



Beaconhurst E-news

THE SCHOOL'S LATEST NEWS ON LINE

From the Headmaster

I hope you enjoy this copy of the Beaconhurst E-news. Being the last one of the term, and indeed of 2011, it conveys yet again how busy pupils and staff have been both in and out of the classroom. It is a particular pleasure as Headmaster to review all the range of activities and skills that members of our school community have been involved in. I have taken the opportunity to look back at previous issues and it is even more astonishing to find the diversity of events that have taken place. However, a common theme is one of community: pupils and staff working and learning together across the school.

I wish all members of the Beaconhurst community and peaceful festive season and look forward to more such activity to report on when school resumes next term.

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Autumn Walk

Junior Start 1 pupils took a walk around the school grounds to observe the changes in the colour of leaves and to collect leaves and cones to make autumn themed collages, whilst Junior Start 2 were also being creative in making clay models of hedgehogs and recording their observations and thoughts of autumn through drawing and painting. The whole department enjoyed an autumn themed snacks munching on Quavers for leaves, Maltesers for conkers and Twiglets for branches!

Maths Enterprise Inter-Schools Competition

The Maths Enterprise was a really good day out, to compete against other schools in Central Scotland. Over 25 schools were present and because of the large number, it made the competition more fun. The competition consisted of three different rounds where our maths skills were tested to the limit and each one was as enjoyable as the last. I found that the relay round was my favourite as it involved us running back and forth to get different questions.

Overall, the competition was very enjoyable, and even although we didn't make the top four schools, we represented Beaconhurst and showed what we are capable of.

Jordan Reed S3

Mathematical Challenges

On Thursday 24th November, J6 and Transition pupils spent 45 minutes battling with testing mathematics questions in the Primary Mathematical Challenge. This competition, organised by the Mathematical Association, is an annual event and is an excellent test of mathematical reasoning. If you would like to try some of the questions, go to <http://www.m-a.org.uk/jsp/index.jsp?ink=259>. Congratulations to our certificate winners who are pictured below.

Bronze: Logan Eason, Harry Lynch, Ruth McPherson, J6, Sally McPherson, Meg Sandstrom, Tr

Silver: Jonathan Ackroyd, Craig Laird, J6 Eleanor Baird, Meg Carman, Robert Johnston, Danny Vevers, Tr

Gold: Gordon Hogg, Tr



The ECO's in BEACONHURST

Having already gained Bronze and Silver Eco Awards, Beaconhurst is driving forward their target to attain their first Green Flag Award. The Eco's in Beaconhurst is a fitting strapline as it is a key cornerstone of the school ethos and has been continually made relevant by all staff incorporating this ethos across our curriculum, activities and engagement both the school community and also within the local community. At the heart of the Eco's in Beaconhurst is the Beaconhurst Eco Code which the pupils via the Eco Committee signed up to.

Examples of the good work being done across the school has included replacing the milk bottles with a milk machine to reduce waste, picking up litter and helping at care homes in the community, doing a transport audit to encourage hitting the targets of walking to school where possible and raising £451 from fund raising activities within the school. We have planned an extensive calendar of events which will be published as part of the school calendar so that we continue to live and breathe our Eco ethos and we look forward to more information becoming available on our website soon.

Sheona Mathewson
Business Development Manager

Beaconhurst ECO Week Audit

255 pupils took part from Junior 1 to Senior 6 – here are the results:

Transport – How did you travel to school this morning?

Car – 64%, Car Share – 10%, Bus – 9%, Train – 4.5%, Bicycle – 1%, On foot – 11%, Other (taxi), 0.5%

Litter – Have you picked up and litter lying on the ground and put it in the bin today?

Yes (as part of a litter duty group) – 4.5%
Yes (I always pick litter up when I see it lying) – 27%
No (I haven't seen any litter) – 66%
No (it isn't my job to pick up litter) – 2.5%

Eco Schools – Were you aware, before today, that Beaconhurst is trying to get its first Green Flag this year?

Yes – 82%, No 18%

Beaconhurst Eco Week 7–14 November

Senior School held a 'non-uniform/wear green' day, and also had a green cake sale, which raised the fantastic sum of £451. Many Eco Activities run continuously throughout the year and are already a regular feature in the many routine activities throughout the school.

