving bye to parents for a week of classical culture in Italy. Edinburgh, Stansted and then Napoli and the adventure had started.**

We came out into the mad traffic of Naples skirting the bay and Mount Vesuvius to reach Sorrento our base for the week.

The Hotel Il Faro, lived up to its name by standing just above the beach. Most folk had a balcony looking out over the glorious Mediterranean. And glorious it was, as the rain cleared the day we arrived and we had warm sunshine for the whole week.

Highlights of the week according to the pupils were reaching the summit of Mount Vesuvius, as high as Ben Nevis, gently fuming above sprawling Naples; a visit to the ancient city of Herculaneum preserved so well that even the furniture remains in some houses giving a clear sense of how Romans lived; Pompeii with its streets and shops and theatres and temples and most movingly, the plaster casts of the bodies of those who did not escape, preserved so well you can see the folds of clothing and the expression on the face. And most of all, the island of Capri, with its white painted houses and churches, gardens and flowers and little paths leading steeply in steps up so that one could look down on the harbour and the boats dotted on the azure sea.

And who could not mention Italian food, the teenager's dream - pasta, pizza and ice-cream!

On our last day we travelled the Amalfi coast and made pilgrimage to St Andrew's Cathedral, where perched on the altar was the skull of Scotland's patron saint, with his bones in a crypt beneath the church.

All too soon we had to return from the sunshine and warmth to our more pluvial climate! We had returned via Glasgow!

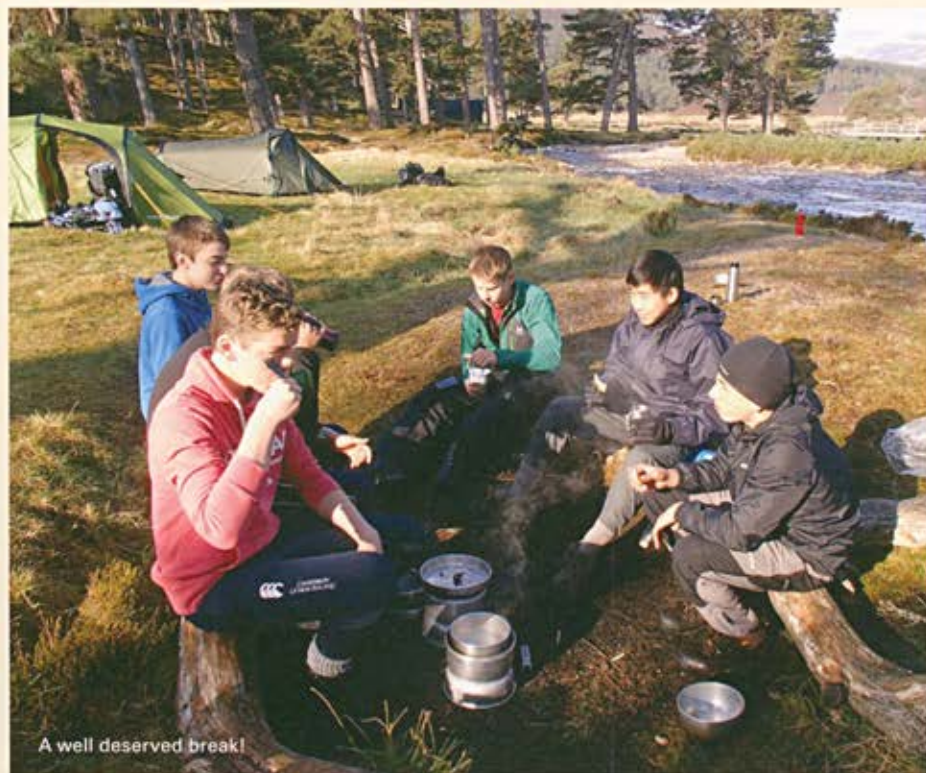


# Budding Form 1 Authors



Time did not hang heavy on the hands of two F1 pupils during the Easter holidays. Friends Mia Clark and Ailsa Macdonald set to work writing and illustrating a children's story on their iPads. The story of *The Catz of Strawberry Bank* was inspired by the adventures of Ailsa's own cat and it is just a pity that cats can't read, to enjoy the story and be impressed at what can be done with an iPad by a pair of imaginative Form 1 pupils!

## Duke of Edinburgh



A well deserved break!

## Music 7

Three musical events were squeezed into the small portion of April left after the Easter holiday. The Piping Competition was won by Jack Hamilton (F6) with his medley of a March, Strathspey and Reel. Guitar Day saw performances by a large number of pupils (there are over seventy pupils studying guitar at the school), as well as an evening recital involving a number of ensembles.

In addition, the Vocal Evening Recital celebrated the solo vocal skills of twenty five pupils, with the first half of the evening focussing on Italian arias, German Lieder and English song, and the second half branching into music theatre.



# HSD Stateside!

None of us was too happy to be woken up by our alarms at 2.30 am but the prospect of crossing the pond gave us all something to look forward to. Our flight departed at 8.05 and for six hours we caught up on sleep, read magazines and took advantage of the newly released movies on offer. Finally, after seven hours, we looked out of our windows and saw the outlines of New York skyscrapers. We had arrived. From Newark, we had to endure another four-hour bus journey to Washington D.C. Luckily, there was a stop at Gettysburg where we visited the battlefield and stood on the exact spot that Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address. From Gettysburg we travelled onto Washington D.C and to the Hotel Harrington, the oldest hotel in Washington.

On the Tuesday morning we woke up early as we had a busy day ahead of us. However we all appreciated the traditional American breakfast consisting of crispy bacon, French toast and bagels; this was the moment we realised that this trip would not be good for our waistlines. Throughout the day we visited congress, the Capitol building and various famous memorials such as The Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, National WW2 memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; all of which were relatable to the pupils courses in history this year. All of us were blown away by the sheer size of the memorials and the evident effort that was put in to making them. Here we also met our tour guide, Tom, who introduced us to the technique of following the umbrella

while we travelled in a group. This was then used frequently throughout our trip, especially by Mr Fyall. Later in the day, we had the opportunity to do some shopping, a lot of the girls received free bright pink umbrellas with their purchases...their usefulness was discovered later in the week when speed walking through the busy streets of New York. All we had to do to keep together was follow the pink umbrellas! By night time we were all quite tired after a full day of walking but we were all excited to go to the Hard Rock Café. It didn't disappoint and afterwards we all walked back to the memorials so we could see them all lit up - again they were an amazing sight to see.

The next day did not disappoint either. We assembled outside in our "teams" and walked with our guide, Tom, to the Metro. Once we all had our tickets we waited patiently for the train to come, however two of the participants on this trip; one pupil and one teacher seemed to find the hustle of getting onto these trains rather difficult. We would then depart to see the famous Pentagon. The name says it all; it is a building in the shape of a pentagon, which is used for USA's department of defence. Whilst there we visited the commemorative park that was constructed to remember the victims of the 9/11 attack, although emotive it was truly innovative and interesting. While learning about the memorial we discovered that the youngest victim would have been the same age as many 4th year pupils on the trip. At around 11am we made our way back to the centre of Washington and grabbed a light lunch at the

Reagan centre. After, we walked to the USA National Holocaust Memorial Museum. Here, there were various exhibits about the life of a Jewish person during the WW2 time period. The videos of survivors of the holocaust were saddening and difficult to watch, however their stories were inspiring; each of us received an identity card - it told the story of a Jewish person life throughout the holocaust and at the end we were able to see if they had survived or not. We came out of the museum feeling emotional, yet we appreciated how important it is to learn about such iniquities. Also, by this time we were all looking forward to the basketball game later on as most of us had never seen one live! The atmosphere as we walked into the Verizon centre was electric. Many of us bought Wizards merchandise and watched the game in a classic American style - with our snapbacks on and eating large buckets of popcorn. The game was fast paced and exciting and made even better by the fact that the Washington wizards, the home team and the side we were supporting, managed to win.

