



Brechin High School

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Weekly Update 06/03/2026

Wild Wonders in Our Rights Respecting Garden

It has been a busy start to spring in our garden. The outdoor space is more than just a place to play—it is a living classroom and a vital sensory environment where the pupils can connect with nature at their own pace. Outdoor learning has a wonderful way of encouraging communication, lowering stress, and sparking curiosity.



The bold Robin is a real favourite, known for being quite territorial yet brave, our Robin is usually first to the bird feeder and often at the window feeder. The acrobatic Blue Tits are bright blue and yellow and are frequent visitors to our bird feeders. The pupils love watching them hang upside down to get to the seeds. They move so fast it is nearly impossible to get a photo. This month we took part in the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch, recording wood pigeons and magpies as our most common garden birds.

The elusive red squirrel is not elusive in our garden! We are incredibly lucky to have red squirrels in our forest. These agile climbers are smaller than the greys and spotting one is always the highlight of the week. Brechin is an important monitoring area for both grey and red squirrels, squirrel sightings can be recorded at the website, Saving Scotland's Squirrels

<https://scottishsquirrels.org.uk/>



We are looking forward to enjoying spending more time outside after a long, wet winter. The S3 rural skills class are keen to get started growing salad crops and vegetables and we are trialling the 'seed snail' technique for germinating seeds indoors. The S2 class have used AI to support them making a summer bulb planting scheme and have grand plans for transforming a few corners of the school grounds to improve biodiversity.



Our outdoor learning and garden activities are designed with the **UNCRC** at their heart. Article 29 states that education should encourage children to have respect for the natural environment. Furthermore, the garden serves as a vital space for Article 31, recognising every child's right to relax, play, and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. Whether they are watching the blue tits or making bird feeders, our students are exercising their rights to a rich, supportive, and healthy childhood.

S3 Engineering For the Future

Massive Congratulations to Samantha and Maja, who have been awarded a place in Strathclyde's "Engineering the future for girls" programme after submitting very strong applications against thousands of entrants.



Engineering the Future for Girls programme has three main objectives:

- Engage girls in activities that highlight their talents and enhance their self-confidence
- Inspire more female students to become the next generation of engineers
- Promote a wide range of career options within the different Engineering disciplines.

Brechin Community Football Trust

On Thursday afternoons a group of S1, S2 and S3 boys have been given the opportunity to work with Craig Hay from Brechin Community Football Trust. They are taking part in a Community Project and learning about different opportunities in Brechin while supporting various organisations.

Since the beginning of February, they have visited the men's shed and are taking part in an ongoing project with Brechin golf club. Last week Ross from the Golf Club taught them about the work he is doing to protect the red squirrels in the area.

We are very grateful for the continuing support from our community.

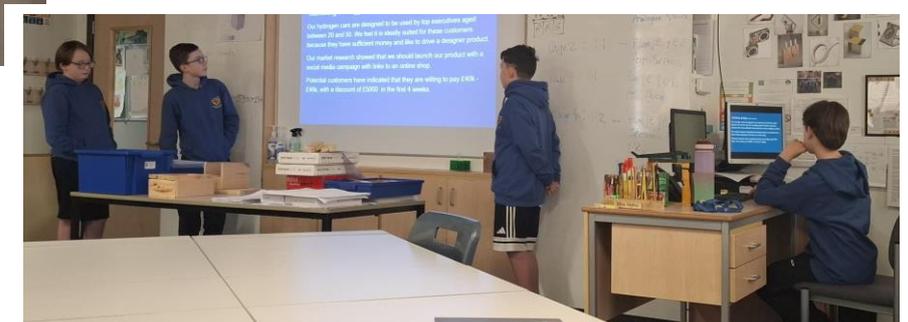
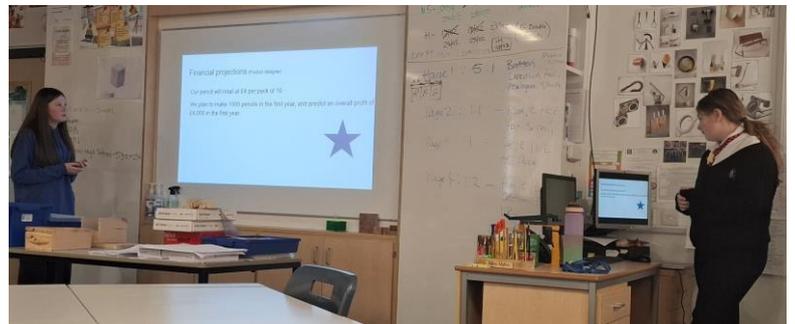
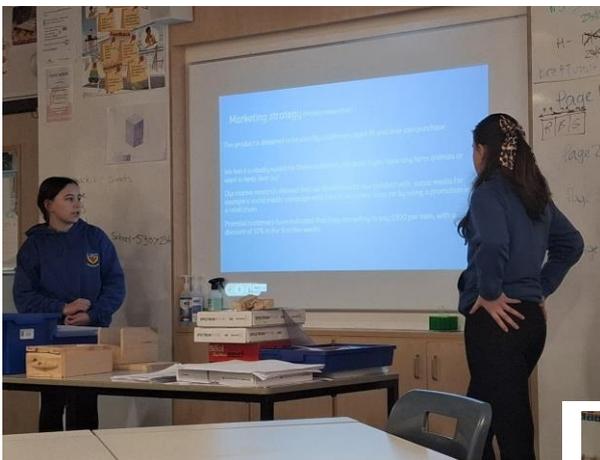


Senior Attainment meetings

Thank you to parents and teachers who have been involved in meetings to support and encourage those of our young people who find it hard to know how best to study, to see how we work together to help in these last few weeks before exams. There is an extensive study support offer running in school, and we will have an offer of revision throughout the exam period, but individual work is still needed.

S1 Business and Product Design

The S1s have been busy taking part in a department project of creating a business and redesigning a product in a way that is more sustainable. Each team pitched their Business Idea to Mrs Phillips, and she chose a winner from each class. These shortlisted groups all pitched their ideas to Mrs Murray-Blair and Miss Myles on Wednesday morning, and Zenor Jewellery were chosen as the overall winners! All groups presented so well and had put in so much work!! Well done to all, and to Mrs Phillips for her hard work to make it happen.



School of Creative Industries

Ms McVey's amazing School of Creative Industries class have been writing their own books. Using Canva templates, students are creating novellas, and comics for their

'How to Write a Book' project.

Ms McVey modelled the task by sharing some of her own original creative writing, and students visited the library to immerse themselves in the wealth of genres and mediums on hand for inspiration.

Students' work is in progress but very impressive so far, with some wonderful original storytelling. Pictured, are students peer-marking each other's stories. Once complete, Ms McVey will

select the best finished stories and then these will be printed, catalogued, and added to library stock.

A fantastic literacy project for National Year of Reading 2026. Go All In!



Career's Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came to support our young people learn more about a variety of careers and opportunities in the area.





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