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S1 Residential

This year Endrick House went to Lochgoilhead for their S1 Residential. The young people took part in a wide range of activities from kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking and sailing. Great fun was had by all, particularly when it came to the evening giant water slide and mini Paralympic games. The young people had many opportunities to make new friends and build positive relationships with staff from the school.



More photos on twitter @Balfronendrick

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Lomond House



This year 37 pupils from Lomond House went to Ardmay House on the shores of Loch Long for their S1 Residential. They experienced a wide range of activities and have highlighted rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, hillwalking and the disco as their favourites. Pupils also recognised the positive impact on their confidence, independence and relationships. As one of our pupils said on twitter "I've had an amazing week and I love canoeing. I've had a great time away."



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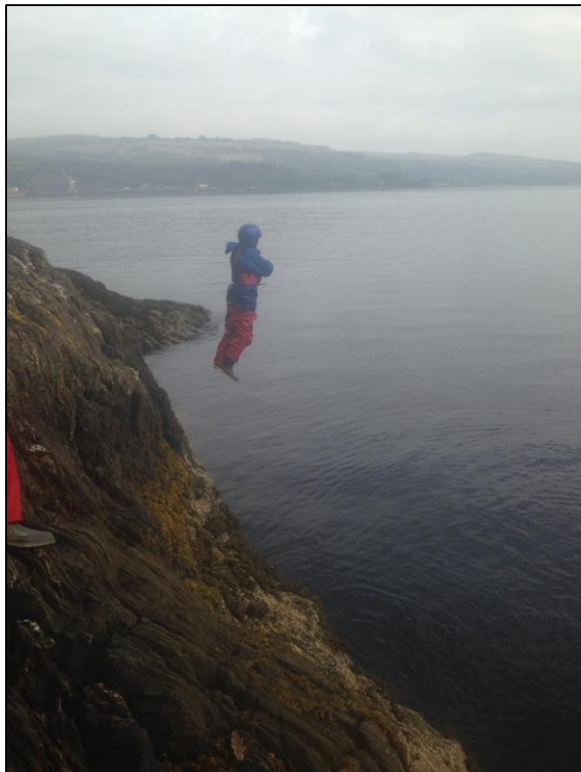


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Campsie House

This year 55 S1 pupils from Campsie House went to Ardentinnny for the week-long residential experience. Their parents were able to follow their experiences through the Twitter feed, as they embarked on a series of very wet, very demanding and very enjoyable activities. Gorge walking, rock hopping, canoeing, climbing and abseiling challenged them, but it was the Dragonboating that was the biggest favourite this year. Without exception, all Campsie pupils should be proud of their achievements and deserve their certificates. Formal evaluations have still to be completed, but the steak pie must surely be the highlight?!?



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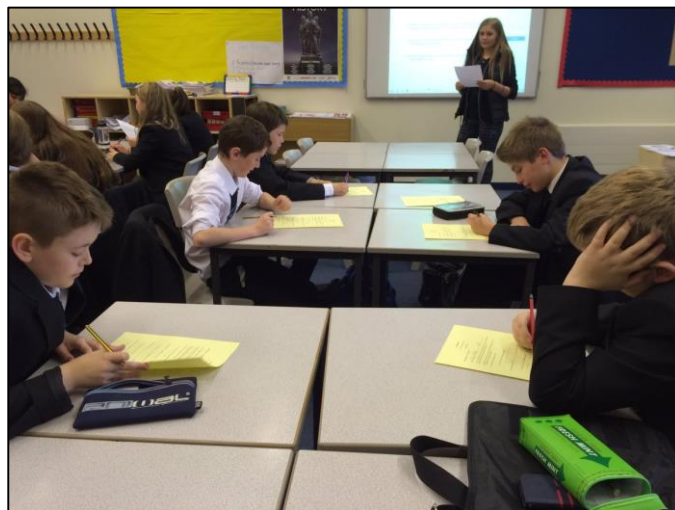
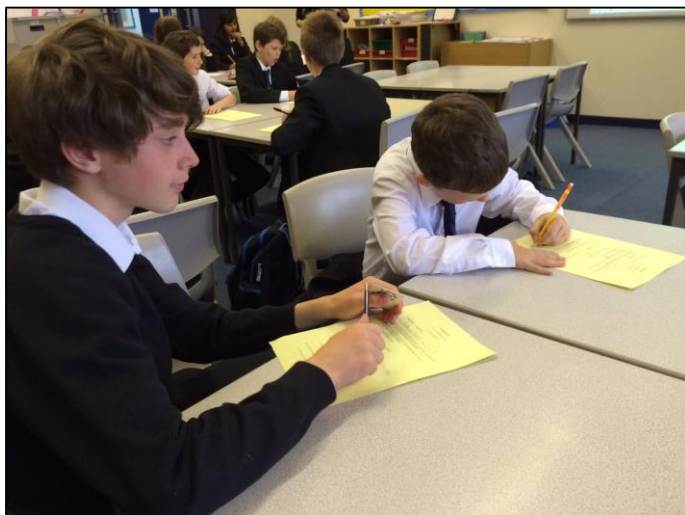


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Back at Balfon High School, Endrick House evaluate... Let's make it even better next year!





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Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

This edition of Highlights provides a full flavour of the many activities that our young people are involved in as well as some of the general work of the school. There is much more going on than is included and we are always keen to hear more about our young people's achievements out of school and include it in the next edition and celebrate their success.

We are working hard to continually improve all aspects of our provision and collaborating with parents, partners and young people is a key feature of our approach. Every year teaching and support staff participate in working groups to review and improve practice. This year S5 pupils will be linking with the groups. We will continue to use survey monkey and consult the parent council, so thanks for completing surveys – this is really helpful. I am currently reviewing the homework policy and have included some of the data collected from the survey later in this edition. I hope you will find it interesting.

I am delighted that we are working with Education Scotland on a pupil voice project. Some of our S5 and S6 pupils have taken part in two workshops that challenged them to think out their priorities in their school experience. They have most recently undertaken an activity where they are familiarising themselves with the How Good Is Our School 4 document and are considering how to make self-evaluation processes more learner friendly. There have been some really interesting discussions.

On a light note, we are planning the annual Halloween Discos. They take place on 1st-3rd of November. Last year we invited parents to come along to the Christmas Ceilidh and help staff supervise – this worked really well and it's a model that we would like to continue. With that in mind, I would really appreciate help from parents to attend the Halloween Discos – you do not have to come to your own child's disco but we would love to see you at one of the others! Please contact me via email if you can manage.