For Eco week however, as well as the usual activities, the focus was also on Environmental issues. The additional eco activities pupils participated in included things like litter picking, waste minimisation, energy saving, water, health and well being, transport, biodiversity upkeep of the school grounds and sustaining our World, food and environment.



Brown House after their litter pick at the University

Brown House Litter Pick

On the last afternoon before our half term break, each House Group decided to give something back to the community we live in. Both Brown and Morton Houses had the idea of making the University grounds a cleaner, greener place. Pupils donned their gloves, grabbed the litter pickers and armed with plenty of bags and lots of enthusiasm headed over to the University campus.

Brown House concentrated on the area outside the Footpath buildings, working our way up towards the golf course and back via the loch path. Each tutor group worked together, with 1 bag for rubbish which we could recycle and another for general waste.

It was wonderful seeing everyone working as team and enjoying the fresh air. As well as getting to know each other better, we also made the campus a prettier place to be, with Brown House gathering 16 bags of rubbish! Well done to all those who took part!

Fiona Casey
Head of Brown House

Football

We welcomed Strathallan School for the inaugural local 5-a-side football challenge event. Strathallan travelled with two teams to take on the pick of Transition to S2 Beaconsburn boys. The matches were played in a round-robin format so that everyone was guaranteed a certain number of games, and Strathallan even had the opportunity to match their teams against each other for local bragging rights! As ever, the matches were played in an excellent spirit, although certainly keenly contested, with no lack of skill shown by all the teams. On the whole, honours were shared and it was agreed that a return match was certainly in order!

Girl's Hockey

Saturday's match was against Mary Erskine and was played at Forthbank stadium. The 1st X1 girls started badly, giving the ball away and conceding 2 goals. However, they rallied very well as a team, and began to put more pressure on the Mary Erskine goal. 2 goals from **Amy Shepherd** levelled the score by half time. The second half was evenly balanced, with mid-field players battling for the ball. Mary Erskine were the first to break the deadlock and went into the lead again. This only gave Beaconsburn more determination, and they created some chances to score. With 30 seconds to go, Kirsty Shaw got onto the end of a lovely through pass from **Holly Wilkinson** and brought Beaconsburn level with the last touch of the game. A 3-3 draw to be proud of. Some great performances from **Lauren Simpson**, **Holly Wilkinson** and **Kirsty Shaw**.

The Second Yr Team were playing girls who looked much bigger and stronger, but played so well as a team that the first half was incredibly even although no goals were scored. In the second half, Beaconsburn played even better, and began to put a lot of pressure on the visitors defence. Iona Sutherland showed great determination to pressure the goalkeeper, and put Beaconsburn into the lead. Then with a move straight from Thursday's practice session, **Emily Dawson** crossed a great ball in from the right and **Stephanie Mailer** swept the ball into the goal. Despite Mary Erskine scoring a good goal Beaconsburn never looked like relinquishing their lead and finished proud 2-1 winners. Great performances from all players make it impossible to pick one player of the match but special mention to **Jessica Young**, **Emily Dawson** and **Stephanie Mailer**.

Boys Hockey

The 1st X1 boys played Hutchie on Saturday 12th November. This is a long running fixture and always a very tough game. The team started with a very positive attitude and were eager to show their skills from the very start. After a blazing run showing some fantastic close stick dodging skills from **Jack Towers**, the pass was made to **Cameron Blaney** who scored the first goal of the match. Shortly after, **Tom Hynes** shot from a penalty corner though lifted it and so it was disallowed. Hutchie came back and scored the equalising goal before half time. This actually spurred the boys on to concentrate and realise the value of keeping possession.

In the second half **Robbie McDermott** dodged right then left and took an early shot from the top of the D to score Beaconsburn's second goal of the match. Beaconsburn were now ahead and looked strong and determined, the lead giving them a boost in confidence. Hutchie did not back down though, they played fast passes to one another, had some great play down the right and were keen to get an equaliser. However, **Tom Hynes** second attempt at goal was a success! He dribbled from just outside the circle and hit a smashing. A late short corner from Hutchie at the end was worrying for Beaconsburn but some great defence cleared the ball wide and away from the opposition. The match finished a clear 3-1 win for Beaconsburn.

