



Beaconhurst E-news

THE SCHOOL'S LATEST NEWS ON LINE

From the Headmaster

Welcome to our last e-news bulletin of the session. I hope you are managing to dodge the showers and that all pupils and parents are enjoying a relaxing summer break. As you will see by the amount covered in this edition, a lot took place at school right up to the end of term and I am sure that when the holidays finally came both pupils and staff were ready for them!

I am delighted to report that since school broke up our Junior Start department has once again been awarded all six quality criteria by Stirling Council, including 'Excellence in Practice.' This is the second time in a row that our early year's provision has been recognised as sector leading by the Council and is a tribute to the hard work and professionalism of Lorna Jackson and her team.

Those parents who attended Prizegiving will be aware of the announcement made by the Chairman of the Board of Governors of developments being proposed over the next year in response to the marketing exercise involving pupils, parents and staff that took place last term. The main areas we are seeking to develop are communication and sports provision. With this in mind, I hope to begin the process of appointing a Director of Sport and a member of staff to head up our marketing function over the summer holidays. We are also hoping to re-develop the barked area next to the Cameron Hall and convert it to an all-weather playing facility. This will require planning permission, which is being applied for as we speak. These developments signal exciting times for Beaconhurst and I will keep parents informed of progress over the course of next session.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back for the new term on Wednesday 24th August. In the meantime, I wish a continuing happy holiday to all.

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Dux of the School 2011 – Verity Beckham
(Photo courtesy of Whyler Photos)

Dux Presentation

Following our Prizegiving ceremony on 30th June 2011, Mr John Edward, Director of SCIS, presented the Dux of the School award to **Verity Beckham** (S6). Verity was the Deputy Head Girl for the term 2010-11 and was a great role model for her younger peers.

Pictured from l to r are:

McGregor Campbell (Deputy Head Boy), **Mr Angus Weir** (Deputy Head), **Mr John Edward**, **Verity Beckham** (Dux of the School) **Mr Iain Kilpatrick** (Headmaster) and **Amy MacKenzie** (Head Girl).

Beaconhurst Scholarships

Several pupils have recently been awarded Academic Scholarships for next term. Many Congratulations to:

Hattie Graham (S1), Rebecca Lifson (S1), Cameron Pender (S1), Bethany Reed (S1), Kelsey Campbell (S1), Vivien Anderson (S5), Stuart Jenkins (S5) and Kirsty Shaw (S5).

Triathlon Winners

This year's triathlon winners were:

Isla Graham (Tr), Jamie Eason (S1), Rachael Harbinson (S2), Aidan Orr (S2), Joanna Lowrie (S3), Jack Towers (S3) and Robbie McDermott (S4). Isla, Joanna and Robbie all achieved new records. Well done to all.

Mathematical Challenges

As ever, it has been a busy year of competitions with individual UK and Scottish Mathematical Challenges.

Fraser Morrison (S3) and Alexander Pollock (S1) both achieved Bronze awards in the Scottish Mathematical Challenge.

Matthew Gil (S3) and Arran Amor (S1) both achieved Gold awards in the UK Mathematical Challenge.

Jack Robertson (S1) answered an impressive 1,084 questions correctly in the Word Maths Day competition, receiving a certificate for his efforts.

Jordan Reed (S2), Alexander Pollock (S1), Jessica Young (S1) and James Davey (S1) achieved 5th place in the UK Team Maths Challenge. We held our own version of this event in school at the end of the Easter term and the winning teams were **Arran Amor, Zac Marlin, Eleanor Salthouse and Jessica Young** from S1 and **Ramsay Robertson, Hannah Lifson, Jordan Reed and Ellie Wright** from S2.

Kirsty Shaw (S4), Jarrad Haywood (S4), Sophie El-Nahas (S3) and Fraser Morrison (S3) enjoyed their day at George Watson's College taking part in the Enterprising Mathematics competition. The winners of our own school version were **Ramsay Robertson, Jack Elfick, Erin Perrie, Amber Healey and Rachael Snowie**, from S2 and **Morgan Brown, Sophie El-Nahas, Sanraj Lalli and Edward Salthouse** from S2.