It has been great to see an increase in the number of parents coming to the Parent Council. The next meeting is on the 1st of November at 7pm in the Strathendrick Suite. You are most welcome to come along.

I will keep you up to date through Highlights and emails. As always, thank you for your support of our school.

Elaine Bannatyne
Head Teacher

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Introducing our House Captains for 2016-17

Campsie House

Senior House Captains: Katie Biggart, Kirsty Maitland, Ruaridh Shaw, Orla Gerrard

Junior House Captains: Jamie Horrocks, Katryna Bell



Endrick House:

Senior House Captains: Helen Barrett, Emily Shaw, Rory Kay, Rachel Cairns, Emma Pretorius

Junior House Captains: Kieran McIntyre, Martha Coombes





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Lomond House:

Senior House Captains: Molly Rowley, Jamie Wastling, Euan Hayward, Lewis Stewart, Sophie Howie

Junior House Captains: Kathryn Forrest, Amy Hollis



Inter-House – The Story so far...

So far in the inter-house competition pupils have competed in Football, Hockey, Golf, Drama (1st ever), Swim Gala, Countdown and of course positive behaviour.

These results combined with Sports Day from the end of last year mean that the update score is -

Endrick - 380

Campsie - 355

Lomond - 345

Lots to look forward to this term with the Song Context and the Movie Trailer the highlights of the year.



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Aqua-Culture Competition,

by Rachel Cairns, Emma Pretorius and Katie MacLaren.



On the 1st of September our hospitality class were given the opportunity to visit Loch Fyne Fishery where we encountered a first-hand experience of a business in the Aqua-Culture industry. We were given a brief introduction by an employee who demonstrated the methods involved within the process of smoking salmon. We were then directed down to the oyster farm meeting another employee to give us a tour of this side of the business. Later in the day we were given the opportunity to taste the produce which enhanced our experience. It was a fantastic opportunity which we all thoroughly enjoyed and were very grateful to have the chance to have been part of.

Following our experience at Loch Fyne Fishery four members of our hospitality class, Rachel Cairns, Emma Pretorius, Katie MacLaren and Aisha Muhinda, took a trip to Edinburgh where we took part in the European Aquaculture Conference. We left on Tuesday 20th September in a minibus with Miss Kelso to the Conference Centre in Edinburgh, where we met the



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other school we were competing against and had a run through of the show. After this we went and checked in at the Premier Inn we were staying at. We then sat down and enjoyed a two course dinner with lots of delicious desserts. Next we got in the taxi which took us to a ghost tour, which was terrifying, hilarious and we all had a great time. The following day we headed back to the Conference Centre and Katie and Aisha began preparation for their fish dish.

The conference took place at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre where delegates from the Aqua Industry were meeting to discuss topical issues. We were part of a "Seafood in School" initiative showcasing a cooked dish and a presentation of our experience. Katie and Aisha were in charge of preparing a mussel and saffron soup in which was later presented after cooking this dish onstage while being asked questions about our dish. Three main judges tasted both schools' dishes and gave their verdict to one another. Following this our two speakers Rachel and Emma, who gave a presentation along with a video of our experience at Loch Fyne, were then asked questions regarding what we have learnt about Aqua Culture as a whole. This led us on to standing on stage beside our fellow teammates and competition where they presented the prizes. Unfortunately we did not win but we still gained a trophy, some cool aprons, a cook book and a memorable experience. We'd like to say congratulations to Glen Urquhart who cooked up a great dish too and came first.





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Dear Parent / Carer

Within Stirling Council we are always keen to hear your views and continually seek to improve the service to you and your children / young people.

One way in which we would like to do this is through an ASN Parents Reference Group

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The ASN Parents Reference group would meet together to promote parental participation and parental consultation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the ASN Parents Reference group is to support parents to have voice in decision making at a strategic level and have a role in providing support, information and contributing to events for other parents.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership would consist of a number of parents with different experiences of additional support needs; Dyslexia, ASD, Complex Needs, SEBN, Young Carer etc. Senior managers from Children's Service would also attend along with representative from Parent Council.

PURPOSE:

- To contribute to draft guidance and policy through consultation process
- To share information at other parent networks and forums
- To gather views of other parents
- To contribute to parental events
- To inform future priorities

WORKING ARRANGEMENTS:

The group will meet 3 times a year, November, February, May.
Dates and time: tbc

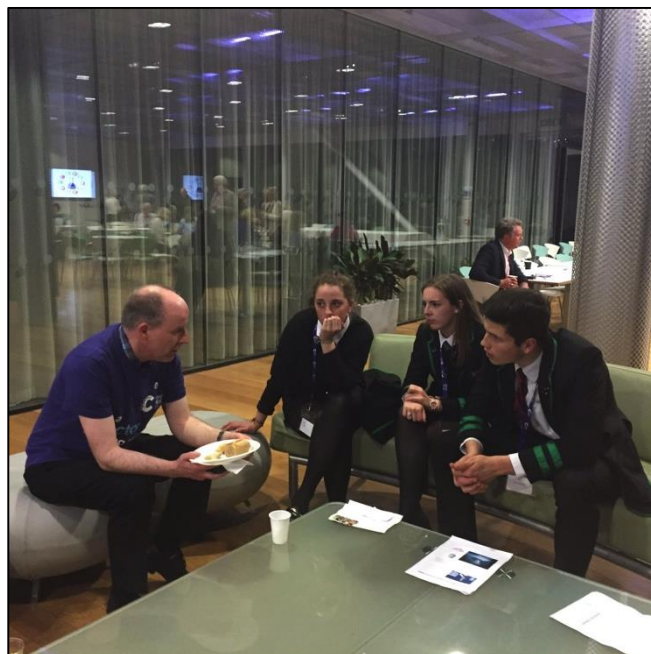
If you would like further information or would be interested in being a representative at this group please contact Elaine Murray - murraye60s@stirling.gov.uk

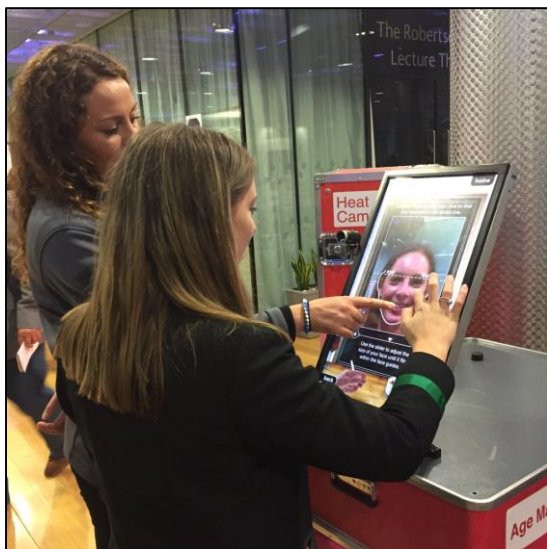


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Seniors Visit the Beatson





A group of senior pupils attended the Cancer Research Open Evening at The Beatson Institute on 14th September. After the initial presentation our young people visited active learning displays from the Glasgow Science Centre. They also attended a range of tours of the facilities. They learned about the range of jobs that exist at The Beatson and spoke to staff who were doctors, nurses, computer programmers and researchers.

