



# Hillhead High School



## LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER 3 – MARCH 2022



## What's Been Happening?

### 100 Days After COP26

In February two S1 pupils, Florence Bartlett and Stella French, attended the event *100 Days from COP* at Glasgow City Chambers. In November, Glasgow hosted the largest ever COP and 100 days later Glasgow City Council marked this milestone by bringing together young people from across the city to reflect on the achievements of educational establishments during COP 26 and discuss the next stage of our journey towards a more sustainable city.

Here is a report written by Florence and Stella.

*“During this event many people who have lived their life embracing our natural world’s wonders spoke up about saving our planet. All the people who gave thrilling speeches of encouragement, passion and warmth have inspired us to think before we act.*

*We were told many stories of inspiration. The story I found most interesting was by this man who is an explorer/charity funder, he spoke about all the amazing and wonderful adventures he had been on and all the incredible things he has done. Everyone at the conference has their own story to tell and what they are doing to do their part to stop climate change!”*  
Florence Bartlett

*“The opportunity overall was fabulous! I have learned so many new things, and are now a part of some too. The fact that all these schools want to help is amazing. We all have one thing in common, the fact we want to change something in this wonderful world!”*

Stella French

### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### Friday 5

We are continuing with our focus on Learning for Sustainability and the United Nations Development Goals during our Friday 5 classes. This month our focus has been covering many of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



#### Cost of the School Day



One area, **Cost of the School Day**, linked to the UNSG 10 Reducing Inequalities. Pupils were able to discuss child poverty and found out about the ways Hillhead High are addressing these issues and the supports available to pupils and their families.

Another area that was looked at was the affects that war has on children in other countries. This allowed our pupils to reflect on the rights that they have in Scotland and compare them to the rights that are being denied to the children in Syria.

International Women’s Day was also celebrated during Friday 5 and linked into the UNSG 5 Gender Equality.



Pupils were given the opportunity to discuss bias looked at ways the pupils in Hillhead High can **#Beat the Bias**. Pupils also enjoyed completing the quiz created by the Feminism Club. Well done to all the pupils involved.

#### Friday 5 and Rights Respecting School

The feedback from our Rights Respecting School Pupil Survey highlighted the views of many pupils that they wanted to see more posters around the school highlighting the Rights they have.

In response to this during the last few Friday 5 lessons in March pupils have the opportunity to take part in a Rights Respecting School Poster Competition. Winners will be selected from all the year groups participating and the winning posters will be printed and displayed around the school. Good luck to all the pupils involved, we are looking forward to seeing the great ideas and work.





## FRIDAY 5 AFTER EASTER

The Friday 5 Committee in the school are making up lessons on the United Nations Sustainable Goals to be delivered to pupils during Friday 5 from Easter to the end of term. A big thank you to all the teachers who are creating these great lessons for the pupils. Development goals to be studied include:

**Good Health and Wellbeing**  
Mr Gemmell



**Affordable and Clean Energy**  
Mr Torrance

**Reduced Inequalities**  
Miss King



**Sustainable Cities and Communities**  
Mrs Reilly and Mr Reid



**Zero Hunger**  
Ms Connely



**Life Below Water**  
Miss Douglas



**Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**  
Mr Dunn



Pupils will be exposed to a variety of different activities during these lessons that will help them develop their knowledge and skills to assist our school, our communities and our world to become more sustainable.



## THE DANDELION PROJECT

We are delighted to share with you the news that Hillhead High is taking part in the National Dandelion Project.

Dandelion is an ambitious creative programme demonstrating the power of collective action in a unique ‘grow your own’ initiative for modern times. It is Commissioned by EventScotland and funded via the Scottish Government.

Rooted in Scotland, with an international outlook and sustainability at its heart, the Dandelion programme follows the arc of the growing season, from April to September 2022, and will culminate in hundreds of Harvest events across Scotland.



Driven by the concept of ‘Sow, Grow, Share’ – not just food but ideas, music, scientific knowledge, and community – Dandelion takes a unique approach to community growing, bringing together artists, makers, scientists, performers and technologists to present events and programmes across Scotland – from its remotest islands to the centres of its great cities – as well as online through films and digital activities.



Sown throughout Dandelion is a commitment to empowering young people, inspiring the artists, activists, scientists and creative producers of the future, and aiming to re-establish Harvest as a significant annual cultural festival for everyone. Look out for Dandelion events in your area.

## Dandelion at Hillhead

Hillhead High is one of 100 schools across Scotland to host a ‘growing cube’ and participate in the largest community-led growing experiment ever undertaken in Scotland comparing future farming techniques with traditional growing.