Our J6 and Transition pupils had a "Fun Maths" day on 21st June. This gives J6 a chance to work with pupils from Transition on some challenging problems. Our winning team this year was **Gordon Hogg (J6), Holly McCulloch (J6), Rhiannon Gil (Tr), Holly MacLean (Tr) and Thomas Preston (Tr).**

Finally, our top S3 performer in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge was **Matthew Gil**. He was invited to participate in an event at Stirling University. **Joanna Lowrie** and **Sophie El-Nahas** also attended the event.

Here are some of our winners.



Outdoor Education Week

This year saw yet another successful Outdoor Ed week. The Junior School and Junior Start Activity Week started on Monday 23rd May. J4-J6 had a three day trip to Aberdeen and J1-J3 had a trip to Dynamic Earth. Unfortunately, the Sponsored Darn Walk had to be postponed due to the weather but the children did get their promised ice-creams anyway!

Tr – S4 Outdoor Ed Week started on Monday 13th June and Transition and S1 took part in a variety of activities which prepared them for the Outdoor Education Programme which they will attend further up the school, with other activities connected with Environmental Studies. The children enjoyed canoeing, mountain biking, a trip to Hopetoun House, a visit to Dundee and a Hill Walk.

S2 – S4 travelled further afield to the Cairngorm Lodge Hostel and enjoyed time at a rope adventure centre, mountain biking and canoeing and sailing, whilst also taking part in various levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying and Practice Expeditions.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their activities and came back to school with many happy stories for their parents.



**Outdoor
Activity
Programme
2010-2011**



Individual Achievements



Zara Gullen

Royal School of Music

Zara Gullen (J5), recently passed the Royal Schools of Music Grade 1 Flute exam, with Merit. She also won the 'Clydesdale Bank Swimming Trophy' for best girl in her age group, having won gold medals for breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke and freestyle. Well done Zara.

Tennis Central

Robert Morrison (S1) and his brother **Scott Morrison** (S2) were part of The Bridge of Allan squad who won the 14 and under boys section in the Tennis Central Scotland Summer Tennis League. The team had an unbeaten run of nine wins and one draw. Very well done to you both.

European Tennis

Ross Tiree Wilson (S2) was selected as one of only three boys to represent Great Britain in the 14-and-under 2011 European Summer Cup. The team qualified for the finals in Magaluf, Spain and Ross won all of his singles rubbers as the GB team defeated Sweden, Croatia and the Netherlands to progress as one of the top four seeds for the Tennis Europe finals which will feature teams from France, Hungary, Belarus, Italy, Romania, Spain and the Netherlands. A total of 63 teams entered the competition this year. The finals will take place in Prostějov in August.

He also recently took part in the World U14 Championships in Tarbes, France and was part of the winning South of Scotland U18 County Cup team. He is currently British Champion after winning the U14 British Clay Court National Championships.

Scottish Ballet

Amarillia and Anastarsia Moffat (S1), were two of about 100 children who recently auditioned for a few limited places to the Scottish Ballet School. The standard was extremely high and extremely difficult to choose between so many talented children. Anastarsia was successful and has been offered a place whilst Amarillia impressed the judges with her improvement and has been encouraged to re-audition for senior's associates next year.

Amarillia and Anastarsia Moffat



Dancing Achievements

Hannah Howland (J4), has racked up an impressive number of achievements of late. She won Open A at the Spring Stage Dance Festival in Blackpool at the end of May, achieving 6 firsts for Ballet, Tap, Character, Modern, Song & Dance and Greek, and second for her National. She also won highest mark in Song & Dance.

She won runner-up at Zetland Stage Dance Festival on 27th June with four firsts for Ballet, Modern, National and Song & Dance and two thirds for Tap and Character.

She will also be competing in Championships this month and also has an audition for the Sky 1 TV programme "Got to Dance" on 24th July. We wish her all the very best.