In the Classroom... S1 Inter-Disciplinary Learning



show some of the poppies made from clay in art. These will be painted, glazed and displayed for Remembrance Day.

At present all S1 pupils are taking part in an inter-disciplinary project on the theme of remembrance. In History, pupils have learned about the origins of remembrance and the experiences of World War 1 soldiers. They will use this knowledge to write an empathetic story in English imagining themselves as a soldier in the Great War. Finally they will explore the power of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance in Art and in Music study a contemporary piece inspired by war. The picture above



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S3 Community Event

We have been working hard with colleagues from the community to make sure that our young people are aware of the opportunities available locally for volunteering and work experience. We are also keen to encourage pupils to have a voice in their communities and influence and participate in activities that shape and influence change. To help encourage this, we ran a community event. All of our S3 pupils had the opportunity to speak to representatives from a wide variety of local community organisations. In addition to finding out what is happening in local communities from Community Councils, Local charities and businesses, they were also able to gather information about volunteering opportunities.





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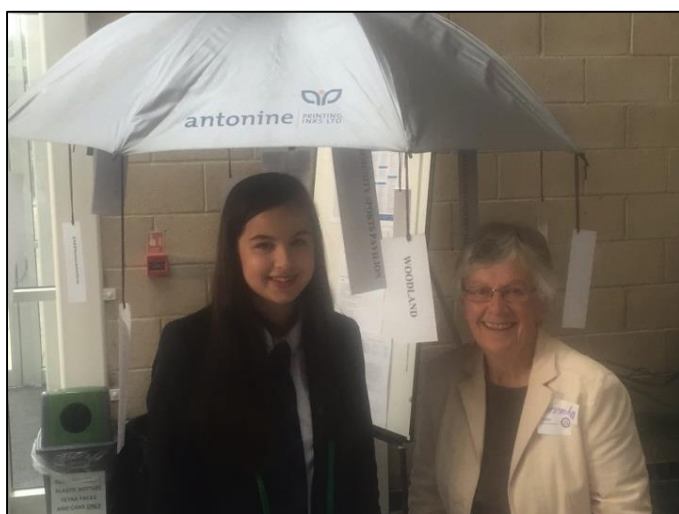
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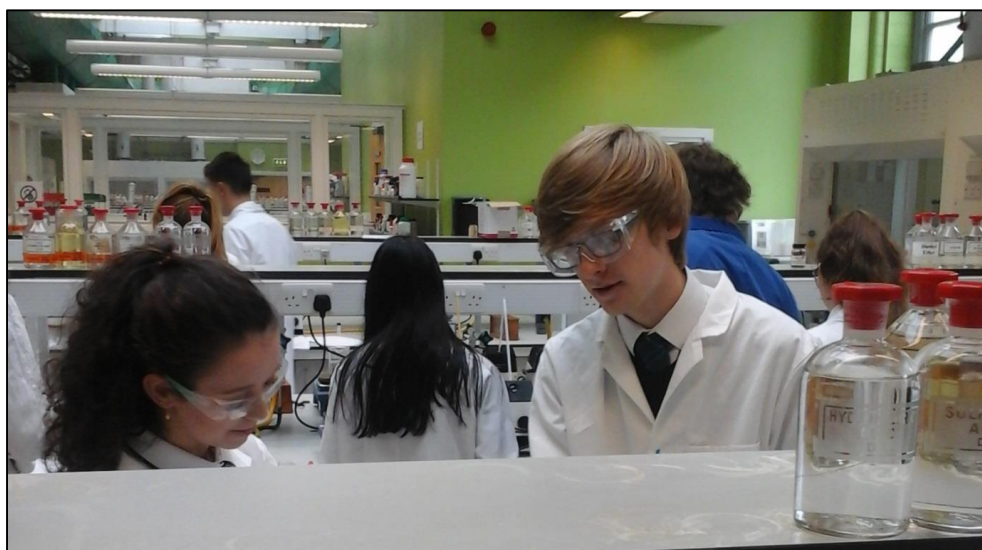


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Advanced Higher Chemistry Visit Strathclyde University, Mr Campbell

Balfon High Students studying Advanced Higher Chemistry went on a visit to Strathclyde University last week. Many thanks to Dr Alan Kennedy for hosting our visit and preparing a lab session for our pupils. Our aim was to have an insight into what instrumentation is used when investigating and analysing unknown molecules. The lab session provided each student an opportunity to test an unknown chemical sample and to deduce what it was from following a set of laboratory and chemical instructions. The feedback from our pupils was very positive, enjoying the hands-on lab session in the Chemistry Undergraduates 3rd year lab.

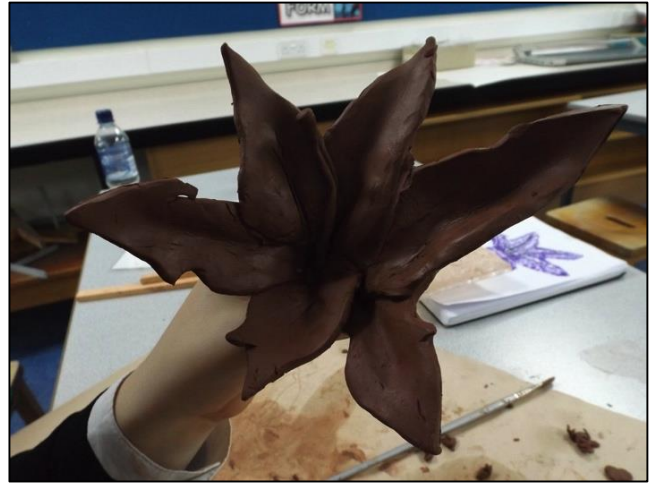




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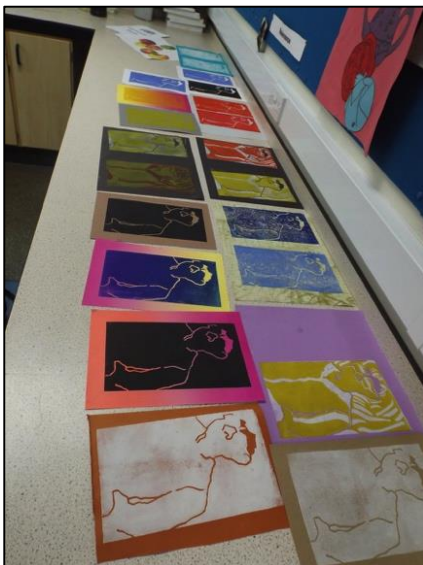
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In the Classroom... Advanced Higher Art



In Advanced Higher Art, young people were asked to use clay to explore creating sculptures or 3D reliefs of something which relates to their chosen theme. Each pupil has chosen their own individual theme.

