



Dunblane High School

May 2016 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers



I hope you enjoy the May edition of the School Newsletter. As you will read, much has happened since we returned from the Spring Holiday and I am sure you will be impressed with the opportunities, experiences and successes that our young people have enjoyed. S1 to S3 pupils started their new timetables on 3 May and our senior pupils begin their new timetables in June, following the SQA examinations. We look forward to welcoming our senior pupils back and having a productive and enjoyable end to the Summer term.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

S. MacKay, Head Teacher (Acting)

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

Battlefields Trip



S2 pupils had a memorable and moving experience on their excursion to the WW1 Battlefields. They visited the trenches in Ypres, the Somme and Beaumont–Hamel Memorial Park. They also enjoyed spending time exploring Bruges.



Italy Trip



During the week beginning the 8 May, students from the recent S3 took part in a highly successful Arts trip to Italy. The year group started its tour in Rome where they experienced the Capitoline Museums, the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. While on route to Florence, the tourists stopped in Sienna where they visited the Piazza del Campo, Siena's Duomo and the surrounding medieval streets. The students completed their visit with a few days in Florence where they experienced The Academies with Michelangelo's 'David', the Uffizi Gallery where they viewed work by Giotto, Cimabue and Botticelli. The group was a credit to the school and to themselves making the visit a wonderful success.

Premiership Experience



45 S1-S3 pupils attended the annual weekend Premiership Experience trip on Saturday/Sunday the 7/8 May. The pupils participated in a training sessions with Newcastle United FC and watched Sunderland win 3-2 v Chelsea in a thrilling comeback victory. Pupils also had the opportunity to tour Anfield Stadium on a matchday and to watch Arsenal v Manchester City at the Etihad Stadium, which ended in a 2-2 draw. Our pupils demonstrated the highest standards of behaviour and effort throughout the trip and were a credit to their school and community.

CURRICULUM EXPERIENCES

ECO Group



Some of our pupils involved in our Eco group and Environmental Science class visited Balforn High School's polytunnel on Tuesday 10th May. We learned lots of useful information and hope to have some lovely produce growing in our own polytunnel and greenhouse soon!

This project is in its very initial stages and we would be very grateful for any gardening donations - pots, hanging baskets, gardening tools, seeds etc. which are surplus to requirements.

Our Eco Group has been busy organising activities for Wear it Wild day, Friday 27 May. We hope to raise awareness of the many species threatened by man's activities and also raise some funds for conservation by WWF through a bake sale, hand painting and selling of accessories. Pupils in S2 and S3 will take part in a specially themed Science lesson looking at endangered species. Our S2 pupils will also take part in our annual Big Spring Clean of our school grounds and surrounding areas, promoting care for our local environment.

OXFAM



Well done to a group of new S2 girls who were so moved by their studies in RME, that they decided to raise money for Oxfam's 'Build a Bog' campaign. The girls raised over £200 through a bake sale in the school, allowing 5 toilets to be purchased for refugee camps in Africa. The girls from Mrs Kurilla's class responsible for this were Eleanor Duncan, Keira Cant, Emily Richards, Beth Elliot, Kerry Dow, Anna Lewis, Kyra Gibb, Lucy Ritchie.

S1 HEALTH & WELLBEING DAY



The entire S1 (new S2) year group participated in the annual S1 'Health and Wellbeing Day'. This day is designed to ensure pupil entitlements to 'Health and Wellbeing' are being met in Dunblane High School and a broad range of activities were included to tackle physical, mental and social health and wellbeing outcomes. Pupils had sessions with guest speakers, participated in outdoor and indoor sport 'taster' sessions, discussed mental health and wellbeing, practiced CPR and discussed 'perceptions about learning'.



YOUTH AND
PHILANTHROPY
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SCOTLAND

The S3 'Youth and Philanthropy Initiative' culminated in a celebratory finale of all their hard work at the end of April. The Final Event was a huge success with a group from each PSR class presenting on stage in front of more than 300 pupils and invited guests. With the support of their teachers in English, RE and Business Management, all groups took on this challenge admirably and gave exceptional, creative and passionate presentations to represent their charities.

3K1 represented So Precious – a charity dedicated to raising funds to support Neonatal, Maternity and Paediatric Services within Forth Valley

3K2 and 3R1 represented Speur Ghlan – providing individualised programmes of therapy to young children experiencing developmental delays

3R2 represented Stirling Young Carers – a charity dedicated to helping young carers meet other young carers and get support.

3S1 represented Dementia Services Development Centre – a charity dedicated to improving services for people with dementia.

Despite the high standard, there could only be one winner of the £3000 cheque and this was presented to 3R2 for their work with the Stirling Young Carers. The winning team were Ross Pringle, Cameron Caldwell, Anna Fraser, Bronwyn Tunn, Gregor Kyle and Cameron Murray who had created a moving, short film and presentation highlighting the reality of life as a young carer. They have now been invited to attend the YPI National Event in June.



A huge number of S3 pupils were also working hard in supporting roles to produce this exciting event that was entirely pupil-led.

With grateful thanks to the many charities and parents for their support during the programme.

SCHOOL SHOW

Preparations are well under way for our summer production of 'The Wizard of Oz' with cast rehearsing diligently, stage design flourishing and our talented costume team sewing away. We'll be picking up where Dorothy left off in our Christmas production of 'Wicked' and following the yellow brick road. **Tickets will go on sale at the school office soon.** The production dates are **8-10 June** with tickets costing £7 for adults and £5 for children. So click your heels together and get down to Dunblane High School for a magical adventure into the land of Oz!