Ross Tiree Wilson

Rising Star

Emma Devine (S4) was recently presented with an award by Jaguar and is classed as one of their rising stars, chosen from 50 athletes throughout Britain. Mentoring days are run by Dame Kelly Holmes and Emma was interviewed by Tim Henman and many others. Sir Steve Redgrave, Colin Jackson, Gareth Edwards and Lord Digby were all on hand to offer support. Emma was hoping to get into Junior Wimbledon.

Sports Days

As always, the Junior and Senior Sports days proved to be a huge success and the weather was fairly kind to us, although the Junior events were split between school and the University for fear of a downpour! Everyone who took part, gave 100% effort and had a great day.



Senior School Sports Day



Junior School Sports Day

Junior Start Mini Olympics

Thursday 16th June saw Junior Start host the Junior Start Mini Olympics in the Sports Hall. Representatives from Stirling Albion Football Club organised events which included foam javelin throwing, a mini obstacle course and various relay races. The children of Junior Start One represented Italy and Junior Start Two were split into teams from France and Spain. Everyone had a great time and put on a magnificent display for their proud parents. Each child was presented with a medal and parents were invited to stay for tea and coffee afterwards.

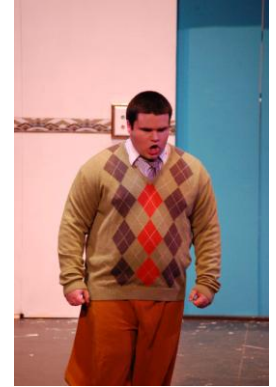


Junior Start Mini Olympics



Expressive Arts

Our Senior School Expressive Arts class recently performed the Broadway hit musical “How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying” at the MacRobert Arts Centre. After months of rehearsals, the show came together and proved to be a huge success. There were quite a few standout performances and huge congratulations to all the actors, crew and staff for a thoroughly enjoyable performance. Some of the photos below are courtesy of Whyler Photos.



Senior Prom

This year's Senior Prom was on Wednesday 22nd June at Glenbervie Hour Hotel, near Falkirk. Representatives from S6 organised the event and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful meal and danced late into the night to a fabulous DJ. Mr Mailer from Whyler photos was on hand to take some photographs for the leavers to cherish, as they look back on their time at Beaconsburn.



S6 at their farewell Prom - Photo courtesy of Whyler Photos.

Corrieyairack Challenge

Mr Grant Norcross, one of our Mathematics Teachers, and two of his friends, recently took part in the Corrieyairack Challenge. This consists of a forty three mile mountain bike race over the Corrieyairack Pass from Fort Augustus to Garva Bridge and then onwards to Kinbraig. The event is timed with individual and team results, but the main aim is to raise money for charity. All proceeds go towards the various charities chosen by the event sponsors – The Speyside Trust. Their primary focus is ‘helping people with disabilities enjoy the outdoors’. At the time of going to print, we do not have Grant’s account of the challenge and hope to report on his achievement in the next edition of the e-news.



Mr Grant Norcross



S1 at the Science Centre



Glasgow Science Centre

Our S1 class recently took a trip to the Glasgow Science Centre. As well as enjoying the various activities within the Science Centre itself, they had booked into the i-Max cinema to watch a film about the Hubble Telescope.

The staff at the cinema told the group that they had someone to speak to them first and everyone was truly amazed to be introduced to an actual Russian Cosmonaut. Through his interpreter, he was able to tell everyone that he had spend 133 days in space, at the Mir Space Station and had completed 7 space walks. His talk was thoroughly interesting, if a little over the heads of such a young audience, but everyone was truly appreciative of the amazing and unusual life experiences he has had.

S1 Geography Field Trip

The S1s recently went on their annual Geography Field Trip to Lerrocks Farm in Argaty, Doune. They observed the Red Kites and studied conservation on the farm.

They then went to the David Marshall Lodge in Aberfoyle to look at the forestry.