Meanwhile in HNC Printmaking...





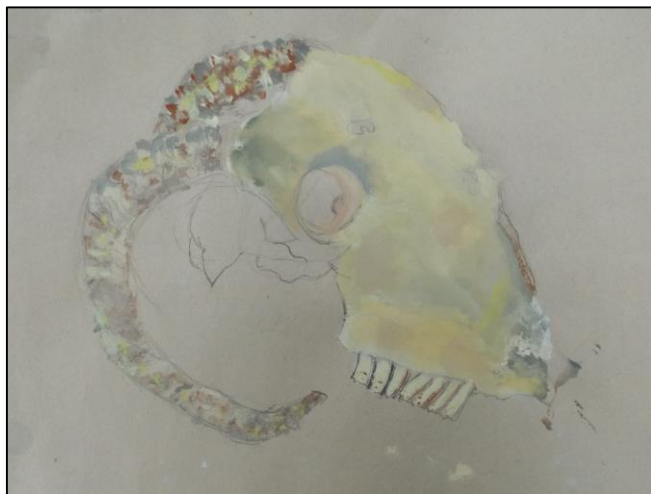
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In the classroom... Term 1 Artwork



Sophia Kaljim, 1E1



Penelope Slater, 2C3



Eva Brownlee, 3C2



Grace Donald, 4L3



Jemma Whyte, 5C2



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In the Classroom...S2 Drama Elective



The recent Drama course in the S2 Creative Elective has been a great success. The pupils involved participated in a range of activities all linked to theatrical performance. They explored non-verbal and verbal characterisation to understand how to develop their character in drama. Within this, the pupils experienced working with stage make up and choosing costumes to suit their role in short dramatic activities. Overall, new skills learned, lots of fun and some future stars in the making!





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In the Classroom... ConneXions



The growing season may be slowing down but the ConneXions group are gearing up for the Christmas Fayre.

We had a very informative visit to Benview Nursey to buy narcissi and hyacinth bulbs and to learn about jobs in growing plants. We couldn't resist buying a magnificent grape vine using money earned at last year's fayre. Watch this space!



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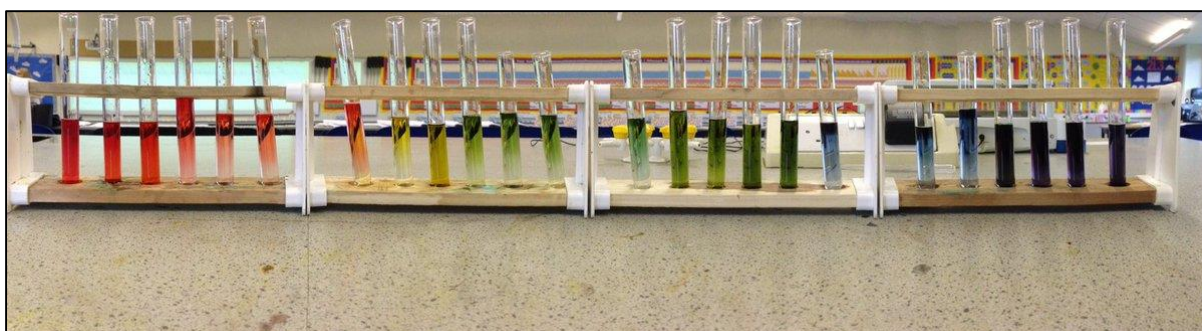
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In the Classroom – 4L1 Form Class



S5 pupils Iona Patrick, Gaby Reynolds and Matthew Betts (above) took some time out to share with new S4 pupils some tips on revision and studying and how to ensure their success.

In the Classroom...Science



National 5 Chemistry

As part of the Acids and Bases topic of the National 5 Chemistry course, pupils were challenged to create a pH scale by diluting both an acid and an alkali. Upon addition of an indicator the full range of colours were visible. The photo shows the successful work of Ollie Reilly, Catriona McCabe, Anna McDonald and Rosie Rasool.



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In the Classroom...French

S1 are pictured taking part in some cooperative learning. Young people were working on the topic of "Mon kit de survie" - talking about what is in their survival kit practicing all 4 skills (talking, reading, writing and listening).



In the classroom...Spanish

S3 pupils were practising their speaking skills and learning about each other in Spanish. They took part in a speed dating activity.





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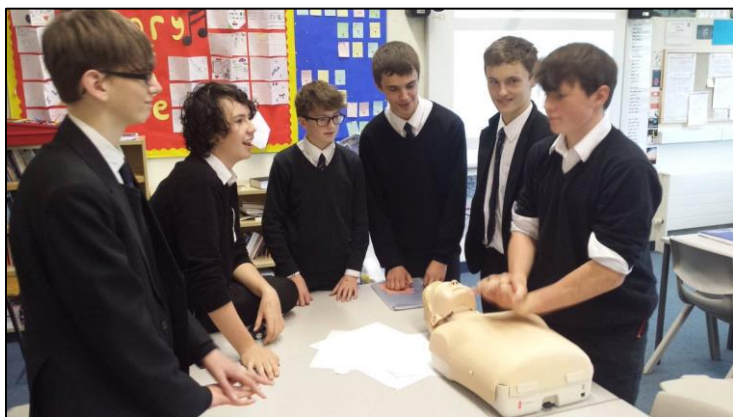
In the classroom...S5/6 PSE



Project Trust came in to talk to our senior pupils about the benefits of taking a gap year. It was particularly interesting and inspiring to hear from our own former pupil, Rachel McCulloch about her gap year in China.