Grant Robertson played an amazing game and as voted by the senior team players, was given man of the match. The 1st X1 boys were exhausted but thrilled that their hard work during the match and past few weeks was clearly worth the effort. Supporters were of huge importance and it was great to see so many cheering on the boys! This positive attitude and commitment from the boys recently has been great and it is hoped they will continue to play this well in future matches.

Boys 1st X1 Hockey Team



Free Tennis Equipment

I recently attended a Continuing Professional Development course for mini-tennis and we were given some fantastic free ZSig tennis equipment which consisted of 30 rackets, balls and nets.

J6 are pictured here with the equipment.

Jenn Wright
P E Department



J6 with the new Tennis Equipment

Teenage Cancer Trust Fundraising

Louise Paul, Fiona Begley, Minica Pryde, Roselle Robertson, Claire Levey and Jennifer Glover from S5, have been busy thinking up fundraising ideas, to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. They have been taking orders for personalised bracelets which are on sale from £1.00 - £3.00 and request form can be obtained from the school office.

This is proving to be a huge success and the girls are meeting with Headmaster to discuss other fundraising ideas they have.

Chemistry Top of the Bench Competition

Charlotte Laing S4, Erin Perrie and Emily Watson S3 and **Eilidh Urquhart S2** took part in the West of Scotland heat of the Top of the Bench Competition at Forth Valley College last month and came third. There was a mix of private and state schools and they had to give a powerpoint presentation to all staff and pupils, as well as take part in a two hour practical.

They each won a Periodic Table t-shirt and a voucher each, as well as a cheque for £50.00 for the Science Department.

Discovery Point

On Wednesday 9th November, J4 and J5 visited Discovery Point in Dundee. The children learned all about Captain Scott's 1901 expedition to the Antarctic and were able to see the conditions in which the officers and men lived on RSS Discovery.

Our guide told us many stories, but the favourite with the two classes was the one about the drunken sailor who fell to his death from the crow's nest!

After a tour of the ship and the exhibition, the children had the opportunity to buy souvenirs in the gift shop before heading back to school.



J4 and J5 at Discovery Point

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Cricket Scotland Achievement

James Campbell from S1, recently passed the trials and been accepted to join the Regional Development Centre Squad organised by Cricket Scotland. He was selected, or rather put forward, by Stirling County.

This is a great opportunity for James even although it means training on a Sunday!



James Campbell



Emily Pagan

West of Scotland Kart Club

Ross Adamson from S2, recently won 2nd prize at the Winter Championship at the West of Scotland Kart Club.

Tennis Tournament

Emily Pagan from J5, came runner up in her age group in the Junior Tennis Tournament at Dunblane Sports Club.

Central Schools Swimming Championships

Last month saw teams from Beaconhurst competing in the Central Schools Swimming Championships. The Senior School swam on the Saturday and **Jamie Eason** and his sister **Emily Eason** competed in the 200m distances in the morning. Jamie swam the 200 IM and won silver, and the 200 Freestyle and won gold. Emily swam new personal bests in both her 200 IM and 200 breast, achieving a silver medal for her breaststroke.

In the afternoon, they were joined by **Harry Towers, Kelsey Campbell, Anastarsia Moffat** and her sister **Amarillia Moffat**, with Anastarsia getting off to a great start with an impressive 100 backstroke coming in 3rd and picking up a bronze medal. Kelsey also swam a great 4 second personal best on her backstroke. Emily, Amarillia and Kelsey all swam in the 100 breaststroke with Emily and Amarillia both taking good amounts off their previous times. Anastarsia, Harry and Jamie all swam the 100 freestyle with Anastarsia and Harry both swimming personal bests and Harry winning his heat by an impressive 10 metres over the next swimmer. The most enjoyable event of the day was the 4 x 50m relay. Harry took the first leg and was just ahead at the changeover to Anastarsia, who put us a couple of metres further out in front. Amarillia was the 3rd leg, taking over from her sister and she swam brilliantly to give us a good 10 metres or more up on the next school. Jamie was the anchor and finished off strongly, meaning Beaconhurst won their heat by an impressive 15 metres. Overall, they were placed 5th in the relays with an impressive time of 2.08, but were beaten by teams that were fielding swimmers aged 16 and 17. The seniors were placed 12th overall out of 21 senior schools and colleges, with Jamie making two consideration times for the Scottish Schools finals in 2012.