S1 BIKEABILITY

As part of a focus week on 'Health and Wellbeing', 35 pupils from the new S2 year group participated in 'Bikeability', sessions delivered by cycling instructors aimed at developing pupils' competence and confidence when cycling on local roads. Of the 35 participants, 11 pupils achieved their 'Level 2' proficiency award and 24 achieved their 'Level 3' proficiency award. Well done to all those who took part.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Athletics



Dunblane HS medalled in 24 of the 36 events at the inaugural Active Stirling Track + Field Championships at the University of Stirling. For full results, go to @DunblaneHSPE.

Girls Football

The U15s produced a great performance – W4, D1, L1 - to finish 2nd in the Regional Girls 7s Final. Well done to Orla Fitzpatrick, Orla Bell, Emily Gilmour, Cerys Gilbride, Neve Totten, Lynn Picken, Bethany Burch, Maia Nicol, Ellen Curry and Emily Khan.



S1 Rugby 7's

The S1 Boys dominated the recent schools 7s competitions – P8, W7, D1. For full results, go to @DunblaneHSPE. Special thanks to parent volunteer Joey Crozier for his time and effort in getting the club up and running again.



Golf



Orla Fitzpatrick (S2) picked up both the scratch and handicap trophies in the Girls Section at the recent Forth Valley Schools Golf Competition.

Lewis Scullion, from the new third year (3R1), competed in the Scottish Special Olympics golf tournament in Cupar on 18 April. He played extremely well and won a medal for second place.



Fencing

Alex Papadopoulos (15) picked up a bronze medal at the Newcastle U20 Epée Qualifier whilst Fraser O'Brien finished inside the top 24.

Skating

Congratulations to Megan Carroll (S1) who is now ranked 4th in Britain (Novice A) following a highly successful season.

Squash



Fantastic month for James Dougan and Emma Fitzsimmons who both represented Scotland in the U15/17 European Team Championships in Brussels and then returned home to Bridge of Allan Sports Club to collect the Young Player of the Year and Player of the Night (Ladies) awards respectively.



To keep up to date with all the sports news and results please follow us on twitter @DunblaneHSPE



Maths

Prize Winners in the Scottish Mathematical Challenge are as follows:

	Year	Junior Division	Middle Division	Senior Division
Eoin Cunningham	S2	Gold		
Isaac McKerr	S2	Silver		
Fiona Davies	S4		Gold	
Emma Hughes	S4		Gold	
Laura Milne	S4		Bronze	
Jamie Welsh	S4		Silver	
Iain Davies	S6			Gold
Alex Frye	S5			Gold

The winners have all been invited to attend a Prize Giving Ceremony at St Andrews University where they will be presented with their certificates. This is a fantastic achievement by all of our excellent mathematicians.



Congratulations to Rob Johnston in 3S1 who performed fantastically well at **Perform in Perth** in March. Rob entered 6 classes and achieved 4 firsts and 2 seconds, winning the **Mrs Moncrieff Silver Medal** for his rendition of 'Westering Home'.



Holly Jarvis and Ellen Pennie represented the area Burns Federation at the National Schools Competition held by the Robert Burns World Federation. Both girls won their respective age categories, Ellen in recitation and Holly in singing. To cap a great achievement Holly was not only selected as the best singer on the day, she was awarded the award of Young Burnsian of the Year. Well done to both girls!



Davis Cup Comes to Dunblane

In April we welcomed Jamie Murray and the Davis Cup to the school. We held a whole School Assembly in the Murray Hall and Atrium and Jamie answered a number of questions from pupils in relation to his career. Following the Assembly, Jamie and his Mum, with the assistance of some of our Sports Leaders, engaged S1 pupils in some tennis coaching. Our sports leaders continued to support the coaching of tennis throughout the day at Dunblane Primary School and then at the Tennis Club.



PARENT/ CARER INFORMATION

Uniform

The wearing of school uniform is very important and I have spent time asking young people to ensure that the clothes they are wearing to school meet the standards we are expecting. If you are purchasing clothes for school over the Summer holiday, please consider the appropriateness of the garments being bought. Black shoes must be worn and black school trousers or a skirt of an appropriate length must be worn. **Leggings and jeans are not acceptable.**

We have nearly new school cardigans and jumpers for sale (£7 each) in a selection of sizes, these can be purchased at the school office.

Online (ParentPay) System

Parents are now able to make payment online to the school. The system allows you to top up lunch cards, pay for school trips, uniform and even see what your child has eaten in our dining area. Please activate your account following the instructions on your activation letter (previously sent to you). If you need another copy of the letter, please contact us and we can provide this information.

It is hoped that we will be able to have a database of all parent email addresses in order for us to contact parents via email next session.

If your email address needs updated on our system, please contact the school.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
2 June	P7 Induction Day and Parents' Information Evening (7pm)
3 June	SQA Exams End
6 June	S5 Return to School
6 June	School Sports Heats Week
8 June	New S6 Conference Registration
8 – 10 June	School Show (7pm)
9 & 10 June	New S6 Conference
13 – 17 June	New S6 Work Experience Week
16 June	Ave Atque Vale Dinner (7pm)
17 - 21 June	S3 London Trip
22 June	Sports Day
28 June	42 nd Session Ends (1pm)

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