In the Classroom, S4 PSE



On a rota, S4 are studying Heartstart. They take part in four lessons on the topics of CPR, recovery position, choking and bleeding.

S1 pupils learn the basics and pupils in S6 have the chance to update and improve their skills at the Health Day.



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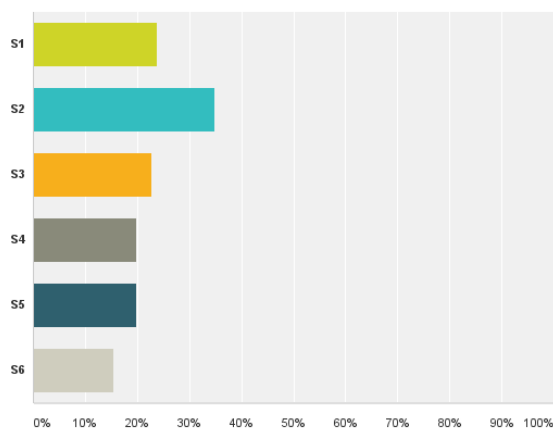
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Homework Survey – Feedback from Parents/Carers

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey monkey on homework. There were 181 responses. The feedback was as follows:

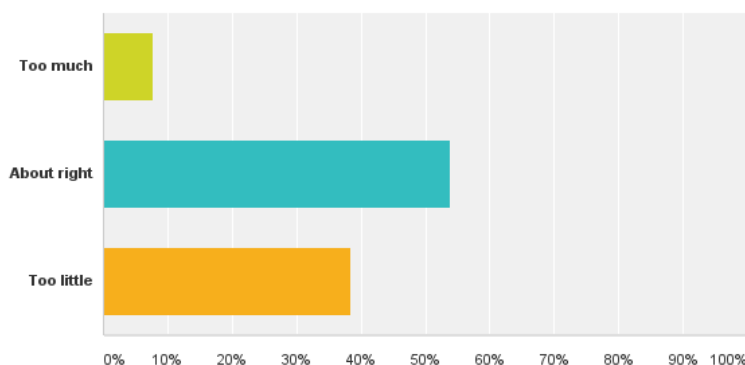
Q1 Which yeargroup(s) do you have children?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 1



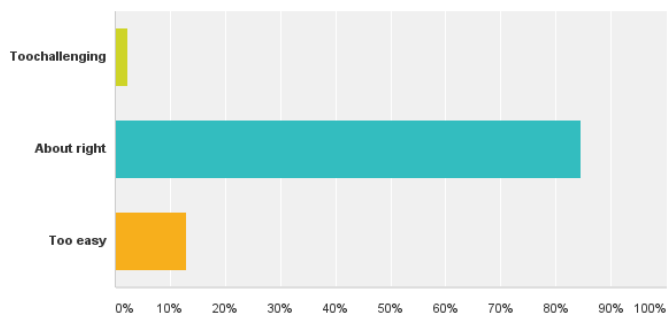
Q2 What do you think about the frequency of homework?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 13



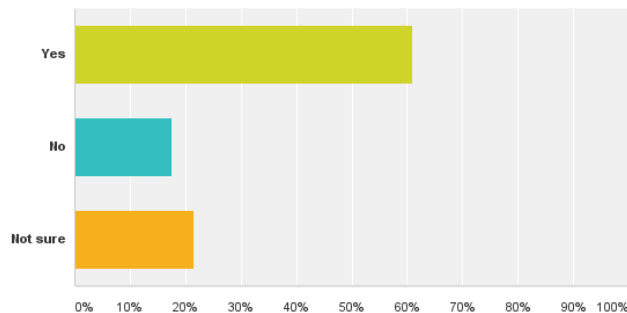
Q3 What do you think about the level of homework?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 13



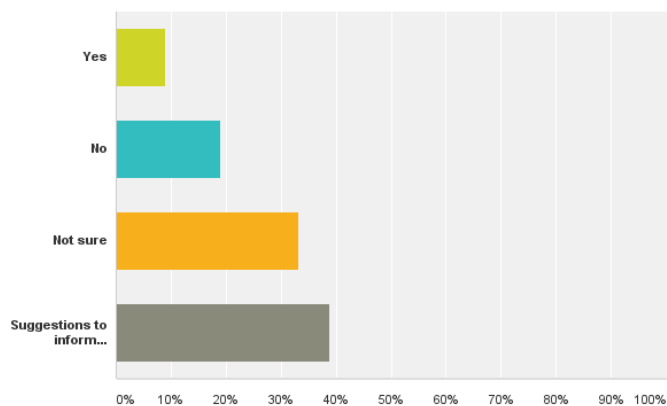
Q4 Do you think that your child engages with the homework given?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 5



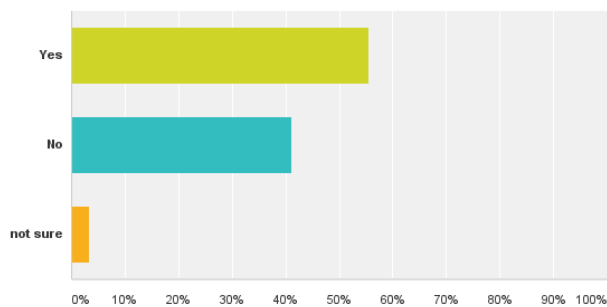
Q5 Could the school make it easier for you to support your child with homework?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 4



Q6 Do you access Show My Homework <https://balfonhigh.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar?all=true>

Answered: 180 Skipped: 2





Q7 Considering the issues highlighted, what would the most important improvement to the homework policy be?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 43

Feedback Earlier Pupils Lessons Understand
Challenging Homework Regular Homework
Clearer Think Able Teachers Difficult
Children Young People Parents
Individual Child Questions Subjects Little
Consistent Happy Learning Coordinate
Importance Relevant Homework Diary Set

The wordle above shows the most commonly used words in the suggestions for improvement submitted.

So what next?

Ms Bannatyne is leading a Homework Review group that includes teaching, support staff and young people. The group will analyse the responses in detail and review the current amount and type of homework issued.

There were many suggestions for improvement issued. These will all be considered by the group and patterns/trends will be pulled together for staff and young people to discuss and use to aid planning. Issues that arise will be discussed with the Parent Council.

Finally, once current practice has been reviewed and suggestions for improvement considered and agreed, an updated policy and practice guide will be shared.



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Junk Kouture, Miss Urquhart

We welcome young designers of the future to come along to the art department and let their imagination flow. We are designing wearable clothes made out of recycled materials that will be showcased on the cat walk in February 2017.

