



Dunblane High School

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2016

School News

Staffing News

Mrs Wilkinson (Senior Depute Head) is on long term sick leave. **Mr Noakes** Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for S3 and Education for Life and Work has been seconded to Stirling Council from January-June 2016. As a result two temporary Deputes have been appointed and significant changes have had to be made to the remits of our Depute Head Teachers. **Mrs Gunning** (PT Pupil Support) has been appointed Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for S3 and **Mrs Henderson** (PT Pupil Support) has been appointed to the post of Depute Head Teacher with overall responsibility for Pupil Support - both with immediate effect. Appointments to the vacant PT Pupil Support posts will be made very soon. The current changes are as follows:

Year	DHT	PTPS
S6	Mr Boyce	Mrs Scott
S5	Mr Boyce	Mr Ritchie
S4	Mrs Hook	Ms Murney
S3	Mrs Gunning	TBC
S2	Mrs Imrie	Mrs Sutherland
S1	Mrs Henderson	TBC

Physics Olympiad TRIUMPH!

Iain Davies (S6) has been awarded a gold certificate by the British Physics Olympiad (run by Oxford University). This puts Iain in the top 50 of all UK entrants. He now

has a chance to go on to the next stage of the competition later this month and could well represent the UK at the International Physics Olympiad later this year. Well done!

Rotary Young Chef Competition

Rotary Club young chef competition (local round) took place last month. The standard of both working methods and results was excellent and highly praised by **Shauna Hall, chef/lecturer** from Forth Valley College Stirling. After a difficult decision the result was:

- 1st **Amy Morrison**
- 2nd **Clare Anderson**
- 3rd **Tammy Thomson-Hoare.**

Congratulations to all especially to Amy who will now go forward to the next round in Dundee on 6 February.

Modern Languages French Trip

In December, 50 S4 pupils and 6 staff took part in the annual Christmas Market trip to France and Belgium. The trip was a huge success and the pupils described it as "an amazing educational experience". Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning and experiencing French culture first hand. One of the highlights of the trip was the visit to the College Albert Ball. Our pupils had the opportunity to meet their penpals and take part in several interactive workshops. "I enjoyed

meeting the pupils from the French school because I felt I could relate to them, even though we are all different. I thoroughly enjoyed trying to communicate with them", Kayleigh Fraser wrote. We are now, all looking forward to welcoming our French penpals in June when they come to Scotland. Thank you to our young pupil who once again have been a real credit to our school and to **Mrs Sadek-Kirk** and the staff who made the trip a very rewarding experience.

Parent Council ICT Donation

Our Parent Council recently donated £450 to the PE department following the 'All Schools Golf Event' which they ran. The PE Department would like to thank them for their generous gift—the money has been used to purchase 3 Samsung Galaxy tablets which will help promote the use of ICT in the subject and enhance the learning experience for the pupils.

Operation of our School Office

In the November Newsletter the implications for our school office of the departure of an office staff member whom we can no longer afford to replace, was mentioned. We have since lost another office staff member who will not be replaced. As a result we are urgently reviewing the operational of our school office. The results of this review will be communicated to parents in the next Newsletter.

DATES TO NOTE

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S3 Parents Options Information Evening

Thursday
 14 January 19.00

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S3 Parents Evening

Thursday
 21 January
 16.00-18.30

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Mid Term Holiday

School closes
 Friday 5 February
 15.05

Re-opens: Monday
 15 February
 09.00

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Reports to Parents
 S4:

Friday 29 January
 S1 Interim:
 Friday 5 February

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S4 Health & Wellbeing Day

The S4 participated in their HWB Day on Monday 11 January. The programme involved guest speakers from **Dee Bleakley** (a motivational speaker who encouraged students to focus on effort and challenge positively) and **Linda McAuslan** from **NHS Forth Valley Mental Health Services** (who focussed on stress awareness and reduction) as well as sessions on 'Box Fit' and self-defence from **our own staff**. They also received short presentations from Mrs Hook and Miss Harte on 'Perceptions about Learning' and from Mrs A Crawford of **Skills Development Scotland** who delivered a session on writing a Career Pathways. Thanks to **Miss Murney** PT Pupil Support who organised the whole day.

BGE Science

Congratulations to Kyra Gibb (S1) who won one of the runner up prizes (an Amazon gift voucher) in **Heriot Watt's Enlightenment Competition**. S1 pupils have been using smartphone microscopes to take pictures of various plant and animal cells which were entered in this competition. Kyra's was one of the photographs taken which won a prize. Considering that thousands of pupils, from all over Scotland, who took part, this is a real achievement. Kyra received her prize from **Professor Jim Alkhalili** at the awards ceremony in Edinburgh in December which she attended with 5 of her friends and **Mrs Jackson**, her Science teacher. Kyra's winning photo "Butterfly Dreams" will be available on the school website shortly.

