



Dunblane High School

# NEWSLETTER

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## School News

### BUDGET AND STAFFING

Stirling Council's Priority Based Budget (PBB) Draft Budget Report 2015-16 has just been published on the council website.

<http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/council-and-government/shapingstirling>

It sets out the detailed options council officers are proposing which will form the basis of next year's budget. These options will provide the basis for community and stakeholder conversations between now and when the final budget is due to be set in February 2016. Under 'Theme 1: Transforming Learning' can be found the proposals for the education service.

#### Ideas Register

Engagement with our communities, staff and other stakeholders has been, and remains, a key part of the PBB process. The council welcomes all suggestions on how we might deliver services more effectively and efficiently - every idea that is received will be fully considered. All ideas received so far are being captured in an Ideas Register that the council will publish on its website very soon. This register will allow everyone to see how their ideas are being taken forward. To submit a comment, idea or sugges-

tion, please email [shapingstirlingsfuture@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:shapingstirlingsfuture@stirling.gov.uk)

For secondary schools savings will be required to be made from management posts (by 2019) and support staff because teacher numbers cannot be touched. We will continue to prioritise supporting pupils on Staged Intervention but some aspects of school administration are likely to be affected. This may have implications soon for admin and office staff as vacancies which arise are unlikely to be filled. We have already lost a member of the office staff—Ms Govan left at the end of October. That post will not be filled. Such circumstances will inevitably have implications in the near future for the pattern of work in our school office.

### DUKE of EDINBURGH AWARD

Dunblane High DofE Award Group is looking for volunteers to help oversee the running of the Bronze Award this year with a view to taking on the roles of Bronze Coordinator and Expedition Coordinator from August 2016. If your child has benefited from or hopes to do their DofE with us and you are able to help, please contact Judy Morrison at:

[bronze@dunblanehighdofe.com](mailto:bronze@dunblanehighdofe.com)

### MONEY MUSEUM

Mr Brown (Maths) along with a few staff helpers, has organised a trip for each S1 PSR class to the Money Museum on the Mound in Edinburgh. The dates are as follows:

- 1R1 Monday 2nd November
- 1K2 Wednesday 4th November
- 1K1 Friday 6th November
- 1R2 Monday 9th November
- 1S1 Wednesday 11th November

### Sailing Success

Dugal Wilson S6 has been selected by the Royal Yachting Association to be a member of the UK Youth Squad. Dugal's selection for this squad recognises his potential to progress within the British Sailing Team, with the aim of winning selection for the UK Youth Squads or beyond in to the Olympic Development programmes. Dugal has been selected on the basis of his performance and commitment to a programme of training and competition over a period of several years and establishes his status as a UK Squad sailor who might represent Great Britain at major international events in the forthcoming years



### Staffing

We welcome several staff new to the school or new to posts within the school. Congratulations to Mrs. Louise Scott (RME) on her appointment to the post of Principal Teacher of Pupil Support. As well as pastoral responsibility for S6 (in which role she replaces

Mrs. Hansom), she will have responsibility for leading on professional learning for staff. We also welcome Mrs. Izzy Henderson to the position of Principal Teacher of Pupil Support. Mrs Henderson joins our Modern Languages Department from Balfron High

### S1 & S2 Assessments

Stirling Council's annual computerised assessments across all schools (not used for reporting but for providing cohort data) has now commenced and by Christmas, our current S1 & 2 will have completed these assessments.

### DATES TO NOTE

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S4 Parents Evening Thursday 19 November 16.00-18.30

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S5/6 Parents Evening Thursday 3 December 16.00-18.30

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P6 & 7 Parents Information Evenings: Mon 9 November Dunblane PS

Mon 16 November Newton PS & St Mary's PS 19.00-20.00

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S4 Mock Exams Monday 30 November - Friday 11 December

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## Likhubula Day

This year's annual 'Likhubula Day' was, once again, a great success. The school has a long standing commitment to provide bursaries for senior students in our partner high school CHAMBE HIGH in Likhubula, Malawi. In addition, with thanks to the work of the Dunblane Likhubula Youth Partnership, we are well on target to meet the cost of employing a school nurse in Chambe High community. This year we were joined in fundraising by the Dunblane BBs—all of whom are boys in our school—who are making their own trip to Likhubula next summer. In the afternoon and following a suggested donation to the Likhubula Fund, a total of 447 pupils participated in our annual Cross Country Run and dozens of senior pupils helped out as course marshals or as recorders recording times. The results were as follows:

S1 Boys 1st Cameron Blance 2nd Sandy Buchanan 3rd Niall Baxter  
 S1 Girls 1st Kyra Gibb 2nd Jenny Clarke 3rd Emily Richardson  
 S2 Boys 1st Sean Duff 2nd Callum Valentine 3rd Rory Bell  
 S2 Girls 1st Cerys Gilbride 2nd Lizzie Stansfield 3rd Ellee Mills  
 S3 Boys 1st Kyle Middleton 2nd Cameron Murray 3rd Ross Mason  
 S3 Girls 1st Rachel Rennie 2nd Imogen Gibbons 3rd Hannah Blance  
 Senior Boys 1st Iain Davies 2nd Rory Price 3rd Kieran Connolly  
 Senior Girls 1st Fiona Davies 2nd Heather Scott 3rd Lucy Mason  
 Congratulations to all of the above medal winners. **The day raised the magnificent total of £675 for the Dunblane Likhubula Youth Partnership.**

## Stirling Schools Badminton Championships

Congratulations to our U14 players took gold and silver in 4 of the 5 competitions in the recent Badminton Championships.

### U14 Girls Singles

Gold - Amy Campbell  
 Silver - Anna Lewis  
 3rd/4th - Carrie Davidson & Neve Totten

### U14 Girls Doubles

Gold - Amy Campbell & Anna Lewis  
 Silver - Carrie Davidson & Neve Totten

### U14 Boys Singles

Gold - Fraser Sheriff  
 Silver - James Forrest  
 3rd - Harry Wilson

### U14 Boys Doubles

Gold - Fraser Sheriff & Harry Wilson  
 Silver - James Forest & Mark Thomson

### U14 Mixed Doubles

Gold - Fraser Sheriff & Amy Campbell  
 3rd Harry Wilson & Anna Lewis.

Congratulations also to **Jamie Paterson and Emma Fitzsimmons** who won the U19 mixed doubles competition. All of these player will go forward to compete in the Central schools Championships on the 9th of December. Many thanks to the parent volunteers, **Mr & Mrs Campbell, Mrs Sheriff and Mrs Fitzsimmons**, without whose help we would not have been able to attend the event.

## House Captains 2015-16

House	Captains	Vice Captains
Kilbryde	Harry Cox Bethan Evans	Christian Lee Jasmine Chalk
Ramoyle	Jamie Paterson Morgan Nisbet	Euan Lambert Roisin Kelly
Sheriffmuir	Jake Wright Nicola McDonald	Jamie Murray Marianne Donald

Congratulations to all our new Captains & Vice Captains.



Our school show this session is another ambitious musical - **The Wizard of Oz** - an well known American musical comedy-fantasy based on the 1900 novel *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by Frank L Baum. Preparations are already underway for the **June 2016** production. The musical score by Herbert Stohart and Harold Arlen will present another exciting challenge to all our musicians after their stunning success last session with West Side Story. We are delighted to have a large number of talented pupils to cast in the lead roles—in fact all of the principal parts will be 'double cast' to ensure maximum participation. **Anyone interested in helping should speak to any of our music staff.**

## M S M A D Groups

Our MAKING A DIFFERENCE

(MAD) GROUPS are now up and running. Once again such is the interest in S6, we have 2 groups which meet weekly. Our MAD Groups take decisions on fundraising during the school day. DHS supports a wide range of fund raising activities but it is not possible to support everything. Only fundraising for charities is permitted during the school day and any pupil wishing to fundraise in school must seek permission from a member of the SMT who will refer the request to the MAD Groups. The MAD have already raised over £800 as a result of their 'MAKE A MESS FOR MS' where 14 teachers were persuaded to allow themselves to be 'gunged' in front of hundreds of pupils—check the school 'Twitter' account for pictures! Congratulations to all involved!

## SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

In March **Brian Iroegbu (S4)** was elected to be the Member of Scottish Youth Parliament for the constituency of Stirling. Here Brian provides an update on his experience since his election.

*"Since my election I have got to work on one of my first manifesto points, which was to increase the number of under 16s part time jobs in the local area. Along with this, I have helped campaign for the Scottish Youth Parliament's National Campaign for 2015, POVERTY: See It Change It, which aims to combat child and youth poverty. Over the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of October, I attended my second National Sitting, my first being in June. At National Sitings you have the opportunity to vote for the occupants of various positions such as the Chair and Vice-Chair Person, Board of Trustees and Committee Leaders. We have the pleasure of hearing from a plethora of keynote speakers, the most famous being Alex Salmond MP and meeting other MSYPs from across Scotland. During the most recent sitting held in East Renfrewshire, we had the opportunity to vote on Members' Motions, which if they pass, become SYP policy and the campaign for the 2016 session which will be raising awareness of young people's mental health. Being an MSYP has presented so many opportunities to me and it has been a life changing experience that I never would have dreamed of being able to have. I hope to carry out my work of representing the voice of Scotland's young people as I continue my two year term."*