Pupils are given the opportunity to work in groups share ideas and create a unique outfit. Through this pupils learn how waste can be turned into something wonderful and learn new techniques in Art and Design.

We are taking part in this exciting competition. It is open to secondary schools over Scotland competing for the top prizes.





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Science Club, Mrs Murray



William Drummond and Alex Begbie, above

Science Club has seen a swell in membership with new recruits from S1 joining our dedicated group of S2 and S3 pupils. This has allowed the S2 and S3 pupils to take on a lead role during several sessions.

Benjamin Gardner, Finn Thompson, Benjamin Connolly and Curtis McLerie successfully demonstrated and explained the fun reaction better known as 'Elephant's Toothpaste'. Additionally, we've looked at plants and pond water under the microscope, safely set fire to our hands and looked at the xylem and phloem cells in plants.



As we head towards Halloween and Bonfire Night we'll be attempting some spooky and colourful experiments so come and join us in C8 at 1.15 pm on Wednesdays.



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Library

The S6 Library Leadership Team help out at lunchtimes. This is Alice Calveley, 6E2, supporting younger pupils at the circulation desk.



Meanwhile S1 pupils had an excellent discussion about Wonder over lunch. They showed great insight as they discussed friendship and masks as social equalisers.



S1 are also building their research skills in the library each investigating two scientists.





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Book Fayre in the Library



Millie Conway, Tess Hand, Molly Cornes



Oscar English, Luke Nisbit

During the week of 19th September the Balfon High school library became a book shop, featuring a wide selection of new books from Scholastic. Pupils were given the opportunity to visit the shop during class time and were also welcome to visit before and after school and during breaks. Many books were purchased, which resulted in the addition of new book stock which has just arrived this week to the Balfon High School Library shelves. The new books to be added to the Library collection will be enjoyed by our pupils for many years to come. Sincere thanks to all who supported the fayre!

Literacy - Accelerated Reading

Having secured funding from Education Scotland, 30 of our S2 pupils have been selected to participate in the Accelerated Reader program throughout the session. The program helps pupils develop their skills in reading and improves their attainment in literacy. Pupils choose selected books, appropriately labelled in the school library, and complete an online quiz to receive immediate feedback on their understanding of what they have read. It then recommends further books to allow them to progress in their reading skills. We are really excited to be able to offer this program and look forward to seeing the impact.





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Apprenticeship Event

The Scottish Apprenticeship Event took place in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Monday 10th October with stalls from apprenticeship providers and a schedule of speakers. Scott Allan and Ross Martin attended the event and gathered information about the different types of apprenticeships available.

For more information see <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/futurepathways>





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Senior Phase Information Evening

We invited parents and carers of S4-6 pupils to join us at a senior phase information evening. The purpose of the evening was to share the curricular expectations and assessment timelines for National 4, 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses. All of our Principal Teachers Learning & Teaching/Pastoral Care and Staged Intervention attended and were able to show and discuss resources, supports and answer questions.

Mrs Boyle PT English and Mr Shields PT Maths gave an overview to all in the theatre of the demands of each of their courses. A copy of the presentation and FAQ sheet are available on the school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/balfronhighschool/parentzone/senior-phase-information-evening/>

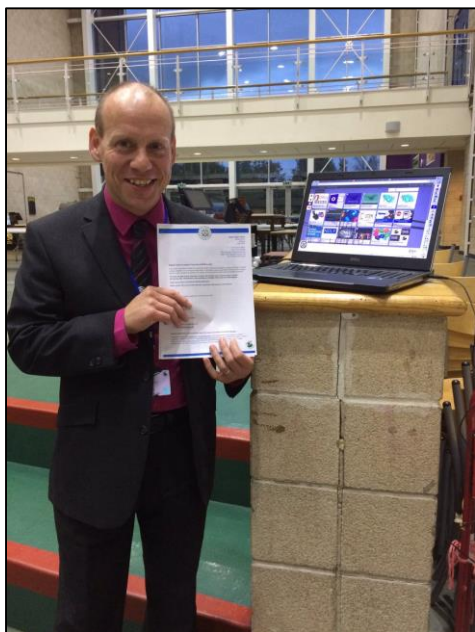




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Digital Tools to Support Learning



We are committed to ensuring that our young people are innovative, confident and responsible in the use of digital technologies and are working hard to ensure that we make best use of technology to support learning and study. We know that the most successful learners understand how to take responsibility and ownership of their learning. To support this, an individual pack has been created for every young person in our school with information, usernames, passwords that will encourage them to access educational sites that we know benefit learning. This went home in school bags just before the holiday. A huge thanks to the support staff and senior pupils who put all of this together.

Depending on year-group, pupils have access to and can use:

Glow	Office365	SCHOLAR
Show My Homework	BrainPOP	Twig & TigTag
Texthelp - Read Write GOLD	Edmodo	Linguascope and Languageskills
www.citethisforme.com		

Further information on [Linguascope](#) and [Languageskills](#) can be obtained from Mrs Convery in Modern Languages. Further information on [Texthelp - Read Write GOLD](#) can be obtained from Mrs Slavin. Further information on www.citethisforme.com can be obtained from Mrs O'Donnell in the Library. Further information on the use of [Edmodo](#) can be obtained from Mr Hamilton in Science.

For more info on each of the tools, follow the link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/balftronhighschool/files/2016/09/Digital-Tools-to-support-learning-in-BHS.pdf>



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French Exchange, October 2016, Miss Maxwell



We are very lucky to have a French Exchange in place for the young people at Balfron High. Our partner school is called Arthur-Rimbaud located in Ville neuve-d'Ascq. The French Exchange has been running for over 20 years and is always very popular with our students. This year we have 29 Balfron pupils taking part in the Exchange. On the 29th of September, 29 French pupils and three members of staff arrived in Balfron ready for a week full of fun and learning. The weather on arrival day was horrendous to say the least, but this did not dampen spirits! French pupils spent their first full day at Balfron High school. This is always a wonderful opportunity for the French pupils to experience a different school system and enjoy the great facilities we have at Balfron High. The French





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pupils seemed to really enjoy their day and they even had enough time to squeeze in a basketball lesson from Mr Scott! During the week pupils also visited Bannockburn Centre and Stirling Castle. Both events allowed pupils (French and Balfon) to learn more about Scottish history and culture. French pupils and staff really enjoyed visiting Bannockburn centre and the 3D battle experience was definitely one of the highlights. Balfon pupils joined their French partners for the Stirling Castle visit. This was a great success and an enjoyable educational experience for the young people. Traditionally at Balfon High a good auld Scottish Ceilidh marks the end of the first leg of the Exchange. This was a great night enjoyed by the young people, host families and staff. The ceilidh band put on a fantastic show and it was great to see so many people dancing! The young people form very close bonds with their partners and families during the Exchange and this was definitely clear to see when it came time to say au revoir. The next leg of the exchange will take place in May 2017 (11th-18th). Balfon pupils will travel to France and be hosted by their French partners. I know that a few pupils have already started counting down the days in anticipation!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the young people of Balfon High, host families, staff and volunteers for all of their support with the French Exchange. It would not have been possible without your help and support. Merci beaucoup!