CfE Biology

The Body Vision 3D roadshow from the **Glasgow Science Centre** visited the school last term to allow all S1 Science and our National 5 Biology students to see this fantastic 3D tour of the human body. It was a very interesting and informative presentation which was enjoyed by the pupils. 12 of our HG and AHG Biology students attended Edinburgh Zoo's **Global Classroom Conference**, 'Save our Soils' at the end of November. Students took part in various workshops looking at relating the importance of soil health and variety with Biodiversity and attended a lecture on primate behaviour and completed observational studies of several species. The pupils enjoyed the day and were a credit to Dunblane High school.

S3 Options

The S3 Options process continues this week with the **S3 Parents' Options Information Evening on Thursday evening 14 January at 7pm in the Murray Hall**. The Options Information booklet which will contain the finalised Options Form will be issued at this meeting. Any parent who cannot attend should contact the school office and a copy of this will be sent out. The S3 parents' Evening is the following Thursday (25 January) and the individual interviews with pupils (to which parents are cordially invited) are on Monday 25 January and Tuesday 26 January.

Standards & Quality Report

Every year schools are required to publish a 'Standards and Quality' Report on the previous session. This is a 'report card' on the school for that school year. Our Standards and Quality Report for 2014-15 has just been published. Every family in the school should have received one this week. If you have children at the school and have not receive one by now please contact the school office. A copy is also to be found on the school's website.

Snow Rules Reminder

During severe weather DHS's SNOW RULES apply—this means no one should leave the school building at interval and only those going home for lunch should do so during the lunch break. *When exiting the school in snow pupils should be mindful of their own and other's safety and refrain from throwing snow especially near cars.*

Sporting Successes

Swimming

Dunblane High School took part in the Central Schools Swimming Competition near the end of last term. Out of the 16 High Schools competing, Dunblane High School came third in the overall team competition - an amazing achievement with only 7 swimmers competing. Congratulations to the team on the following results:

Malcolm Jack: Boys 12-13
Bronze - 100m Backstroke
Bronze - 100m Freestyle
Silver - 200m Backstroke

Rhian Davies: Girls 14-15
7th - 100m Backstroke
9th - 100m Freestyle

Harriet Duffus: Girls 14-15
4th - 100m Butterfly
Gold - 100m Freestyle
4th - 200m Freestyle

Kayleigh Fraser: Girls 15-15
4th - 400m Freestyle

David Hughes: Boys 16-18
Gold - 100m Butterfly
Gold - 100m Freestyle
Gold - 200m Butterfly

Jamie Murray: Boys 16-18
Gold - 100m Backstroke
Bronze - 100m Butterfly
Bronze - 200m Individual Medley

Rosie Stanger: Girls 16-18
Gold - 100m Butterfly
Silver - 100m Freestyle

Jamie Murray, Rosie Stanger, Harriet Duffus and David Hughes: Mixed 12-18 Relay Team: Bronze - 200m Freestyle Relay
All of the swimmers placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd are eligible to enter two of their individual swims for consideration to compete at the Scottish Schools Finals at Tollcross later this month.

Badminton

There was great success for our badminton players at the Central Schools Championships. Congratulations to all who participated Especially to the following:

U14

Girls singles - **Amy Campbell** - Gold; **Carrie Davidson** - Silver
Boys Singles - **Fraser Sheriff** - Gold

Girls Doubles - **Amy Campbell & Anna Lewis** - Gold
Boys Doubles - **Fraser Sheriff & Harry Wilson** - Gold
Mixed Doubles - **Harry Wilson & Anna Lewis** - Silver

U16

Boys Singles - **Sammy McKinney** - Silver
Boys Doubles - **Sammy McKinney & David Nairn** - Gold
Mixed Doubles - **Sammy McKinney & Hannah Richards** - Silver, **David Nairn & Millie Sheridan** - Semi-finalists

U19 Mixed Doubles - **Jamie Paterson & Emma Fitzsimmons** - Semi-finalists.

Judo

Cameron Reid-Thomas 3K2 and **Rory Reid-Thomas 1K2** recently took part in the **Scottish National Judo Championships** at Ravenscraig. They both competed very well and won **Silver medals** in their respective categories - Cameron U15 and at Rory U13.. They go on to compete at the **British Championships in Sheffield** where they both move up categories to U18 and U15, so it will be a tough competition. Congratulations and good luck to both!



MAD GROUP Fundraising

Our MAD Groups' Christmas Fundraising for Stand up to Cancer was a great success £500 was raised at the Christmas Concert, £505 at the Dunblane Christmas Extravaganza and £80 at the end of term service's collection in the Cathedral. This gives an impressive grand total of **£1085!** Well done to everyone involved!