Junior School swam on the Sunday with **Gregor Rodger, Cameron Morrison, Logan Eason** and **Callum Hodge** swimming for the boys and **Amy Sandstrom, Ruth MacPherson, Ellie Towers, Meg Sandstrom, Sally MacPherson** and **Jodie McLelland** swimming for the girls.

Amy, Ruth, Meg and Logan all swam in the 50m backstroke and all achieved personal bests. Amy got a 6th place medal and Logan was placed first and won gold. Callum, Ruth, Ellie, Jodie and Sally all competed in the 50m breaststroke and all 5 swam very well and had big improvements on their previous times. Cameron and Gregor both raced in the 25m free with Gregor just beating Cameron to the 6th place medal, both achieving personal bests. Amy swam in the 10 year old girls 50m freestyle and despite a goggles malfunction won a 5th place medal. Meg, Ellie, Sally and Jodie all swam in the 11 year old girls 50m free and all swam personal bests. Logan and Callum swam in the boys 50 freestyle, again both in new best times and Logan claimed a bronze medal. Overall our small team was placed 10th out of 28 schools with Logan achieving 2 Scottish Schools consideration times in the 11 and under group, again his name has gone forward for the finals.

Scottish Swimming Awards Scheme

Jenny Ferguson recently achieved Level Four of the Scottish Swimming Awards Scheme.



Jenny Ferguson

Ski-ing

Louise Paul from S5, recently gained level 7 in skiing and has now started training to become an instructor.



Louise Paul



Emma Devine

Team Show Jumping

On Saturday 26th November, there was a Pony Club Team Jumping competition at Kingsbarn Equestrian Centre near Falkirk. There were eight teams, each with four riders from Pony Clubs such as East Stirlingshire, West Perthshire, Lanark, Renfrew, Eglinton, Strathblane and District, of which I am a member. Our team was third.

I was very nervous in my first round, but luckily 'Obblyonker' and I got a clear round which means we got around the course with no refusals or faults. Everyone then did a jump-off course and I came 2nd out of 32 riders.

Mrs Jack was commentating and she was sitting in the Judge's box counting all the points. Beaconhurst was sponsoring all the classes, and was represented by Mr Kilpatrick. I had a great day and so did 'Obblyonker'.

Iona Graham J6



Iona Graham and her horse
Obblyonker

Oklahoma – here I come!

Emma Devine from S5, recently signed with Oklahoma University's (The Sooners) Tennis Team for the 2012-2013 season. Emma is ranked 290 by the International Tennis Federation and is a top five fastest mover in the poll over the last six months. Emma won both the Great Britain Under 16 Masters and the Great Britain National Doubles Championship. She has also represented Scotland at the national level of countless tournaments for the past three years and will be only 17 when she arrives on campus, but due to her extensive world travelling, should not be fazed by the college game one bit. Emma won the Grade Four singles title in 2010.

Covent Garden Audition

Hannah Howland from J5 has been a very busy girl and competed in the Central Scotland Stage Dance Festival in October and won Open B section Winner with 5 x 1sts and 2 x 2nds, Central Scotland Juvenile Champion in Modern and in Song and Dance, Most Promising Dancer, Junior Classical Dancer and Junior Cabaret Dancer.

She has also competed in the West of Scotland Championships and is now the West of Scotland Juvenile Ballet Champion and the Juvenile Modern Champion.

Hannah has been asked to audition for the lead in The Royal Shakespeare Company's forthcoming production 'Matilda – the Musical' in the Cambridge Theatre in Covent Garden, London.

What a wonderful opportunity this is for Hannah and we wish her the best of luck in her audition.

Tennis Scotland Awards

S3 pupils **Ross Tiree Wilson** and **Anna Brogan** have both been shortlisted for the 2011 Tennis Scotland Awards, in the Junior Player of the Year category.

For the first time this year, nominations were received online from across the Scottish tennis community and these nominations were then shortlisted by a team consisting of the Tennis Scotland staff and representatives from the Tennis Scotland Board and Council.