On our last day in Washington we took the metro once again to Arlington National Cemetery - the largest cemetery in America, holding over 400,000 graves. Here we saw the final resting place of John F Kennedy and Lincoln's wife and the sheer size of the cemetery was overwhelming, yet it made us realise how many American men and women have, starting from the civil war, sacrificed themselves for their country. It was a haunting experience in the cemetery as the mist surrounded



the hill of Arlington Cemetery. This haunting atmosphere continued at the impressive memorial to those who served at the battle for Iwo Jima during WW2, a battle which would prove crucial to allied victory over Japan during the war in the Pacific. Next we made our way to the White House where we took numerous group photos and plenty of selfies - unfortunately Obama wasn't there at the time to be included in our selfies. Then we made our way back to the hotel where we boarded a bus that would take us to the big apple - NYC. We were all glad to finally get a rest and most of us spent the bus journey sleeping. As we approached NYC, we were all in awe at the skyscraper skyline that we had only heard about before. A rush of excitement filled the bus. Arriving at our hotel, The Comfort Inn, on the corner of Times Square, everyone was in high spirits and raring to get out onto the streets of New York. This came sooner than we thought as we were told to drop off our bags and once again meet down in the lobby and assemble into our "teams". Here we set out through the hustle and bustle of NYC to get to Planet Hollywood, where we enjoyed the food as well as a little sing song during our meal.

Our first day in the big apple started off on Wall Street, where we met the charging bull. We then walked past Wall Street to reach the harbour where a Jamaican performer who entertained us with his spontaneous lyrics serenaded some of the pupils on the trip. Once through security we made our way to the ferry 'Miss

Jersey' which would take us past The Statue of Liberty and finally to Ellis Island. On the arrival to Ellis Island we visited the emigration museum and registration hall where we could learn about many emigrants experiences and the procedures they had to go through to gain access to the 'American dream'. After we walked around the museum we were transported back across by the ferry where we had plenty opportunities to photograph the spectacular Manhattan skyline and Brooklyn bridge in the distance. The next stop on our whirlwind tour of NYC was the 9/11 World Trade Centre Memorial. Walking around the memorial stood two enormous pools, which were once the north and south towers. A poignant feel immersed through the whole memorial, as the pupils read the names of all 2,977 victims. We then continued on to St. Pauls Chapel, which was amazing to see, as it was one of the main rescue bases that helped aid the 9/11 attack. After lunch we went on a bus tour through Manhattan and Brooklyn, seeing sights such as central Park, the famous "Friends" apartment and John Lennon's memorial site. We were all glad to have a rest from walking, as it had been a busy few days. However, the rest did not last very long; as soon as we got back to our hotel we headed to Bubba Gump's restaurant for dinner, where most of us tasted their well-renowned shrimp, which lived up to its reputation. Once we had finished our dinner we headed off to the Empire State Building. After a lengthy walk from Bubba Gump's and elevator ride, we reached the viewing point of the

empire state building. It was extremely windy and we were all blown off our feet trying to take pictures of the spectacular view that was New York's city lights. By the time we had made it back to our hotel we were all ready for a good nights sleep but unfortunately we had to pack for the journey home the next day.

It was our last day in New York and we started off with a walking tour. Our first stop was the Battalion 9 Fire Station - this Battalion aided in the aftermath of 9/11 and lost the highest percentage of any battalion fire fighters in the USA in doing this. Then we went on to see the Hershey store, Grand Central Station and the New York public library. We then made our way to Macy's department store by walking along 5th Avenue, which lived up to its reputation; designer shops were not in short supply. Once at Macy's we all grabbed some lunch and enjoyed some shopping in not only Macy's but also other surrounding shops such as Sephora and American Eagle. Around mid afternoon we made our way back to the hotel, to pick up our bags and then we were, sadly, off to the airport.

Looking back the trip was incredibly thought provoking but also very enjoyable. We wouldn't have done it any other way! We would like to thank all of "Team History" and our key locators, Mr Fyall, Miss Hegan, Mrs Craig, Mr Jack and Mr Campbell for enabling us to take part in a trip that none of us will ever forget!

By Alice Keddie and Nicholas Morran F6

# Piping Competition

The School's Combined Cadet Force band won the Junior A category in the second ever Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championship at Broughton High School in Edinburgh.

The talented musicians beat teams from schools from all over the country in order to take home the trophy and £500 in prize money.



# Top of the Bench Final

The High School of Dundee was crowned the top school in Scotland in a UK-wide Chemistry contest.

At the final of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench competition at Loughborough University, the team of Taskeen Bailwal (S4), Isabel Campbell (S3), Elle Wyatt (S3) and Caitlin Mitchell (S2) finished as the first Scottish school in an impressive fifth place overall.

The girls each completed an individual written paper followed by a team practical problem-solving exercise in the annual event which aims to test the knowledge and understanding of chemistry in 14-16 year olds.

They were up against teams from twenty-nine schools from across the UK who had earned their place in the final by winning their own regional heats.

The girls had further cause to celebrate as Elle Wyatt achieved the distinction of being the only pupil in the grand-final to achieve 100% for the written paper.



# Tennis

Two Form 2 pupils from Dundee High School represented Tayside over Easter in the national inter-district championships. Yesterday they were presented with their personalised team hoodies by the Tayside Team Coach. Well done Lewis and Susanna! (pictured here with Robin Nisbet)



# May



Four F1 pupils (Luke Wyatt, Sis Sripada, Hathsu Dissanake and Robert Connolly Brown) travelled down to Glasgow University to compete in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry, which is organised jointly by the Salters' Institute and the Royal Society of Chemistry. The four boys spent the day competing in practical chemical challenges in the University Chemistry labs and were then entertained by an explosive set of demonstrations from one of the University lecturers. The boys successfully used a variety of forensic techniques to identify a murderer and so came second in the Salters' Challenge.

The boys collected their prize from Professor Bob Hill, Head of Teaching in the Chemistry Department, and also won over £100 worth of molecular models for the school. Dr Taylor, who took the boys down to Glasgow, said "We have an excellent record when it comes to winning the Salters' Festival, having won in 2009, 2011 and 2013, so I was delighted to see the High School of Dundee winning yet again this year. We usually travel to Edinburgh to compete at Herriot Watt University, but decided to try Glasgow for a change this year. The boys all enjoyed the day and I'm really proud of them."

## English Department Public Speaking Competition

Throughout April and May the Young Speakers club focused on developing Public Speaking skills in preparation for the English Department Public Speaking Competition which ran for F1-3 this year. All pupils picked an angle for their speech inspired by the topics Heroes and Scotland the Brave. The high standard of all the speakers gave the judges, Mr Duncan Campbell and Mr Edmund Faulkes, a tough decision. Hannah Alijani F1 was the winner with Senga Barron, F1 and Callum Paterson, F2 placed joint runners up.

## Mathematics 4

### UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

On 1st May it was the turn of Form 1 and 2 to compete in the Junior Maths Challenge. A total of 66 certificates were awarded: 19 gold, 20 silver and 27 bronze. 'Best in School' was taken by Joe Carstairs F2. Having done so well, Joe also qualified for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad which was held on 12th June.

# Library - the year in pictures!



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## Fencing Club

This year a fencing club was started with six new members, Luke and Elle Wyatt, Robert Connolly Brown, Scott Sharpe, Euan Foulis and Alexander Ewing with members of the existing fencing team, Alexander Berg and Jonathan and Andrew Lang. We have been meeting on Mondays after school for a one hour session. The well-respected coach Alistair Miller has been helping us improve and evolve our skills in all three weapons, foil, sabre and épée. Meanwhile the official team has been competing in several competitions, coming second in the Secondary Schools Champions Fencing Competition under the captainship of Alexander Berg. We would like to thank Mr Brett and others for helping us get the club running and hope to see more people next year as new members will be very welcome.

Luke and Elle Wyatt, Robert Connolly Brown and Alexander Berg

## ADDVA Volleyball Report

Throughout the second half of the season, the HSD volleyball team has maintained their high standards. The results were promising; the first group won eight out of the ten sets, whilst the second group, also finishing well, won five out of eight.

This concluded with HSD winning four matches, three of which we drew and losing only one. These scores proudly made us overall champions of Division 2 in the Angus & Dundee District Volleyball Association League. Emma Duncan was awarded the Most Valuable Player in the League.