S1 on their Geography Field Trip

Miss McCluskey has awarded the following Superstar Awards



<u>Successful Learners</u>		<u>Confident Individuals</u>	
Katie Aitchison	(J1)	Parmdeep Bassi	(J3)
Emma Carman	(J1)	Claudine Ferrand	(J3)
Luke Haughton	(J1)	Jake Gourley	(J3)
Kate Henderson	(J1)	Alex Hyde	(J3)
Oliver Hunter	(J1)	Jessica Lifson	(J3)
Laura Koechlin	(J1)	Frankie Lynch	(J3)
Tara Mathewson	(J1)	Gabriel Nicolson	(J3)
Archie Meldrum	(J1)	Tom Strang	(J3)
Siobhan Moore	(J1)	Jamie Blackhurst	(J6)
Emily Morris	(J1)	Callum Hodge	(J6)
Hannah Nicolson	(J1)	Katie Holdsworth	(J6)
Logan Russell	(J1)	Holly McCulloch	(J6)
Jake Holmes	(J2)	Sally McPherson	(J6)
		Sophie Shrive	(J6)
		Ellie Towers	(J6)
		Danny Vevers	(J6)
<u>Responsible Citizens</u>		<u>Effective Contributors</u>	

WRITERS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

J1 – Caroline Henderson and Logan Morrison

J2 - Harris Ogilvie

J3 – Parmdeep Bassi and Miles Kilpatrick

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR MAY/JUNE

J1 – Katie Aitchison, Heather Hale, Sam Hyde, Laura Koechlin, Logan Morrison, Elise Newall and James Robertson-Strange

J2 – Ellie Cook, Sophia Fletcher, Rhianne Henderson, Abigail Jones, Harris Ogilvie, Olivia Ruiz and Sophie Ure

J3 – Rory Baillie-Hamilton, Edward Crossley, Alex Evans, Hollie Gilmour, Poppy Graham, Miles Kilpatrick, Jack Menneer, Helena Oldroyd and Ellie Pender

J5 – Louisa Hutchison, Ewan Olydroyd, Amy Sandstrom, Jemma Ure and Craig Laird

J6 – Erin Taylor and Robyn McKinnon

Headmaster's Certificates

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

J2 Stuart Beattie, Auriane Bel, Gabrielle Blackie, Ellie Cook, Joshua Davey, Millie Dillon, Bethany Fairbairn, Sophia Fletcher, Daniel Henderson, Rhianne Henderson, Katherine Hendrix, Jake Holmes, Abigail Jones, Megan Knight, Euan MacKenzie, Harris Ogilvie, Olivia Ruiz, Catriona Tung and Sophie Ure.

J4 Hannah Howland, Jack Haughton, Lucy MacKenzie and Sally Reid.

J6 Danny Vevers

S2 Charlotte Beckham and James Crampton

S3 George Gil, Fraser Morrison, Matthew Reed and Edward Salthouse

S4 Siobhan Cook and Robbie McDermott

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 for next Term

Wed 24 August	Autumn Term begins 08:45
Fri 26 August	PTA New Parents Breakfast – Dining Hall 08:45 – 10:00
Tue 30 August	PTA Meeting – Dining Hall 15:45
Tue 30 August	J2, J4 and J6 Parents meeting 19:00 – 20:00
Wed 31 August	Intro to S5/S6 with information session on University Applications – Dining Hall 18:00
Tues 6 September	J1, J3 and J5 Parents meeting 129:00 – 20:00
Wed 7 September	Tr – S6 New Parents/Tutors meeting – Dining Hall 19:00
Thu 8 September	Junior Start Information Evening 18:30 – 19:30
Fri 9 September	Prefects Weekend 126:00
Fri 16 September	WOSIS Orchestra Course – Hutcheson's Grammar School 18:30 – 21:00
Wed 21 September	Higher Geography Field 3-day Trip departs 09:00
Thu 22 September	Duke of Edinburgh Introductory Talk – Dining Hall 17:15 – 18:00
Tue 27 September	S5/6 Higher Education Information Convention – University of Stirling 13:45 – 14:45
Fri 30 September	Junior Start Drop in Session 08:30 – 09:30
Mon 3 October	S4 Introduction to Futurewise – Parents Evening (ISCO) 19:00
Fri 7 October	Open House 09:00 – 12:30
Fri 14 October	Half Term begins 15:35

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