The winners will be announced at the Tennis Scotland Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15th December and published on the Tennis Scotland website shortly thereafter. Presentation of awards will take place at an appropriate time in 2012. Congratulations to both pupils on making the shortlist for 2011. It demonstrates that your hard work and successes have not gone unnoticed by your peers.

Trip to Corrieri's

On Wednesday 15th November 2011. Our class, J6 went to Corrieri's for Ice-cream. Corrieri's is a cafe at Causewayhead and the reason we went there is because we got all our spelling right from our spelling challenge. Mrs Reed set us a Spelling Challenge at the beginning of J6. Our challenge was if we got all our spelling right, we would get to go to Corrieri's. Mrs Reed had to call ahead and book it first.

We were all happy and jolly going along the road to Corrieri's and when we got there, we got to choose which flavour we wanted. I chose my favourite – mint choc chip. After we had finished, we got to play in the park.

Thank you Mrs Reed, I had a lovely time.

Jenny Ferguson J6



J6 Trip to Corrieri's



Junior 5 Skyping

Skyping!

Junior 5 spent a lesson skyping with the Fourth Grade class at Atwood Elementary School in Alpha, Illinois. The children asked each other questions about life at school, hobbies and homework.

We are hoping to chat again, about Thanksgiving and Guy Fawkes Night sometime next week and learn more about each other.

Karen MacLean
J5 Teacher

Halloween Party

The Beaconhurst PTA held their annual disco and Halloween party for Junior Start and Junior School pupils in the dining hall.

There were lots of unrecognisable pupils and staff who had dressed up for the occasion and fun and games including 'dooking' for apples, eating doughnuts from a string and the best dressed Halloween outfit. The children enjoyed the disco and entertainment and especially enjoyed doing the timewarp dance.



Halloween Party



Visit to Drumpark House



Visit to Drumpark Care Home

Cameron House pupils paid a visit to the residents of Drumpark Care Home in Bridge of Allan. Drumpark Care Home was selected as our charity of the year, due to its proximity to the school. This has allowed pupils to take a more active and responsible role in the community surrounding their school. Pupils have also been carrying out fundraising activities throughout the year from Drumpark House in addition to the contribution they made on Community Day.

One group of pupils helped weed, plant and generally give the Sensory Garden a good Autumnal clear up before the bad weather set in. A second group of pupils entertained the residents with some excellent singing including a duet and a barber shop quartet, whilst a third group enjoyed chatting to the residents and giving some relaxing hand massages – some of the ladies even had their nails painted.

Well done to all staff and pupils involved.

Beaconhurst Remembers

On Friday 11th November Beaconhurst held a remembrance Ceremony to honour all those past and present who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces, and who have died in the line of duty since World War One. Representatives from Poppy Scotland as well as Mr Ballance from the Royal British Legion were also in attendance.

After readings from Headmaster, Head Boy Sandy Scott and Head Girl Holly Wilkinson, a two minute silence was observed by the whole school, after which the Last Post was played by Graeme Law S6.

School representatives also attended the remembrance service at the Bridge of Allan Cenotaph, where Headmaster laid a wreath.



Public Lectures at Stirling University

On Thursday 3rd November 2011 I went to a public seminar on the topic of red sprites at Stirling University. The seminar was conducted by Peter McLeish, artist/scientist, who specializes in paintings which highlight the beauty of atmospheric phenomenon. A red sprite is an electrical discharge which occurs in the ionosphere (which is where the atmosphere meets space) and they can be seen above lighting storm clouds roughly sixty miles above the Earth's surface. The sprites were first discovered in 1989 by Professor Winckler. They last for less than one tenth of a second and like snowflakes no two sprites are alike. The best way to describe a red sprite is as a "big red jellyfish with blue tendrils". The red colour is a product of nitrogen igniting and although the red sprites appear red in photographs to the human eye they appear more orange than red.

I thoroughly enjoyed this seminar and found the topic fascinating. We were shown a short film at the end of the seminar which showcased some of Peter McLeish paintings of the sprites. He had visualised sprites and had created paintings of sprites from above and from the inside. These were shown and superimposed over one and other to produce a spectacular effect. I was really pleased I decided to go and will definitely try to keep track of future occurrences of red sprites.