Moreover, the team was invited to play in the bottom half of Division 1 for the second half of the season. Thanks to the assistance of our coaches, Mrs Christie and Brian, we succeeded winning four out of five matches.

Unfortunately the Division 2 Cup Tournament was cancelled so we were not able to regain the shield we had won the previous year.

Viki Vitale, Taskeen Bailwal and Katie McLennan were selected to participate in the Angus & Dundee District Women's Team which played in the Scottish Women's Regional League. This was a unique experience for us and helped to improve and challenge our skills.



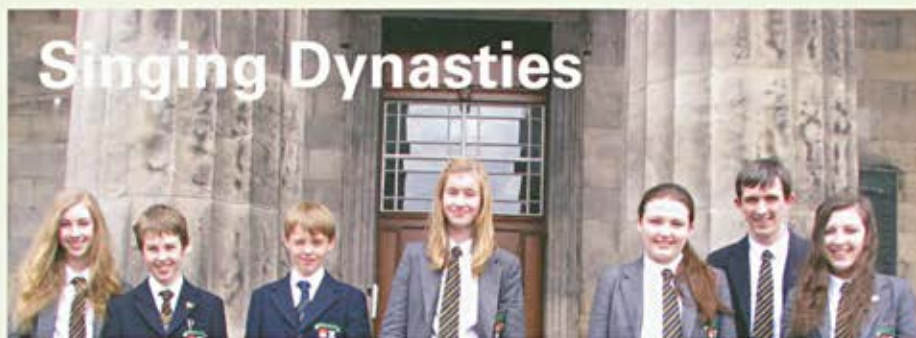
## Single wicket contest

Competing against fellow 1st XI team members Duncan Leese and last year's winner Marshall MacLeod, Chris Jollands (F6) smashed his way to victory, hitting a stunning six off the final delivery of the contest to win by two runs.

The competition sees participants take it in turns to score as many runs as possible before they are bowled out.



## Singing Dynasties



The staging of this year's Gold Leng Medal competition resulted in the discovery of a number of singing dynasties within the High School of Dundee: Lucie (F2) Sophie (F5) and Andrew (F6) Kelly have all been medal winners as were their mother Sheila and her great-grandfather. Medallists from this year, brother and sister Ruairidh (F1) and Hannah (F2) Cowieson, had the chance to join their mother Colette in gaining a gold medal.

In addition, Kirsty McRobbie (F2), who gained a medal in the silver contest in a previous year, comes from a long line of Leng Medal winners. Kirsty's mother also has a silver medal, her granddad is the proud owner of a gold medal, her great-grandmother is a silver medal winner and her aunt also has a silver medal to her name!

The photo also features silver medallist, Alex Fish (L7).



## L1 iPad collaboration lesson 2

We had our second iPad lesson and we made Fairy 'e' books. Fairy 'e' works her magic on lots of words. L6C helped us and I had Faheema in my team. She knew how to work the iPad and she was a good teacher.

Carla Crowhurst L1

## L1-3 'Fun Day



## L6 physics

L6 physicists were intrigued by an investigation into reflection with Dr Brown. Working in the dark was an interesting challenge! This experience also allowed us to use our skills, first learned in Maths, when measuring the angle of incidence and reflection. We then went on to make periscopes in class.

## Music 8

The Summer Ensembles Concert, "Music in May", took place in an overflowing Marryat Hall. Pupils from L4 to F3 performed repertoire for concert band, double-reed ensemble, clarinet ensemble and strings. There were a number of items for the unusual combination of brass and strings, but the performance by the L5 brought the house down for an evening of very promising music-making from our younger pupils.

## Golf

This year saw the return of Tuesday and Thursday golf for the 2nd and 3rd year pupils at Panmure Golf Club. Both groups were of mixed ability but all improved greatly over the six week block. Each session comprised of a one hour lesson and then time to practice their new found skills out on the course.

Once again this year also saw the return of the 36 Hole Competition at Strathmore Golf Club. The weather was kind to the twenty two boys that entered. The morning 18 was played in glorious sun shine with with some good scores being posted and Rhyan Fryer Form 5 was leading by 3 Stableford points at lunch. After a well earned rest and a huge downpour of rain it was time for the boys to play the second round of 18. Again the sun graced us with its presence and the boys attacked the challenging course. At 7pm all the boys were in and all were very tired. It was left to Mr Merry and Mr Jack to count up the final scores. This year saw a three way tie for the top. With the best afternoon scores being counted two boys were still joint top, this then needed the better inward half of the afternoon scores to be counted which split Nicholas Stirling (Form 3) and eventual winner Simon Burnett (Form 2)

apart. Well done to all the boys and in particular Simon for being able to hosted his golf together over the two rounds.

The Boase Medal for boys and the Recordon Salver for girls were held at Panmure Golf Club. It had recently held the Scottish Amateur Championships so the course was in immaculate condition with some extremely tough rough. Unfortunately no girls came forward this year for the event but in future we hope to have some of those that attend the 2nd and 3rd year games sessions taking part. The leading boys seemed to enjoy the challenging conditions and played extremely well with the winner Harry Ogilvie posting a very respectable 81. Well done to all the boys who entered a very challenging competition.

Finally the pupils challenged the staff to a match at Ballumbie, but once again the boys were unable to match the golfing power that the staff had on show that day.

# June

## Breakfast Club

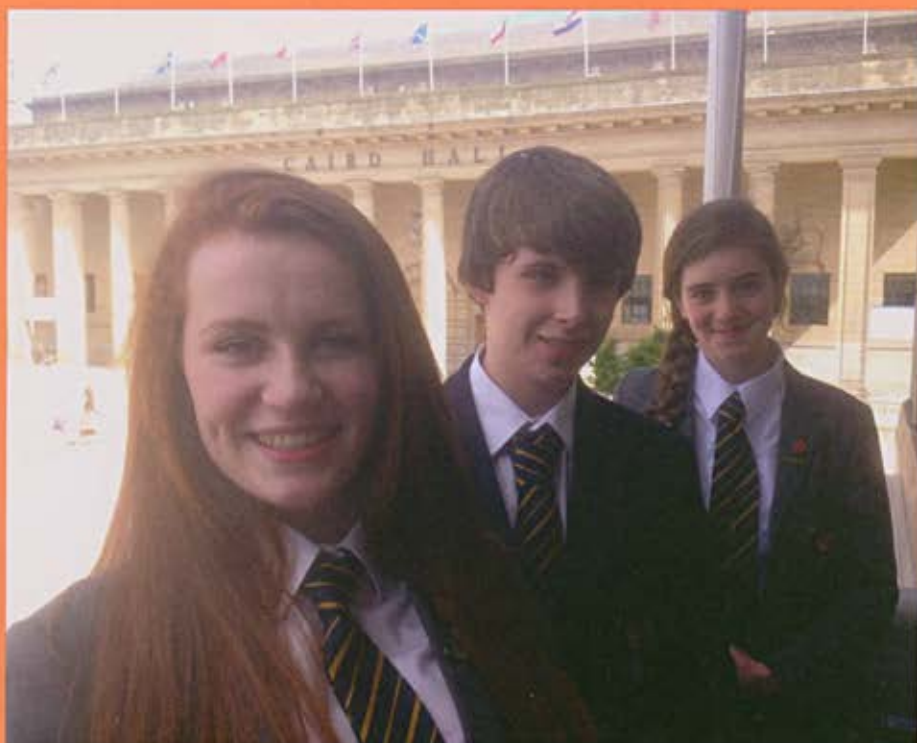
Sadly, this session saw the demise of the Breakfast club although it had continued to be popular and numbers attending had been good.

Credit must be given to Andrew Kelly and Chris Hughes for their unstinting support. This has been Chris' Service Section for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, but Andrew has been a loyal supporter of Breakfast Club since Form One. Their dedication and commitment has been exceptional. Thanks should also go to Mrs Spinks for organising rotas and staff and pupils who came along to help

The sale of Fruit juice ice lollies are a great money spinner providing the pupils with one of their "5 a day" for only 20p. This normally raises a sizeable sum of money so we are hoping for some warmer weather to boost sales.