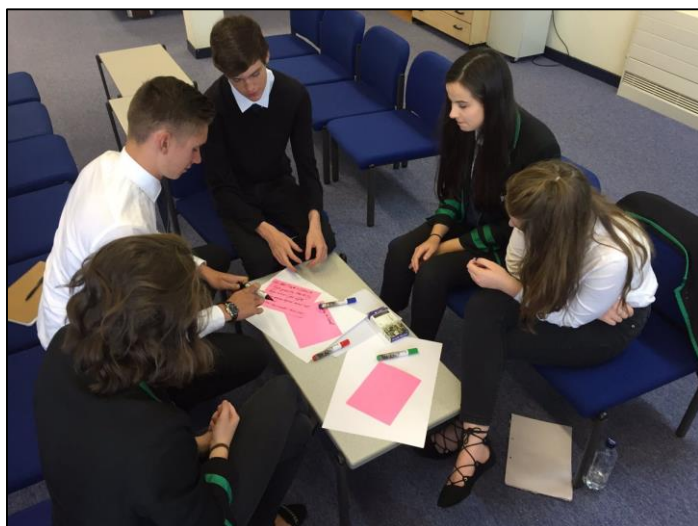
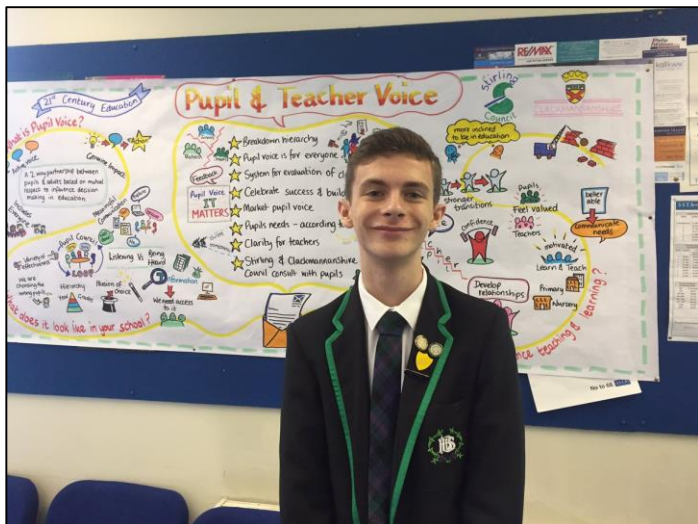




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Pupil Voice



We have been invited by Education Scotland to take part in a series of workshops aimed to involve young people in the school self-evaluation for improvement process. Some of our S5 and S6 have now taken part in two workshops. The first session involved looking at rights and participation and the purpose of self-evaluation. Then came the hard bit...young people had to agree on 6 priorities in matters that affect us. There was huge discussion!

The second session involved getting to grips with *How Good Is Our School 4*, the tool used regularly by teaching staff to evaluate practice. The seniors participated in a task that identified the language used that did or did not make sense and then discussed how the HGIOS4 framework supports young people to participate in self-evaluation. Our responses are being submitted to Education Scotland.

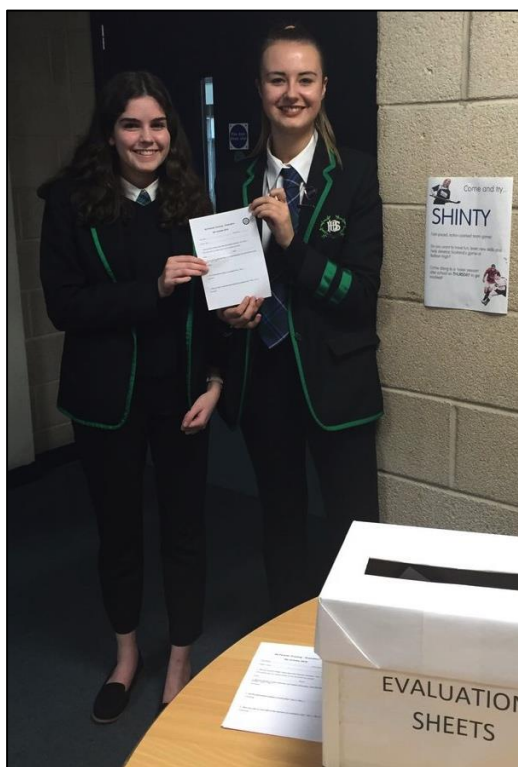


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Balfon High School Prefects

A big thank you to our prefect team who have started the session really well supporting events in school, conducting duties and most recently helping with the S4 Parents' Evening.





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Wider Achievements



Murray O'May, 1L1

Murray competed in the Scottish Pipers Association Juvenile competition last Saturday at the Piping College in Glasgow. He came 3rd in the March, 3rd in Strathspey and Reel and won the cup for most promising piper.

Jenna Clark, 4E3



Congratulations to Jenna who recently made her international debut with the woman's U16s Scotland Football Team in Helsinki. She was selected to attend two games -this was a great experience for her. The same week she was also selected for the Ladies Under 20s with Rangers Football Club. Busy Jenna is also a member of the Strathendrick club.





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Katie Henderson, 1C1

Congratulations to Katie Henderson in 1C1. She was selected to compete at the British Equestrian Vaulting Championships in Rugby in October. Katie came second in the Scottish Equestrian Vaulting Championships Child (under 14) class on Glaxtown Billy. Her team (Scottish Equestrian Vaulting Team) came 1st in the Intermediate Class also on Glaxtown Billy. In the team picture below, Katie is on the very top!

Most recently Katie came 3rd in the British Child 2* class (under 14). The Rankings for 2016 were also announced and she was also third in the British Rankings! Katie competed in 2 teams The Intermediate who came 1st and the Junior who came second! So great results all round – well done!





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Congratulations to Abby Stewart, 4L3 (above) who has been selected for the Olympic Development Apprentice Programme in cycling.