The seedling-filled ‘grow cube’ will be delivered to Hillhead in a few weeks’ time and Science pupils will take control of light, moisture, humidity and nutrient levels in these miniature vertical farms to test their own ideas about what helps or hinders the plants to grow. The results from all 100 ‘grow cubes’ across Scotland will be collected through Wi-Fi and centrally analysed and the data will be shared on the Dandelion digital platform.

Pupils in S1-S3 will also take part in the Big Tattie Experiment. This will involve pupils bringing a vessel into school, such as a wellington boot, a bucket, a pot, or another imaginative item that they can grow potatoes in. Each pupil will be given 3 potato seeds that they will plant in their vessel and then take home.



During their P7 Transition days at Hillhead in May the P7s will also be planting potato seeds in the Hillhead High School gardens. These pupils will then be able to harvest the potatoes they planted in September when they are S1 pupils. Also in September we will be holding a Harvest Festival to celebrate all the growing achievements. More information on these events to follow.



## Summer Fayre

## Departmental Work

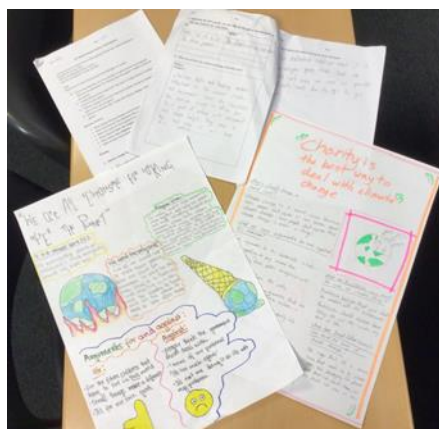
We are all excited about our Hillhead High Sustainable School Summer Fayre. This will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 10am-1pm. There will be over 30 stalls where you will be able to purchase crafts, candles, wreaths, jewellery, clothing, yoga mats, bags, make up, art, plants, pottery, books and lots more. All stalls will have a sustainability commitment and all money raised will go to our school fund. We also have representation from our Parent Council and the PACE Team.



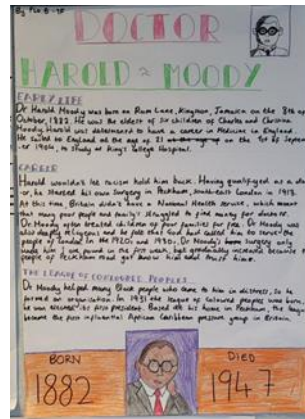
Also visitors to the Fayre will have the opportunity to visit our school library where we will have displays of all the work pupils in the schools have been producing in relation to sustainability. We look forward to seeing you all on the day.



**Remember the date**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**



### RMPS



In RMPS S1 have been learning about Dr Harold Moody, a British Civil Rights Activist who was inspired by his Christian faith to help others and oppose racism he and others faced. Pupils read his biography then completed a poster task, which has made a wonderful display in the Humanities corridor!

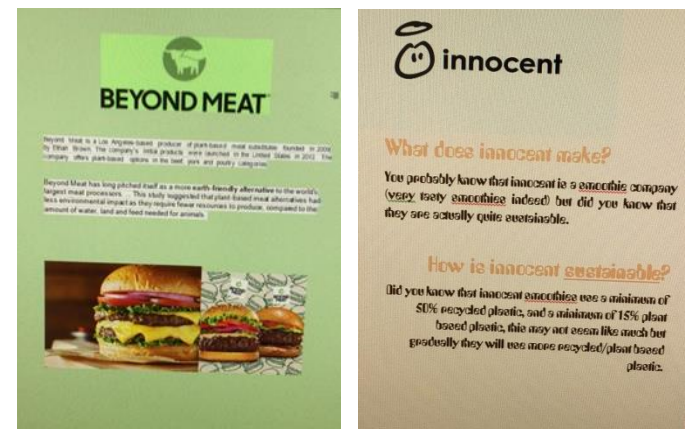


Also in RMPS S2 RMPS rounded off their Climate Justice Unit by completing investigations on an area of their choosing. Some fantastic posters and PowerPoints were made!



### ICT

In ICT pupils in 1CD1 have been researching and creating PowerPoints on companies that are sustainable. During this research the pupils had to include the reasons why these organisations were helping our planet.



### Woodwork

In Woodwork 1CD2 have been making sustainable plant pot stands in technical from the scrap wood from the wood bin. They are making some extra that will be sold at the Summer Fayre.



Get here early for the Fayre to get yours.



# And Finally



Well done to all the staff and pupils at Hillhead High in achieving The UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award. A special thanks to the Pupil Council and the Rights Respecting School Working Group for all their hard work in supporting our application.

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