Whilst raising money for charity is not the primary function of the Breakfast Club, it is a useful way of encouraging pupils to be more globally aware and that their efforts are not only benefitting the school community but the wider community too.

Many charities, both at home and abroad have benefited from the dedication of the Breakfast Club team. Hearing Dogs for the Deaf came along to collect their cheque in person and proved to be a great hit with all the dog lovers.



## Burgess Prize

Back in February, The City of Dundee Burgess Charity, established in 2011 by former Lord Provost, John Letford, organized the Burgess Short Story Competition for the first time this year, inviting creative writers from F3 pupils in school across Dundee to enter. Each story had to have some association with Dundee.

Out of nine prize winners, three of them were from the High School of Dundee: Verity Brown, Euan Scanlon and Alex Smith. Euan's story entitled "Ticking Over" was awarded a runner up prize and both Verity and Alex were book prize winners.

A civic reception and prize giving ceremony was held. A proud Mrs Macdonald, their English teacher, accompanied them to the City Chambers.

## Chess 2014

This year Chess Club has been attended by many people across the school, especially numerous younger pupils. Held every Tuesday, this club offers not only the chance of friendly matches - promoting social interaction - but also allows members to challenge themselves in formal matches through the internal Chess Tournaments we have: the Beckingham (all pupils), Intermediate (under 16s) and the Girls.



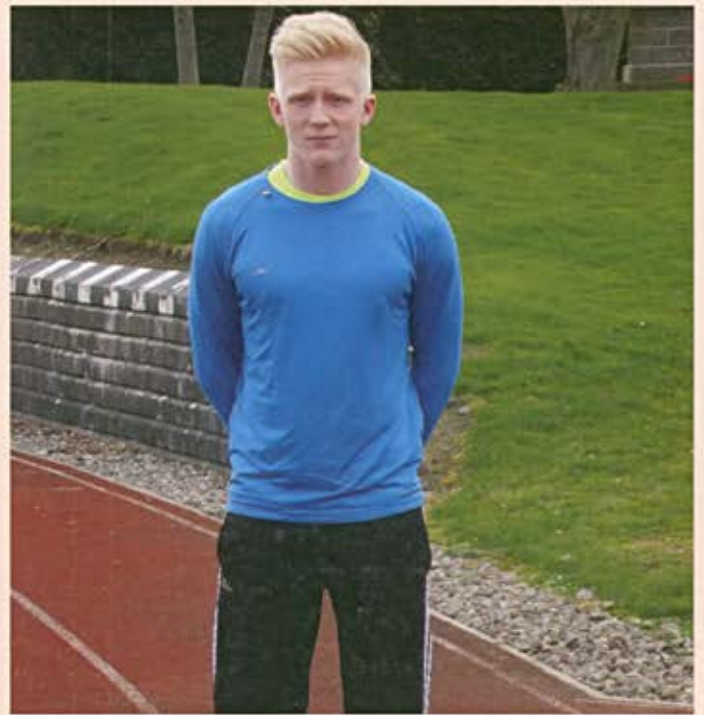
# Debating 9

Fresh from the delayed 2013 ESU Juniors Final, back in early October the Junior debaters had started our push for the 2014 trophy when Hannah George, Alex Smith, Sandy Neville, Callum Paterson, Amy Johnstone and Sophie Levin competed in the opening round, on introducing congestion charges in all Scottish cities.

Two teams progressed to the next round and debated abandoning China's one child policy. Hannah and Alex reached the third round, where we considered relying on nuclear power for our energy needs, and then won their semi-final debating the withdrawal of the UK from the EU. After four successful rounds, we were devastated to learn that the final clashed with Alex's German exchange trip but fortunately Steven Roy was still eligible for Juniors and stepped in. He and Hannah gave highly engaging and moving presentations opposing the introduction of a tax on fatty food, but on this occasion, on yet another close and split decision, the victors were Mearns Castle High School. The evening was however rounded off in style when Mark McDonald MSP, who had chaired the debate, very kindly took all the young competitors down to the Parliament Chamber so they could practise sitting in the First Minister's chair and take photographs.

Two days later Mrs McGrath once again sat on the panel for the final of the Law Society competition, which is held in the Parliament Chamber, and at the end of the week she and Mrs Ovenstone-Jones and Ciara were invited to Robert Gordon's College for an enjoyable afternoon of socialising and fun debating to mark the retirement of the RGC coach.

At the start of August Mrs McGrath sets off to Thailand, once again as the manager of Team Scotland, accompanying them to compete in the World Schools Debating Championships in Bangkok. Looking ahead, she will shortly be inviting applications from all over the country for the following team, who will participate in the World Championships in Singapore in July 2015. She and Mrs Ovenstone-Jones are always keen to attract new members to debating and everyone will be most welcome.



## Commonwealth Games - The Queen's Baton Relay

Rhys Paterson (Form 5) was selected to carry the Queen's baton, when it travelled through Dundee on 27th June.

## F2 Enterprise Group - Achievers International

This was the inaugural year for F2 Enterprise and it was decided to try to set up an import/export company through Achievers International, a company that links schools in the UK with schools abroad, thus enabling them to trade with each other. Indeed, the Acting Head of Department was involved in the trial of Achievers International 22 years ago while in S2 and had many happy memories of this enterprise venture.

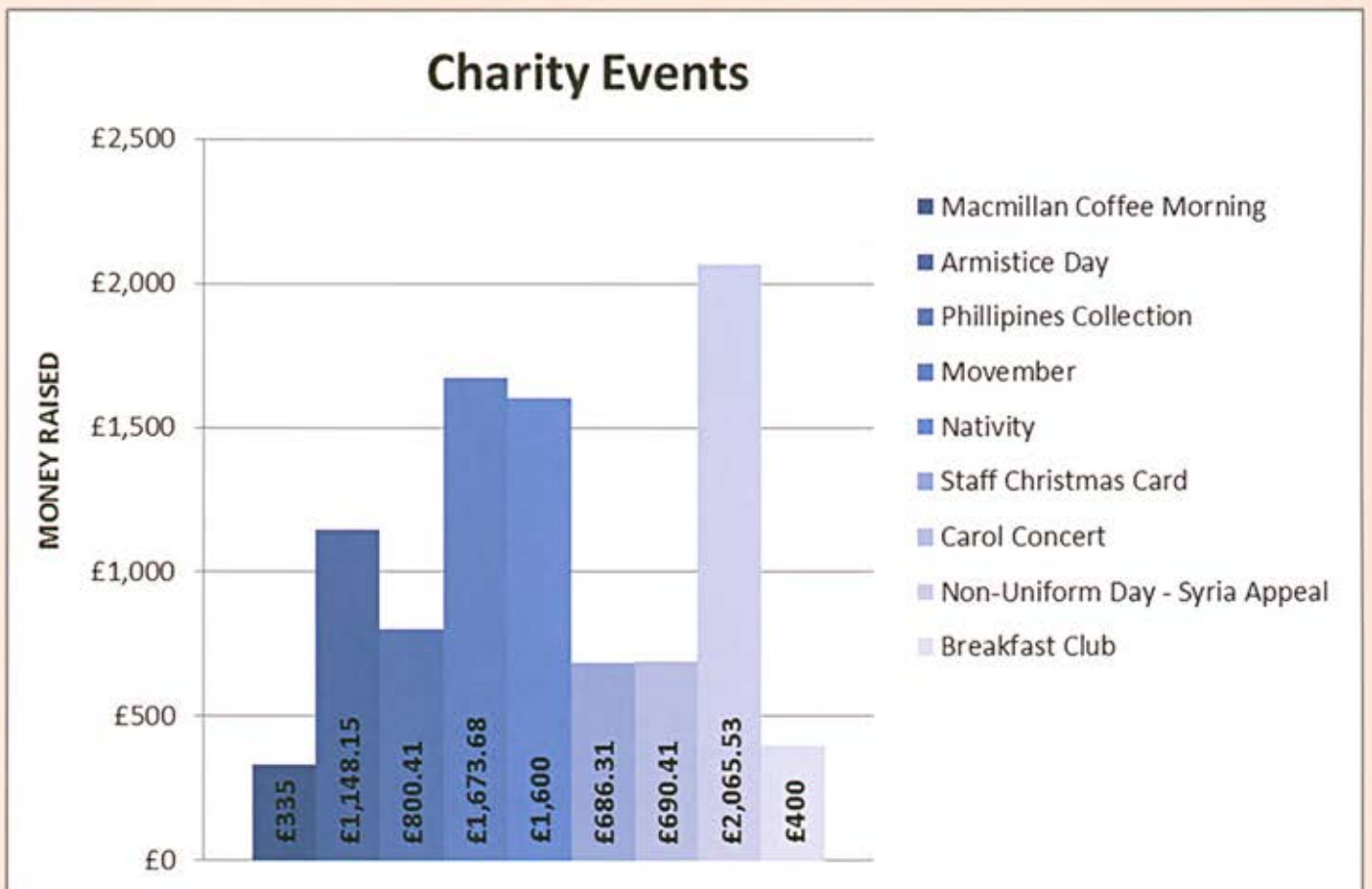
Initially, the group were linked with a school in Taiwan. However, time difference and more importantly, the cost of shipping caused many problems and, as a result, the group were instead linked to a school in Spain. Communication with this school was a lot better and the pupils were regularly communicating in Spanish while the Spanish would communicate with us in English. However, once more the realities of international trade bit and the Spanish School has struggled to come up with a viable product.