Congratulations to Iona Campbell (above), 5C1, who has been selected for the Scottish U17 Long Squad for netball.



Congratulations to Louise Carroll (above), 1C2 who won three events in the TKD international championships – sparring, continuous sparring and patterns.



Congratulations to Nicola Carroll (above), 4C2 who won gold for destruction as well as two other silvers at the TKD international championships – sparring, continuous sparring and patterns.



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Christie Shannon, 3C2

Christie continues to go from strength to strength! She placed 1st in both the advanced novice short & advanced novice free at the Aberdeen Opens at the weekend.

She had also qualified for the UK Talent Potential Squad for season 2016/2017 and has just been invited to represent GB in the Volvo Open, Riga



Well done to Mia Aitchison (left) who took part in a 12 hour ski challenge at Bearsden Ski Club. Mia was part of a group who raised £2285 for Bearsden race section and snow camp.



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Sports Round-Up



Miss Hinchliffe took two 6-a-side teams to Stirling High School for the first mixed hockey tournament of the season. Well done to all the girls (left) who played really well throughout the games. The games played were against Stirling High, Dunblane High, Wallace High and McLaren High School.

McLaren High School brought two teams to play our S1 and S2. Despite terrible weather, the boys played some fantastic rugby (right).



Our S1-3 Girls Football Squad (left) took on and beat McLaren High.



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U15 Boys Football squad (left) have made a great start to the year.

Our Senior Girls Football Squad (right) played their first Soccer Sevens Tournament at the end of September.



Our S1/2 netball team (left) who won all of their games at the S1-3 netball tournament organised by Active Stirling.

Our S3 netball team played well but lost out against Douglas Academy in the first game of the Scottish Schools Cup (right).





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U15 Girls' Rugby Team's winning streak!

Massive congratulations to our U15 girls rugby squad who have recently beaten Ardrossan Academy and the Leith Academy to cruise into the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup.





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Senior Hockey

Congratulations to our senior hockey squad who won six and drew 2 of their games at the Stirling High School tournament.



Athletics Club is back!

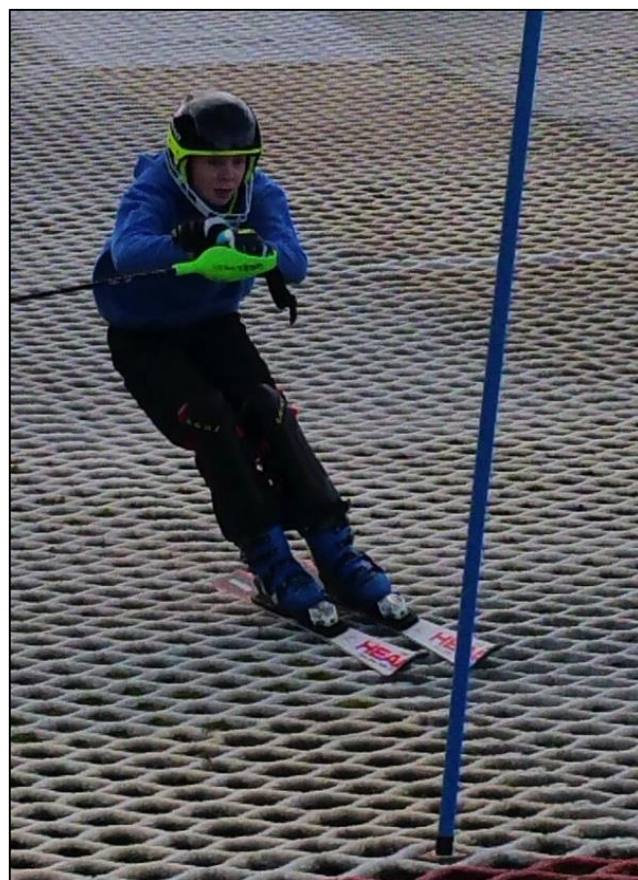
Athletics club is on every Friday
after school



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Ski Success for the Balfon High Teams



Scottish Schools Autumn Series Slalom
Competition Qualifying Event 2016

Balfon High sent 6 teams of 4 pupils to the skiing competition in both the Open and Novice sections. The Open section is for more advance skiers while the Novice section is suitable for beginners. All of the pupils demonstrated great teamwork, resilience and determination in every race.



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Our teams all skied well and won the gold medal in the Novice section-Millie Shaw, Millie Hadley-Stove, Mavia Duncan, Eve Hollis (all S1) and Bronze and Gold medal in the Open section with the winning team of Meghan Davis, Euan Hayward, Mia Aitchison, Jamie Hunter. Both teams will go onto compete in the Scottish School finals at the end of October.



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Good luck!





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Balftron High Sports Leadership

Our senior sports leaders helped out with the fun footie festival. Over 100 primary pupils took part at the tournament at Balftron High. This was great experience for our sports leaders.



Our S3 Sports Leaders (above) worked with Alison Grey from Active Stirling to provide a P5 Athletics Festival. Meanwhile our senior sports leaders are offering our associated primary schools the opportunity to have extra clubs. Here are some seniors speaking with P1-3 at Killearn Primary School. They are going to be running a lunchtime club!





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Balftron High School **Autumn Fayre**

**Supporting our 35 pupils on their
Expedition to Ecuador**

**Jumble Sale • Craft Stalls • Face Painting
Home-baking & much more...**

**Balftron High School Atrium
Saturday 29th October 2016**

10am-2pm



**£10 per stall
e-mail: vickersr01s@glow.sch.uk to reserve**





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Saturday 29th October, 7.30-11.30pm

The Village Club, Blanefield

**Tickets - £6, including glass of bubbly
on arrival and 'retro' nibbles!**

**Cash bar serving wine, lager and soft
drinks**

Tickets from Strathblane Library or

Elaine Holmes (07580 003987)

Traci Leven (07939 898722)

In aid of
Balftron High School
2017 expedition to
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Spoiler Alert!

November 14-18



Coming soon....Grease!

Tickets available at interval every day from Mrs Hendry in maths or Mrs McAllister at the reception



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Dates for your Diary

29 October Autumn Fayre 10am-2pm

1 November S5/6 Halloween Disco

2 November S3/4 Halloween Disco

3 November S1/2 Halloween Disco

9 November Parent/HT Drop-in 4-6pm

10 November S3 Parent Meeting

14-18 November School Show - Grease

17 November Live and Learn

18 November Live and Learn

24 November In-service day

25 November In-service day

28 November S6 Health Day

7 December Parent/HT Drop-in 4-6pm

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