Oliver Lowrie S6

Esteemed Linguist Interview

A few weeks ago in English we were told to select a book for a personal study project and then produce an essay on it. I was clueless as to which book to choose, so I went the school library and asked Mrs Vevers the Librarian to recommend a good book. She handed me a copy of All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque.

On the same day Mr Wright told my German Intermediate 2 class that there was a German verse competition coming up and it was going to be judged by Professor Brian Murdoch, who is an esteemed linguist and an expert on medieval German at Stirling University.

Later that night, I picked up the book and noticed that the person who had translated it from the original German into English was the very same man coming to judge the German competition. I was amazed - what were the odds! Thankfully Professor Murdoch agreed to being interviewed, however having only just started my project, I was slightly worried I might be wasting his time. Fortunately however, he was perfectly happy to answer any and all of my questions, even allowing me to record the session. I hope to include sections of the interview in my essay and I would just like to thank Mrs Vevers for recommending the book in the first place, Mr Wright for giving me the opportunity to meet Professor Murdoch, and finally to Professor Murdoch for taking time out of his busy schedule and for providing me with an invaluable insight into the book.

Nathan Gibson S4



Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair

Beaconhurst PTA held their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 19th November from 11am till 2pm in the Dining Hall and Sports Hall. There were lots of fun events for the family including a bouncy castle, giant slide and laser quest.

There were also various stalls offering home baking, face painting, Christmas plants and crafts, as well as a stall by the Young Enterprise group. Tea, coffee, soup and hot dogs were on sale and everyone was offered a free glass of mulled wine.

Movember

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men.

On Movember 1st, men register at Movember.com with a clean-shaven face and then for the rest of the month, these selfless and generous men, known as Mo Bros, groom, trim and wax their way into the annals of fine moustachery. Mo Sistas are the women who register to support the men in their lives, raising funds by seeking sponsorship for their Mo-growing efforts. Mo Bros effectively become walking, talking billboards for the 30 days of November and through their actions and words raise awareness by prompting private and public conversation around the often ignored issue of men's health.

Simon Nash, Head of Geography, signed up to this cause and raised the magnificent sum of £257 for Cancer charities. Simon said:

I have agreed to this challenge to raise awareness and funds for men's health, specifically prostate cancer. This affected and led to the early death of my uncle."



**Simon Nash
Before**



**and
After**

What Happens to Our Old Computers?

At Beaconsfield School, we have nearly 200 computers and 40 printers. Whilst we try to keep them for as long as possible, usually 6 or 7 years, eventually they become obsolete or unreliable, and have to be replaced.

At the half-term break, we disposed of half a van-load of old computers and electronic equipment, known as WEEE – Waste electronic and Electrical Equipment.

WEEE material, should not be considered waste. It is a resource. Useful materials such as copper, aluminium, plastic and other components can be extracted and recycled.

Tony Baker
IT Manager



**Some of our obsolete
computer equipment**

Junior Start and Junior School 2011 Christmas Concerts


Beaconhurst School
Junior Start



Christmas Concert 2011

Junior Start Programme

Beaconhurst Junior School
(J1, J2 and J3)

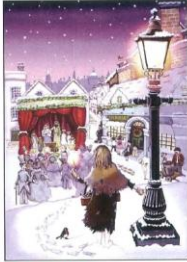


The Lucky Reporter by Carrie Richardson

J1, 2 and 3 Programme

Beaconhurst Junior School
(J4, J5 and J6)