Despite these setbacks, the group was keen to push on and develop their product of handmade wooden key fobs with the saltire painted on them for the Commonwealth Games. They have managed to source all the resources to make this product at no cost. Once they have sold the key fobs, they will give the proceeds to Maggie's in Dundee. The pupils have learnt much from their experience of international business and have impressed with their maturity, initiative and enterprise. They intend to continue trading, hopefully with Spain, next session.

# Charities Review 2014

We began another successful year with Macmillan coffee morning. For Remembrance Day, pupils helped with poppy selling, and doughnuts and hot chocolate after the Armistice parade.

Following the Philippines disaster the school raised £800 to provide aid to those affected by the storm. A number of staff were sponsored as part of Movember again this year and at Christmas time the Nativity, staff Christmas Card, Christmas Fair and the Carol Concert raised money for various charities such as the Dundee Food Bank. In March our non-uniform day raised money for the Syria winter appeal - a fantastic total of £2065. We also say 'Goodbye' to the Breakfast Club & 'Thank you' to the many who have helped it (pupils and staff) raise over £5000 over the years, especially Gill Madden and Lesley Ross, without whom none of the money which has gone to a variety of local and international charities would have been raised. To top off the year, over £1500 was raised for The Little Princess Trust by some head shaving, (Callum Strachan and Owen Fitzpatrick F6) hair cutting (Shona MacTavish F1 and Jane Broom, Chemistry) and Sparkle Day. The Enterprise groups have been fantastic with L6, F5 & F6 raising £2326 for charity. Interact have also outperformed again this year with a total of £2800 for their chosen charities - SCAA based here in Tayside and Mary's Meals.



# Deutschland Exchange 2014

The rich tradition of pupil exchange with Germany continued this year with our very recent visit to the Christophorusschule in Oberurff in Land Hessen. A group of twelve pupils from Form 3, accompanied by Mrs. Mackenzie and Mr. Nolan, stayed with their German host families from 01 - 10 June in several little villages near the school. The rural setting gave the pupils the opportunity to immerse themselves in an authentic German milieu.



A packed programme, arranged by our German colleagues, included the following visits and activities:

- Full day excursion to a centre for native wild animals (wolves, wild boar, deer, vultures and owls) including a new Tree Top Walk
- Visit to Schloss Waldeck, one of Germany's most historic castles
- Time spent with German partner in school lessons
- Full day excursion to Frankfurt including a guided tour of an exhibition of contemporary African art, sculpture and film, an ascent (in 54 seconds!) of Frankfurt's highest tower, and lots of shopping
- Full day excursion to the historic university town of Marburg with boating on the river Lahn
- Lots of free time to be with their German partner and family

Best of all, here are some of our pupils' own observations :

Am 5 Juni sind wir mit dem Bus nach Marburg gefahren. Wir sind mit dem Tretboot auf der Lahn gefahren. Das war super! (Simon Allen)

Am 07 Juni bin ich mit der Familie nach Berlin gefahren. Ich habe den Reichstag und das Brandenburger Tor gesehen. Toll! (Stefan Baldacchino)

Am Samstag bin ich im Freibad schwimmen gegangen. Tagestemperatur 34 Grad! (James Cowie)

Ein Journalist hat uns am Stachellachersee interviewt. Drei Tage später war mein Foto in der Zeitung! (Sophie Davidson)

Ich habe am See Federball und Volleyball gespielt. Das war toll! (Caitlin Mann)

Am 5 Juni haben wir ein Museum für moderne afrikanische Kunst besichtigt. Wir sind auch den Maintower hinaufgegangen, wo es einen tollen Blick gab. (Alex Smith)

Am See sind wir schwimmengegangen. Da waren auch andere Schulfreunde mit ihren Partnern da. Das hat viel Spaß gemacht. (Gregor Vagg)

We look forward to meeting our new German friends again when they come to Scotland in September for the return visit.

John P. Nolan



## Mathematics 5

### Scottish Mathematical Challenge

Once again a large number of pupils entered the Scottish Mathematical Challenge. This competition, which has been running since 1976, is a problem solving competition which is open to all pupils in Form 1 to Form 6. The following pupils did exceptionally well and were invited to the Award Day at Stirling University on 4th June.

### Junior Division

Gold: Genevieve Christie F1, Sid Sripada F1, Rebecca Humble F1, Lucie Kelly F2, Brian Lim F2, Aleksandra Jovanovic F2, Lorna McKechnie F2

Silver: Luke Wyatt F1, Sophie Levin F1

### Middle Division

Silver: Ivan Kapelyukh F3, Filip Jovanovic F4

### Senior Division

Gold: Hannah Arnold F6

A further eight bronze certificates were also awarded.

Well done to everyone who took part.



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## F6 Enterprise - Enter the Dragons

The F6 Enterprise group has had an exceptional year. In late September, the members were handed a fastball: they were asked to enter the Dragons Glen Competition run by Children 1st.

The group had three weeks - which meant three hours, as the group only met once a week at lunch break - to come up with a business idea that could viably generate £5,000 profit. What is more, in order to gain £500 start-up capital they would have to pitch to a group of Dragons.

The Dragons were a group of nationally and internationally renowned businessmen; Tony Banks, Andy Lothian, Chris Van Der Kuyl and Ellis Watson. In addition, just to add to the pressure, the Enterprise Group was competing against local businesses, not other schools.

The team came up with the idea to sell High School of Dundee and Children 1st branded water bottles, which would have a different coloured cap to represent each house. Finn Harrod, the CEO, and Sadik Chowdhury, the Finance Director, pitched to the Dragons with a confidence and enthusiasm that belied their relative youth. As a result, their pitch won over Tony Banks, owner of the Balhousie Care Group, and Ellis Watson, CEO of DC Thomson Publishing, who would not only provide the capital but also mentoring.

After the euphoria of winning backing, it was down to the hard graft of selling water bottles and there was no shortage of straight-talking advice and inspirational motivation from Tony and Ellis. To help sales along, Ellis also provided an iPad Air as a prize, which captured the imagination and money of not only pupils in the school but also FPs and parents.

The water bottles sold like hotcakes and the pupils managed to raise over £1,700 in revenue. This was no mean feat, given that they also had to study for exams. Finally, the crowning glory for the team was to have their efforts rewarded at the competition awards ceremony in April, where they were given a special commendation for their efforts.

The pupils will look back on their participation in the competition with immense pride. It has been a whirlwind of a year and they cannot thank Ellis and Tony along with the school community enough for their help and support. It has genuinely been an experience of a lifetime and will be one of the best learning experiences they have had during their time at the High School.



