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Due to matters beyond our control, we've had to move the publication forward by a few weeks.

Stay safe, take care and have a good Easter break when it comes.

Best wishes,

The Editorial Team

THE STEM RNNM STRIKES BACK



A long time ago (on the 11th and 12th of March) in a STEM room and school hall far, far away, an exciting space themed

science event took place.

Led by Jedi master Mr Blair and Steminists Mrs Loughlin and Mrs Griffin, the event cratered for all and all young people were engaged by the activities on offer.

discover more about every corner of the solar system.

Despite a short disruption by forces of the Dark Side, the event continued as planned as the dedicated rebel alliance of staff made it so.

They went on a voyage through space and time and explored many interesting exhibits that helped them

The event eclipsed all other events in the school and took Craigmarloch to infinity and beyond!



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JUST CAN'T WAIT UNTIL (THE) FRIDAY(S)



Young people from Craigmarloch have been travelling to Glasgow every Friday this term to prepare for a concert originally planned for March. Hopefully it will happen at a date later this year. Full story on Page 6.

Craigmarloch Heroes Senga Lauder



Senga is a long serving member staff who is retiring in the summer. She's looking forward to it, but she will be a friendly face much missed by staff and pupils alike!



Who is your favourite hamster?

Poppet.

What is your favourite car?

Mini - the new one!

Are you going to be sad when you leave?

No.

How long have you worked here?

I was 44 when I started at Lilybank 19 years ago.

What is your best year working here?

This year, because I'm finishing!

What age would you like to be again and why?

18, because I was footloose and fancy free!

What will you be doing when you're retired?

Getting a wee dog - hopefully a West Highland terrier.

What is your favourite bus driver?

Lawrence, because he does everything for me.

What is your favourite lunch venue - the agora or Craigmarloch dining hall?

The agora, because there's more choice and the food is fresher.

Who is your best friend in Craigmarloch?

Mags Campbell. She's a good friend and we have a good moan together!

What is your favourite food?

Chocolate biscuits for my sweet tooth.

Would you rather fight a duck sized lion or a lion sized duck?

Duck sized lion.

Strictly or Dancing on Ice?

Dancing on Ice

Messi or Ronaldo?

Ronaldo

Bake Off or Masterchef?

Masterchef

McDonalds or KFC?

McDonalds

TV Box Set or Cinema?

Cinema, because I can't work my telly!

Jack or Victor?

Jack

Hammering The Goals In Mr Ahlfeld



Who is your favourite basketball player of all time?

Alton Byrd, a player from the 1980s who helped set up the basketball league.

What is your favourite sport to watch and why?

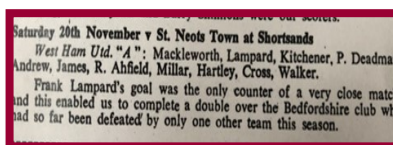
Tennis. I like watching the way Roger Federer approaches the backhand shot. Richard Gasquet is another player who is great to watch.

What is your favourite colour and why?

Blue for blue eyes, not any local football teams!

Who is your favourite West Ham player?

My current favourite is Aaron Cresswell, but my all time favourite is my dad Ronnie Ahlfeld. Somebody called Harry Redknapp kept him out of the first team! *(But not all the time!)*



**That's Frank Lampard Senior, the dad of the current Chelsea manager!*

What is your favourite phone?

A dial phone from the 1980s.

What is your highest score in darts?

180 but only in Bullseye.

Bleep test

Strictly or X Factor?

Strictly

Messi or Ronaldo?

Neither— Jean Tigana was the best player (see photo on page 3).

Bake Off or Masterchef?

Bake Off, with Mrs Barney's pancakes.

McDonalds or Burger King?

McDonalds

TV Box Set or Cinema

Cinema

Jack or Victor?

Winston

Costa or Starbucks?

The Blue Bird Café in Gourock!

What is the best holiday you've been on?

It's a toss up between Santa Barbara and Dunoon!

What is your favourite drink in Costa Coffee?

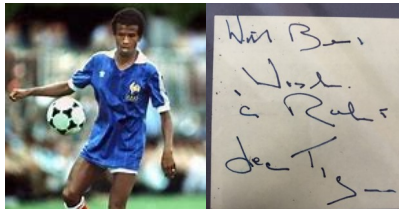
A flat white.

How do you stay fit given that you're an old man?

Running after the pupils.

Would you rather fight a lion sized duck or a duck sized lion?

A duck sized lion, because my cat Bobbi is about the same size!



Did you know?

Mr Ahlfeld was in a pop band when he 19. He was called at home whilst babysitting his younger brother and watching *Sportscene* by Ian Broudie of the *Lightning Seeds* (of *Three Lions* fame) about recording on his record label. He said he'd call him after the performance, but sadly never did. Pop music's loss is Craigmarloch School's gain! Mr Ahlfeld is a big "Northern Soul" fan and his favourite movie is *Restless Natives*.