The Match
Girl's Christmas



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2011

J4, 5 and 6 Programme



Junior School Achievements



Miss McCluskey has awarded the following Superstar Awards

Successful Learners

J4 Tom Strang

J5 Cameron Morrison, Gregor Rodger

J6 Logan Eason, Amy Sandstrom

Confident Individuals

Responsible Citizens

Effective Contributors

Recent writers of the month

J1 Lauren Dudley, Robynne Hendrix, Eva Laird-Daly and Morgan Wicks

J2 Heather Hale, Kate Henderson, Elise Newall and Logan Morrison

J3 Millie Dillon, Bethany Fairbairn, Euan MacKenzie and Catriona Tung

Recent Merit Badge Winners

J1 Sammy Bell Lily Blackhurst Blair Buchanan Mia Coppin Lauren Dudley Robynne Hendrix India Heron Isabelle Kendall Eva Laird-Daly Molly McCaig Aaryn Mckenna Jemma Russell Morgan Wicks	J2 cont Emily Morris Logan Morrison Elise Newall Hannah Nicolson James Robertson-Strange Logan Russell Charlotte Stirling	J4 cont Jessica Lifson Frankie Lynch Tom Strang Mathew Wilson	J6 cont Iona Graham Louisa Hutchison Emma Kilpatrick Craig Laird Katie Laird Harry Lynch Hannah MacAulay Ben Malcolm Jack McLay Ruth McPherson Tom Ogilvie Ewan Oldroyd Amy Sandstrom Michael Savage Ellie Tierney Jemma Ure
J2 Katie Aitchison Molly Clarke Heather Hale Luke Haughton Caroline Henderson Kate Henderson Oliver Hunter Sam Hyde Laura Koechlin Tara Mathewson Archie Meldrum Siobhan Moore	J3 Ellie Cook Millie Dillon Bethany Fairbairn Sophia Fletcher Daniel Henderson Katherine Hendrix Jake Holmes Abigail Jones Euan MacKenzie Harris Ogilvie Catriona Tung Sophie Ure	J5 Rory Casey Charlotte Crosbie Kerr Fletcher Tom Graham Iain Gray Jack Haughton Lucy MacKenzie Cameron Morrison Max Oldfield Calum Robertson Gregor Rodger Liam Russell Amelia Strutt Ben Vevers	J6 Jonathan Ackroyd Lucy Baillie-Hamilton Joshua Beal Logan Eason Jennifer Ferguson Gordie Graham
J4 Parmdeep Bassi Jake Gourley Poppy Graham Victoria Johnston Miles Kilpatrick			

Headmasters Certificates

Headmaster's Certificates of Distinction have been presented to the following pupils since the last bulletin:

- J2** Emma Carman, Heather Hale, Caroline Henderson, Kate Henderson, Laura Koechlin, Tara Mathewson, Hannah Nicolson, James Robertson-Strange
- J4** Gabriel Nicolson
- J5** Kerr Fletcher
- Tr** Holly McCulloch, Danny Vevers
- S3** Charlotte Beckham, Catherine Ross
- S4** Morgan Brown, Stephanie Cocking, Sophie El-Nahas, Joanna Lowrie, Fraser Morrison
- S5** Vivien Anderson, Jena Crossan

Well done to all those pupils who have distinguished themselves in their work and in their contribution to school life.

Many congratulations to all our pupils on their many and varied achievements. Apologies to anyone we have missed out – please let us know for inclusion in the next bulletin.

Key Dates until Half Term

Thursday 5th January	Spring Term Begins, 08:45
Monday 9th January	All Clubs begin this week
Tuesday 10th January	PTA Meeting – Dining Hall 1545:1715
Thursday 12th January	Dip/Tet/Polio Injections S3/4 Boys and Girls
Friday 13th January	S2 Exams begin
Monday 16th January	Young Enterprise Achievers Progress Evening, STEP, 18:00 – 20:00
Wednesday 18th January	S2 Exams end
Thursday 19th January	S4 Staff/Parent/Pupil Evening – Dining Hall, 18:00 – 20:00
Wednesday 25th January	Burns Supper – Dining Hall, 19:00 – 21:00
Friday 27th January	S5/S6 Prelim Exams – Cameron Hall
Thursday 2nd February	Parents Introductory Meeting to Junior 1 Aug 2012, 19:00
Friday 3rd February	S5/S6 Prelims end
Monday 6th February	S2 Staff/Parent/Pupil Evening – Dining Hall, 16:00 – 18:00
Tuesday 7th February	S2 Staff/Parent/Pupil Evening – Dining Hall, 18:00 – 20:00
Wednesday 8th February	Senior Swimming Gala – Stirling University Pool, 13:30 – 1530
Thursday 9th February	Junior Start Drop in session, 08:30 – 09:30
Friday 10th February	J3 – Tr Swimming Gala – Stirling University Pool, 13:30 – 1530

HALF TERM BREAK

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