Photo: Taskeen Bailwal, Victoria Vitale, Lynne Beattie, Annie Caldwell & Emma Duncan

## More Volleyball News - June 2014

The 4th year girls participated in the Volley-All Festival which was a 4v4 outdoor tournament held at Bells Sports Centre in Perth on Friday 6th June 2014. The girls won their tournament and Emma Duncan was awarded the MVP. The girls then got the chance to watch part of the European Championships Small Countries Division Pool A Tournament which was being played indoors over the weekend. They watched part of the Cyprus v Malta match. This was an ideal opportunity to see a live international match and to find out what the Courtside Assistant's role was as some of the girls were to be Courtside Assistants at other international matches over the weekend. The girls also met and got their photograph taken with Lynne Beattie who was the captain of the GB team at the 2012 Olympics.



## L3 Trip to Edinburgh Zoo

On Wednesday 18th June L3 went to Edinburgh Zoo. We went by bus and it was an hour and a half journey. First we went to the Education Centre and we had a competition between the monkey team and the lion team. There were objects from animals hidden around the room so we all looked under our chairs to find an object. Each child who had an item had to stand up and ask each team which animal on the interactive whiteboard they thought it was from. Next we had a wander around the zoo and had our snack on the grass. Then we had a playtime in a park that looked like a pirate ship. After that we went to see the pandas. One was asleep and the other was eating bamboo. After that we had our lunch. Then we went to the rhino enclosure. The rhino was having a bath! Then we saw squirrel monkeys, the big cats and the koalas. Finally we saw the penguin parade but only two penguins came out to do the parade. It was a very hot and tiring day but really fun!

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## Hadrian's Wall visit

If there were any ghosts at Birdoswald Roman Fort on Hadrian's Wall, we were too tired to be disturbed by them.

Our overnight accommodation for this year's Hadrian's Wall trip was an old farm house built inside the walls of the old Roman fort, run by English Heritage as a very fine hostel for school pupils. In the garden and the field beside the house were the remains of gatehouse, and granary and drill hall of the ancient fortress and a short walk along Hadrian's Wall itself led steeply down to the river where there were the remains of the bridge that carried the wall over the water.

Third year Classics pupils were on a two day exploration of Hadrian's Wall that started on the Roman road, the Stanegate and Vindolanda fort near Haltwhistle. One of the archaeologists explained the excavations that were currently going on and we admired the bath houses and the ruins and the museum with its fabulous collection of Roman shoes, and wooden artefacts, which had been preserved in the peaty soil.

Then came a steep climb up to Housesteads fort on Hadrian's Wall itself with the stunning views north from the cliff top of the Whin Sill.

On Saturday we explored a milecastle on the wall, to see how archaeologists can deduce what the original buildings might look like from evidence in the foundations. A visit to a Mithraeum, a temple of the Persian God Mithras, a god popular with Roman soldiers, followed.

Finally we travelled into Newcastle, to visit the "old castles" of Arbeia and Segedunum, the Roman forts at the end of the wall and the mouth of the Tyne. (The new castle was built by William the Conqueror). At both these forts splendid reconstructions had been made of military buildings; barrack blocks for ordinary soldiers, the not much better centurion's house, and then the commanding officer's house, which was very splendid with its frescoed walls. Also rebuilt was the impressive gate house of the fort from which we could look out on South Shields below.

At last it was time for the long drive north on the old Roman road to Edinburgh and the Roman supply base of Bertha (Perth) to get back to the school gates by the late evening.



# Junior School Construction Club



A lot of inventive activity has been going on at the Junior School Construction Club this session. L5 pupils taking part have had opportunities to build and construct models mainly using LEGO and K'NEX kits. Following plans has meant concentration and focus as well as discussion and helpful cooperation between partners. Pupils have been delighted with their finished models - often keen to show them to others. We have had a range of K'NEX models from a cat, a lorry and a shark to marvellous bridges, a clever, complex fairground ride and a very impressive helicopter. Free play with LEGO has delivered opportunities for creativity and has also produced some fun and imaginative models. The Construction Club provided an eye-catching corridor display for the Open Morning in November. Causing particular interest was a large, bright model clock with colourful cogs and other interesting parts. At the end of their block each group has had the chance to work with small electronics kits and these have proved both popular and fun. It's certainly been a busy and creative time at the Junior School Construction Club.

Miss M. Cardno



# Cadets' Summer Camp 2014

## Yo ho ho! Land-lubbers beware on L4 Pirate Day.

Not only did the motley crew tackle different information handling tasks in Piratical Maths but they also designed and sailed some magnificent ships across the 'Atlantic Ocean' westwards! A few of these crafts unfortunately capsized though thankfully most made a speedy journey across The Main to a safe port.

# St Andrews Ambulance Association Cadets

## (L7 First Aid)

Although there is always lots of fun to be had when practising bandaging or putting a friend into the recovery position at the First Aid group, it is never far from the minds of the cadets that the next time these skills are used could be in a real life-threatening situation. This has happened and previous members of the group have returned to talk to us about their experiences when helping Granny when she was choking or whilst assisting someone who had fainted in the shopping centre or at the Armistice Parade. So during our sessions once the various skills are learned they are honed in scenarios in which the injuries or incidents could easily occur. Creating these scenes is where the children show just how imagination and humour can help in this important learning experience!

As the remit for this Cadet Course is set by 'The St Andrews Ambulance Association' it not only follows the most recent guidelines, but it also relies on their representatives to advise and assess the group. For many years Christine Gill has offered her stalwart support and her help has been greatly valued; even when retired from her school post she has returned regularly to give further assistance. More recently Willie Nichol has helped assess too. Both experts have proved to be hard task-masters! However it has been very rewarding to see the commitment and effort the children make to reach the high standards required. For the length of time this co-curricular group has run not one of cadets has failed to pass the test!

Now the course has finished and latest recruits leave the Junior School with the expertise to deal with many minor injuries as well as some life threatening emergencies. These range from fainting, nose bleeds and choking, to burns, scalds, broken bones, heart-attacks and strokes. Most importantly the children have gained confidence to think for themselves and to look out for others. They are taught to be alert as incidents happen quickly and unexpectedly.

During the sessions the emphasis at all times has been to think first, to remain calm and keep themselves safe. Developing the mind-set not to panic when faced with sudden or alarming situations will stand the children in good stead in the future - wherever that may take them.

Mrs. Halliwell & Miss. Cardno



## L4 Visit Glamis

This end of year visit to Glamis village and then Glamis Castle was eagerly awaited by the L4s. Although the castle enthralled them with its history and intriguing ghost stories the second half of the day is just as much fun. Enjoying the summer weather, a picnic with friends and then experiencing the beauty of the castle grounds and the nature trail rounded the day off very nicely. It was amazing to see that almost everyone was a winner at 'Pooh Sticks' as the water was high and running fast! A super day was had by all.

## Innovative ideas aplenty at enterprise events



**Pupils at the High School of Dundee have combined creativity with business acumen in impressive fashion.**

Pupils in F1 and F3 demonstrated their initiative in Enterprise Days in which they had to work in teams to come up with a brand-new business idea, put together a promotional presentation and then pitch it to a panel of 'dragons'.

After brainstorming and conducting market research, the young entrepreneurs in F1 came up with a range of innovative products including cooling sports bands, healthy sweets and a 4-door performance car.

Meanwhile, the business savvy pupils in F3, who, with a restricted budget of £80 had to account for their costs, pitched concepts including a study app, a pencil case that doubled as an iPad stand, and a recycled bag containing all you need to make a fresh, healthy meal.

In the F1 contest, the dragons adjudged team Oblivion's glow-in-the-dark book the winner. In the F3 event, after much deliberation by the judging panel (which included Stas Rumjancev, the Managing Director of Get Hyped Media and Sarah Morgan of Nano-Lit Technologies), the easy-to-use card making kit for children by team Stomp Stomp Cards was declared the winner.

Head of Business Education at the School, Neil Higgins, said, "Across both Enterprise Days the pupils have worked hard and been so creative. Getting the whole school engaged with business is what these events are all about.

"They did really well to put their concepts together in a short space of time and then pitch confidently to the dragons and fellow pupils to make them want to buy the product."