PUPIL INTERVIEW ROSS O'DONNELL

Ross is a leading personality in the pupil leadership team, impressing all with his positive and friendly attitude to life in school. Here's what he had to say as he prepares for life at college next year!



What are you going to do at college next year?

Drama, hopefully!

What is the best holiday you have been on?

Florida - Universal Studios was my favourite theme park over there.

Who is your favourite music from the 1980s?

Take on me by A-Ha.

What is your favourite musical and why?

Mamma Mia. It's good because they've put all the ABBA songs together.

What is your favourite food?

Ice Cream, because it's the best!

Who is your favourite teacher and why?

Mrs Salters, because nice and very supportive.

Who is your best friend in school and why?

Dylan Molloy because he's a great guy to hang about with!

How did you celebrate your 18th birthday?

I went out for dinner and had a raspberry volcano cocktail.

What was your favourite present?

A polaroid camera.



What is the craziest thing that has happened to you in school?

When I fell and broke my wrist at Lady Alice Primary.

Would you rather fight a duck sized lion or a lion sized duck?

Lion sized duck as I would easily beat it up with my fists.

A-ha or ABBA?

Strictly or X Factor?

Strictly

Messi or Ronaldo?

Neither - I don't like football.

Bake Off or Masterchef?

Neither.

McDonalds or Burger King?

McDonalds

TV Box Set or Cinema

TV Box Set

Jack or Victor?

Both

Star Wars or Star Trek?

Star Wars

Art or Science?

Both



World Book Day

Which staff member is reading what?

Craigmarloch's staff team is a highly educated workforce.
Guess who is who from these pictures of staff members hiding behind their favourite books!



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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs Barney ____ | Mrs Loughlin ____ | Mr Evans ____ | Chris ____ | Mrs McCafferty ____ |
| Mr Walker ____ | Ms Clydesdale ____ | Mr Fisher ____ | Mr Orr ____ | Mrs Monk ____ |
| Mr Browne ____ | Ms Brown ____ | Mrs Smith ____ | Mrs Bissell ____ | Mrs Griffin ____ |
| Jason Beaton ____ | Ms Henderson ____ | Lesley Cannon ____ | Mrs Brannigan ____ | Mrs Macdonald ____ |
| Mr Blair ____ | Ms Jones ____ | Mrs Cunningham ____ | Julie Watson ____ | Mrs Morgan ____ |

**With thanks to Mrs Cunningham for her help with this feature!*

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE



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UNDER ARREST

To encourage good behaviour in the Primary department, the police have been assisting the school by arresting children and bringing them to book at the local

police station. The first class to benefit from this tough new approach was P5/6 and crime rates in the school have decreased massively as a result!



To celebrate kindness day, responsible young people throughout the school delivered positive messages to anyone they met. Here are some polite members of the senior phase spreading the message to a couple of oldies!



Recipe Of The Month Mrs Barney



Have a sweet time of it over the Easter break by creating this lemon meringue crunch.

Ingredients

- 20g butter
- 4 digestive biscuits
- 100g caster sugar
- 1 egg separated
- 15ml lemon juice
- 100ml water
- 15g cornflour
- Greased ovenproof dish

Method

- 1 Set oven to 190 °C (Gas Mark 5)
- 2 Grease dish
- 3 Crush the biscuits in a plastic bag with a rolling pin
- 4 Melt butter in a pot and add the biscuit crumbs
- 5 Press into the base of your dish
- 6 Put 50g of sugar in a pot with the egg yolk, lemon juice and water
- 7 Blend cornflour with a little water in a cup and add to pot.
- 8 Bring the mixture to the boil and pour over base.

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- 9 Whisk the egg white until stiff. Add the remaining sugar gradually.
- 10 Spread over the lemon sauce and bake until crisp and golden.
- 11 Leave to cool down
- 12 Wash up
13. **Enjoy responsibly.**



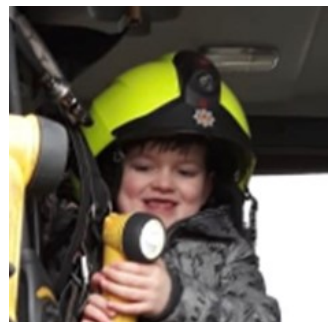
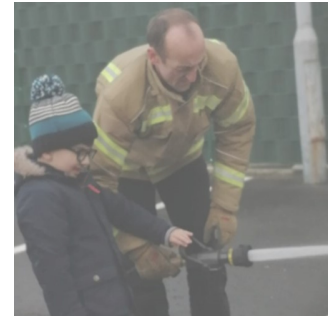
THE FRIDAYS UPDATE

Following weeks of preparation at the Scottish Youth Theatre in Glasgow, The Fridays and Craigmarnloch musicians have prepared an exciting programme that will (hopefully) entertain everyone in our school. Pupils have played a range of instruments from tin whistles to bass guitars and baritone. Bassist Dylan Molloy was disappointed by the postponement but said "it's a shame this has happened but I can't wait for the concert so that we can show everyone what we've been doing".