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## F2 Hockey Report 2014

This year the Form 2 A and B hockey teams have worked hard and been enthusiastic about their hockey. The B team settled into a good rhythm early on in the season, winning half of the eight games they played and drawing one game. Their best result over the season was a fantastic 5-0 win. The B team have a great team spirit and they never give up believing that they can win, right up until the end whistle is blown. They work well as a team and should be proud of their results and their improvement during the season.

The A team took a bit longer to establish a good team dynamic and get into their stride. They played fourteen games, winning and drawing four games throughout the season. The A team were disappointed in the results as in many of the games the team played really well and the manner in which they continued to try and turn round some difficult games was great to see. There were some noticeable wins especially towards the end of the season with a 7-0 win which was a huge boost to the girls, showing that we do have the potential to win games.

Overall during this season both teams have improved significantly and have the determination and fighting spirit to win games. We really hope that we can build on the wins from this year to make next year more successful.

**Rachael Flack F2**



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## L4 Visit to Home Economics

In June, L4 visited the Home Economics to make a batch of "Pieces of Eight" Pirate Biscuits.

They were ably assisted in the galley by Capt' Ross and Capt' Madden and much fun was had by all. During the final tasting the biscuits were deemed to be delicious!

Emily Baxter, Joanna Johnston, Kara MacRitchie, Fiona McKechnie, Eilean Mauritzen, Ailsa Millar, Rebecca Stewart and Lauren Tyson are pictured below with the trophy and their medals.



## Junior School L7 Netball Team

Between April and June 2014, the Junior School L7 Netball team played in the Dundee District Primary Schools' Netball Association Summer League. They played three matches at Ward Road Gym after school on a Thursday against Craigeiebarns, Longhaugh and Forthill. The team played extremely well and won all their matches in their league which meant they qualified for the final which was played on 12th June at Ward Road against Fintry. The girls fought really hard and were 3-0 up at half time. Fintry started to come back in the second half and at one point the score was 3-2. However, the girls remained strong and came out on top with the final score being 6-2.

Well done girls!  
A great end to a successful season!



## L4 Table Tennis Club

Review Report - 2014

It has been another busy session for the L4 table tennis groups. More than thirty-five pupils took part in the four sessions during the year and were very ably helped and encouraged by a willing set of L7 pupil volunteers. Their assistance has been appreciated. Margaret Harris Hall provided us with a suitable venue and a lot of fun and enthusiastic play has been seen around the five green tables. L4 pupils have been working on an effective bat grip, eye/ball coordination, positioning, target practice (for points), forehand and backhand shots and also the serve. There have been some exciting rallies and some fabulous play.



Good concentration has been shown as well as helpful cooperation between players. Much emphasis has been placed on sportsmanlike behaviour with pupils shaking hands at the net following matches and remembering to thank the umpire. The tournaments played at the end of each block have produced some exciting action between players and all pupils received a certificate for participation. It has been another very enjoyable year with the L4 Table Tennis Club.

Miss M. Cardno and Mrs P. Halliwell

## Junior School Talent Show 2014

A jam-packed and enthusiastic audience had an entertaining afternoon in Trinity on June 13th, where a range of acts performed in the final of our bi-annual talent show. The show, ably hosted by Emily Baxter and Ollie Campbell, was a hard fought contest. With acts ranging from pipers and singers to magicians and dancers, the judges had a very difficult job on their hands. But after careful deliberation, they made their decision. The winner from the L1- 3 category was Nathan Ogsten who had put together a very skilful magic act and the L4-5 category was won by L5 girls Elizabeth Lang, Colette Wiewiorka, Jenny Bonnyman, Lizzy Inman and Fiona Sharp, who sang and performed a clever 'cup' routine. The final winner, from L7, was Alex Fish, singing 'Popular' from the stage show 'Wicked'. The total money raised was £350 and the Junior School Council will be responsible for choosing a suitable charity to donate the money to.



## The simple life of Mr Sterling

As the last customer leaves the shop, Mr Sterling breathes out a sigh of relief. With a shaking hand he lets himself out of the counter. Stepping slowly, he reaches the door and turns the sign to close. Outside you can see his face, worn out by the long hours. Wrinkles form deep lines and crevices in his face which sprout stubble like salt and pepper. As he walks he winces as he turns on his bad leg. Muttering to himself in a low and gruff voice, he begins to check the shelves. Grey eyes search the shelves meticulously only to be interrupted as a tuft of snow white hair falls onto his forehead. Brushing away his scruffy hair with bony fingers, he reveals a wrinkled hand uneven with bumps and lines from faded blue veins.

Sweeping the pavement, Mr Sterling peers up into the sky and makes an annoyed expression at how dark it is. Growling to himself, he walks inside with a slow gait. His limp is very apparent and he uses the shelves to support his unhealed leg. Removing his dark green overall you can see his frail frame like that of a branch with bumps all over from twigs that were once there. He struggles to pull on his coat which hangs on to him more like a cloak. He steps outside of his shop and gives a proud smile. Fumbling the key into the lock with his long bony hands, he walks down the road ready for another day.

Jonathan Lang L7W Winner of Old Girls' Prize for Creative Writing in L7.

## Junior School Poetry Competition

The final of the 2014 Junior School Poetry Competition was held on the evening of Monday 9th June in the Margaret Harris Hall. There were eight finalists ranging from LIV to LVII. The children all recited two poems and gave a short speech. They were all very expressive and articulate and the adjudicator for the evening, Miss Morag Stalker, found it very difficult to choose between the participants. The eventual winner of the Stark Cup was Jonathan Lang and the runner-up, receiving the Robbie Prize, was Ollie Campbell, both LVII. The winner of the L3 competition was Daniel Higgins.



# Spanish Exchange - Part 2!

On Sunday the 15th of June 2014 the air was filled with excitement as we boarded the flight to Málaga. We lifted our luggage off the carousels and began to walk to the exit where we were greeted by Spanish flags and many smiling faces. After we hugged our partners and their family everyone bundled into cars to spend our first nights in our Spanish homes.

On the first day we arrived at St. George's school in Málaga and piled onto a coach to Córdoba where we visited the Mezquita, a medieval mosque and also the city's cathedral. After admiring the arches and the beautiful handcrafted woodwork we spent some time looking around Córdoba. On the second day we stayed at the school spending the morning taking part in a padel tournament and also learning about the history of the Alhambra in Granada. In the afternoon we all went outside for a flamenco class where we learned about Spain's most well-known dance. On the third day we travelled to Granada where we visited the famous Alhambra, constructed in the ninth century, it is an Islamic palace which housed many of Spain's past monarchs. On the fourth day we journeyed into the centre of Málaga where we visited a

market, ate churros with chocolate and also visited the Pablo Picasso museum. In the afternoon we spent some time admiring the amazing views of Málaga from the Alcazaba and spending time in the roman theatre at the Alcazaba's entrance. On the fifth day we travelled to Nerja where we looked around the caves before tucking into paella from Ayo's on Burriana beach. In the afternoon we played volleyball before heading back to our homes to get ready for a Spanish party held at St. George's in the evening.

The weekend was spent with our host families who took us out on day trips and integrated us into Spanish culture and what life is like in Spain. Sunday evening consisted of emotional goodbyes at the airport where we departed after a fantastic week in Spain learning about the culture and improving our Spanish.

Verity Brown F3



# Philosophy Club

In the Philosophy Club, we began the year in a traditional frame of mind by questioning the reality first of the external world, then of ourselves. We may not have reached a definite conclusion, but we decided to give ourselves the benefit of the philosophical doubt and continue meeting in any case. We then encountered a Walrus named Faust who was facing eternal damnation

as a result of the inadequate labelling policy of his ready-meals. A variety of similarly life-threatening thought experiments followed, until we finally decided to work on larger scale threats by discussing anarchy, the monarchy, and the powers of darkness, though not all in the same week.

Since then, we have cast our corrosive gaze on the cess-pit of time (we're still not sure what that is), the moral significance of pandas, life on death row, and equal marriage. Lurking behind some of our ethical discussions was

the question of how liberal we should be about illiberal responses to liberal legislation. Paradise also provided us with considerable intellectual exercise: what is it? Is it the same as heaven? What are the criteria of entry? Is entry the right word? I could go on (we did). At the time of writing, we are about to examine the concept of blame. It was somebody else's idea.