BURNING AMBITION



Inspired by a certain famous firefighter (who may or may not be called Sam), young people from P2/3 visited Greenock Fire Station for a chance to dress up, drive a fire engine and use the professional super soaker. Who knows, they might be back in a few years as firefighters themselves!



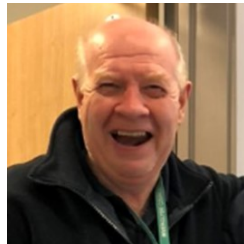
Sounds of the Clyde



On Tuesday 25th February young people from Primary 4-7 presented a concert to celebrate the end of weeks of work with composer James Ross (pictured) and Drake musicians Matilda Brown and Annona Thornton. They were joined by pupils from Garvel school and Moorfoot primary, as well as by pupils from Clydeview Academy and Port Glasgow High School. In the plush surroundings of the shared campus

auditorium, they were lucky to be joined by a capacity crowd of parents, friends, teachers and learning assistants. The music celebrated the sounds of the River Clyde shipyards, which inspired the names of our school houses, and enabled all participants to contribute with instruments, voices and signing. An audience member from S3, Shay Weir, really enjoyed it and described it as an "amazing performance".

WHICH CRAIGMARLOCH CHARACTER ARE YOU?



Craigmarloch has a variety of interesting characters amongst the staff team, but which one are you most like? Answer the questions below to find out.

Question 1

What is your dream weekend?

- (a) Going for a 100 mile run, while also cooking a 5 course meal and updating the school improvement plan.
- (b) Heading to Parkhead to watch the football.
- (c) Watching an entire baseball season for the Boston Red Sox without leaving your sofa.
- (d) Having a meeting with a teacher in another school to plan the next big concert.

Question 2

The fire alarm goes off in school - what do you do?

- (a) Ensure the paperwork is in place and head to the playground to make sure everyone is present and correct.
- (b) Singlehandedly put out the blaze yourself while waiting for the arrival of the fire brigade.
- (c) Use the chaos as an opportunity to break into the canteen to grab a few doughnuts.
- (d) Pick up your violin and play a tune accompanied by the fire alarm.

Question 3

Someone is sick in the dining hall when you are there. What do you do?

- (a) Rush back to the office to pick up the relevant health and safety guidelines.
- (b) Clear the area and deal with it yourself leaving the place spotless. It's nae bother after all!
- (c) Saunter back to your room to check that you don't have any out of date food that might have caused the sickness outbreak.
- (d) Take your guitar out and distract everyone with a group performance of "Auld Lang Syne".

Question 4

What is your ideal Christmas present?

- (a) An anthology of HMI inspection reports from the last ten years.
- (b) A forklift truck to help move all of your other Christmas presents from the janitor's office at the end of term.
- (c) A Taste of America food hamper and recipe book, made by Mrs Barney.
- (d) A colour co-ordinated set of ukuleles.

Question 5

Where would you like to go on holiday?

- (a) An educational leadership conference also attended by a member of the Scottish

Government (selfie opportunity!).

- (b) A trip with the boys to a Champions League game against Barcelona at the Nou Camp. They probably won't win, but you'll have a brilliant time.
- (c) An American Civil War battlefield, preferably with a fast food restaurant nearby.
- (d) The Rio Carnival—to take part!

Question 6

What is the best part of working at Craigmarloch?

- (a) Ensuring that continuous quality improvement takes place within a dynamic learning environment.
- (b) Running "the last man standing".
- (c) Impressing everyone with interesting facts.
- (d) Playing musical instruments for at least 10 hours a day!

Mostly (a) Looking like you mean business, you are **Mr Walker**.

Mostly (b) A person of action, you are **Mr Orr**.

Mostly (c) Fascinated by "interesting" facts, you are **Mr Evans**.

Mostly (d) Always ready with a tune or two, you are **Ms Henderson**.

*Answers as imagined by the editorial team!



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WILDLIFE REPORT



Extremely scary rabbits have been spotted in the locality, hanging out at a branch of *Pets At Home*. Please be on your guard if visiting one of these locations, and only buy one if you are sure you can provide a safe and happy home for it. Also make sure you ask a responsible adult first!

Sport News

BACK OF THE NET



On 19th February, some of Craigmarloch's most talented young footballers took to the road with Director of Elite Football Coaching, Mr Ahlfeld and former professional footballer Mr Byrne. Their mission: to take part in the RLSS para football event. Held in Paisley, home of the hated St Mirren football club, it was nevertheless a fun

event which enabled our young people to shine. Having destroyed the opposition, Craigmarloch's stars returned to the school to a hero's reception, and were greeted with a guard of honour. It is now down to Mr Walker to arrange the open top bus tour of Port Glasgow and Greenock, hopefully on a day without a weather warning in place!

STEPPING UP

Upper Primary went to Grangemouth for the Sportshall Athletics Festival on Thursday 25th February. They took part in Olympic bean bag throwing, a baton relay and the high stepper challenge. Star performers were Eilidh Birney and William Espie, staff members Miss Mackenzie and Mrs McHardie, and everyone else who took part.