A. Cummins.

# Form 2/3 Netball Report

It has been a very busy and successful year for the F2/3 Netball Team. We started our competitive matches in November where we played Kilgraston in the Scottish Schools Netball Cup. It was a very close game and neither team could gain the overall advantage. The final score was 11-11.



We played our next Scottish Cup match on the 2nd of December against Madras College. This was also very close. We were two goals up going into the last quarter but Madras fought back and scored 10 to our 6. This meant we lost the match 24-22. December also brought some fun in our Christmas Tournament where the players dressed up. It was a close result but the Santa's were victorious.

January saw us playing St Andrews High School in the Scottish Cup. The Christmas break must have rested our bodies as we won this match 22-5.

On the 26th February we played in the quarter finals of the Scottish Schools Netball Cup against Fortrose Academy at Mayfield. We were determined to get through to the next stage of the cup as it was now knockout rounds, so we all put in our best efforts. Fortunately, we

got off to a great start with the halftime score being 26-4 and after a good team talk we definitely wanted to strive for at least 30 goals. After a long match, we won 42-10. This was a great win and we hope that the next semi-final match will also be in our favour. Olivia Hayhow (Captain) was player of the match.

On the 19th of March we played St. Peter's the Apostle in the semi-final. Determined to reach the final we all went out playing our best and giving our all. We won 38-16! Cara MacLeod won player of the match and we were all very excited about the final.

Unfortunately the final was on Tuesday 1st of April and many of our team were on holiday. We managed to cobble together a team to play as we didn't want to lose the medals that we had worked so hard for. Everyone pulled together, played well and tried to enjoy

the atmosphere of the final. As expected our makeshift team were beaten 41-13 but everyone got their runners up medals, even those who were on holiday. Let's hope we can take the final step next year!

On the 30th of April F1-3 House Matches took place at Mayfield. Everyone was determined to win but unfortunately Lindores didn't have enough players so they had some special guests ie two sixth years and Angus Fraser! With red hairspray and blue face paint, the ten minute games began. The winners of this event were ..... Wallace, followed by Airlie, Aystree and then Lindores. It was an extremely fun evening and everyone enjoyed themselves!

**Olivia Hayhow F3**



Having taken part in many wonderful past school productions, I was thrilled to be involved in this last show to conclude my many years at the High School. Some of my greatest school memories centre around the Gardyne Theatre, as musicals have a totally unique ability to bring people together. Indeed, "Our House" was no exception, as over the course of rehearsals the whole company, spanning three year groups, became the closest of friends. "Our House" was the most perfect way to round off my thirteen years at the school and I look forward to seeing many of you in a few years' time from the other side of the stage. Thank you all for the most amazing journey of laughs, tears and utter "Madness"!

**Karen Joss F6**

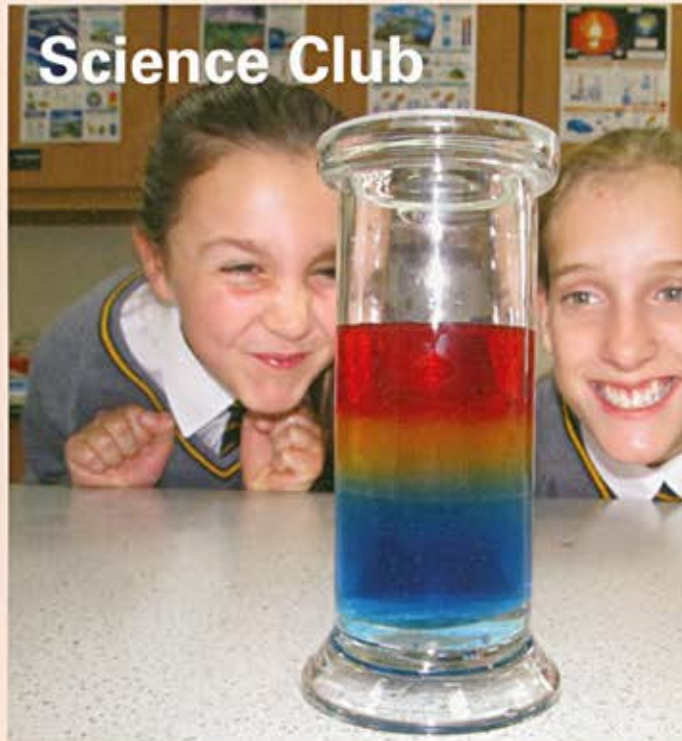
Photographs courtesy of Sven van Sweden.



# Sailing The Brown Cup 2014

Following last year's success at the Brown cup, pupils again attended the Scottish Schools Sailing Championship at Loch Earn Sailing Club on Monday 7th June. The team consisted of Rheanna Mitchell (Form 1) and Rachel Flack (Form 2) sailing a RS Feva, Anna Sturrock (Form 2) sailing a Topper , Emily Norman and Sara Paton (both Form 3) sailing a RS Feva . Eilean Mauritzen (L7) sailing a RS Tera also took part as an individual competitor, under the HSD banner.

Sailing conditions were good with a good wind throughout the day. By the start of the last race there was heavy rain but the wind held. With three races completed the team achieved a 10th place overall with eighteen schools taking part and eighty boats out on the water. As part of the team, Anna Sturrock achieved a 2nd place in the Topper class. Rachel & Rheanna also took part in the pre-regatta training weekend where they were presented with a spot prize for their efforts. With the increase in number of sailors at HSD hopefully next year there would be a chance of entering two teams from HSD.



# Scottish Schools 'CCF Pipe band Competition 2014





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# Sports Day 2014





# Strathmore Trophy

The Computing department once again sent four Form 2 students to compete in the prestigious Strathmore Trophy held at the University of Dundee. This year the task was to come up with a t-shirt that contained wearable technology. The group decided on a t-shirt that would automatically order their favourite dish/coffee from their favourite places to eat/drink. The team then created the shirt using Arduino with LED's and coded their idea. They presented their idea to a large audience packed into a lecture theatre in the universities Dalhousie Building. Despite not coming away with a prize, the group enjoyed the experience of coming up with an idea and presenting in within a short space of time.

The group consisted of Asad Jafferbhoy, Brian Lim, Eleanor McBride and Lucy Smith.



We started the season by adding some new members to the team - Duncan Richmond, our coach, and junior players, Heidi Sampson and Susanna Porter, who would play with the seniors in the 1st VI team. It was pleasant to see some fresh faces and to be under strong leadership for the following months. Unfortunately, due to classic Scottish weather - rain, rain and more rain - many of the seniors early season matches were cancelled. However, we used this time to improve our doubles skills, focusing primarily on volleying and playing with our teammates in the practice sessions on Tuesday after school. Yet, practice was not all serious! We always ended our session with a game of some sort; the favourites were 'Jail,' 'Around the world,' and 'Waves:' all of which brought out the girls competitive side - some more than others!

Overall, we had an extremely successful season. Starting with a decisive win against Robert Gordon's, it only went onwards upwards from there. Our juniors, Susanna Porter and Aengus McCrimmon, enjoyed huge success in the U14 mixed doubles event at the Glenalmond tournament. The seniors, unfortunately, did not have the same result but it was a wonderful day out and everyone definitely enjoyed the home baking that was supplied! Furthermore, our final challenge was the Kilgraston tournament. Here, all of our U16 doubles pairs reached the quarter finals and one, Eve Cowan and Susanna Porter, went on to reach the final; a remarkable achievement for all of the girls! Again, in the U14 age group, the team performed well and our top couple, Susanna Porter and Heidi Sampson reached the final. Last but not least, the High School took

home the senior Kilgraston trophy, with Alice Keddie and Katie Young defeating Glenalmond in the final after an even tougher semi-final. The strawberries and cream were much appreciated by all the girls after a tough days work! Lastly, we finished the season with some enjoyable, yet competitive House tennis matches. All teams fought hard but Wallace came out on top in both the junior and senior event - well done Wallace! Overall, in all of the matches played, the players showed great attitude, determination and, more importantly, had some fun!

**Alice Keddie (Captain)**



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