

# Stirling High News



Dear Parents, Carers and all in our school community



Welcome to the first edition of Stirling High News. I hope that you will find it as inspiring as I have when reading about the recent achievements of our young people. There is such a wide range of activities taking place each month, involving many pupils, supported by the hard work of staff. I hope this new publication celebrates the successes and achievements of our pupils.

I am very proud that Stirling High News is edited, designed and published by our S3 Admin and IT class. I hope that it will continue the long tradition of Stirling High School's magazines, some of which are in our archive, dating back to the 19th century – I wonder if any former pupils remember the School on the Rock magazine?

Recently our senior pupils have undergone their prelim examinations, these play a vital role in assessing current understanding and providing evidence of areas that need further development. In the coming weeks our senior pupils will be reflecting on their performance and I hope taking advantage of the many supported study opportunities there are available in our subjects.

Please continue to contact the school if you have any suggestions on how we can improve the way we do things.

Thank you for all your continued support of the school.

Paul Cassidy

## Dates for your Diary

**S5/6 Reports go home Friday 4 March.**

**Comic Relief Day –Friday 18 March –**  
non uniform day £1 donation required

**Tues 22 March – Spring Concert -**  
further details to follow.

**Friday 25 March Good Friday –** school  
closed to pupils and staff.

**Monday 28 March Easter Monday –**  
school closed to pupils and staff.

**Friday 1 April closes at 2.50pm for**  
**Easter break.**

**Monday 18 April school reopens**  
**8.45am.**

## Young Enterprise Tenner competition

Our S1-S3s are busy thinking about how to turn £10 into as much profit as possible as they begin the Young Enterprise Tenner competition. In groups, pupils work together for one month to put their enterprising skills to the test.



## Confucius Club

Recently the China Club celebrated Chinese new year by making their own Chinese lanterns and had a go at Chinese traditional lantern dancing.



## Teachers Learn About Radiation Risks in Space

On Tuesday evening a group of secondary teachers from across south and central Scotland came to Stirling High School to find out more about the risks from cosmic rays faced by astronauts on missions on the International Space Station (ISS) and to Mars. The session lead by Laura Thomas, science educator and ESERO-UK space ambassador, and Gregor Steele, SSERC, was hosted by the school's science faculty.

## Holocaust Remembrance Day 2016

To mark Holocaust Remembrance Day 2016, Shona Candlish and Cati Wallom represented our school community at Stirling's Holocaust Memorial Event in Old Viewforth. Our pupils made a moving presentation about their visit to Auschwitz in September last year. Also, they spoke about the incredible work of Sir Nicholas Winton who saved the lives of hundreds of Jewish children in former Czechoslovakia.



## **BEEautiful Talk at SHS**

Stirling High Eco Club had a real treat this week when Jessica Scriven who is doing a PHD at Stirling University came to talk to the pupils about their BEEAUTIFUL garden project. Jessica is studying bees for her PHD at Stirling University and was able to pass on her knowledge about what to plant for bees to help them feed throughout the year, what kinds of bees there are and how to identify them as well as looking at what impact the bees have on our ecology.



Stirling High has a lovely environmental roof and after a good few seasons growing vegetables, it was felt that a change was needed. Mrs Togneri, who runs the Eco Club, recently attended a talk at Keep Scotland Beautiful where she discovered they were launching a project about bees. This all tied in very nicely with the project the Eco Club wants to do which is to turn the environmental roof into a Bee friendly garden full of colour and scent. Classes are taught on the roof in the good weather so it was felt we could make it a really BEEautiful experience. The Eco Club would like to thank Jessica for her wonderful talk and look forward to letting her know how it all develops.

## **Pupil Success**

Congratulations to Tristan Nunn (S4) who has been selected as a Young Scot iRights Young Commissioner. Tristan will have the chance to advise key organisations, leaders and decision-makers on what he thinks should happen to try to make Scotland a nation which realises children and young people's digital rights.

## **Sporting Success**

Our Senior team managed a fantastic 95-86 win against St Thomas of Aquinas and are through to the Semi Finals of the Scottish Cup.

## **Gymnast Success**

Well done to all our gymnasts who recently competed in the Stirling Schools Gymnastics Competition. Amy Letford, Lewis Flynn and Josh Broadley competed in the Level 1 event and all performed well in what was their first time competing for the school in gymnastics. Our Level 2 team of Alison Mitchell, Kathryn Tweedle and Lauren Beyer did extremely well in what was a very competitive event, managing to win the bronze medal!



## **Cosmic Classroom Challenge**

S1 have been taking part in the Cosmic Classroom challenge where pupils are invited to submit questions to Tim Peake about life aboard the International Space Station. Fingers crossed our questions will be chosen for him to answer as part of a live webinar next month. Check out @SHS\_Space to find out what we asked!

## **Euroscola 2016**

### **Article from S6 pupil Shona Candlish:**

I have only just returned from my week long Euroscola experience in Strasbourg, 22– 26 February, and what an experience it was!

From the off, we were speaking French! Having only just landed we were introducing each other to the group in French and this set the tone for our trip - this was no holiday, it was an immersion experience, a real 'bain linguistique'. Throughout the week, we were set a series of challenges, from performing a short skit on meeting one of our Euroscola friends in 20 years time, to writing a song about our time away to the tune of 'Yellow Submarine'.

Possibly one of the most difficult challenges was our 'sondage', a street survey, outside the cathedral, where several people were kind enough to indulge us by answering our questions in the freezing cold. And I would say one of our most enjoyable task was the 'Défi de Strasbourg' – the Strasbourg Challenge - where we had half an hour to interview a member of the tourist board with a view to giving a presentation on Strasbourg as a tourist town.

Our day in the European Parliament was, without a doubt, a highlight of the trip. Dressed in our tartan finery, we took part in debates on topics including migration, the environment and human rights. It made our day when our groups' proposals on these topics were voted through by our fellow 'Euroscolars' in the chamber.



It was a real privilege to be part of this amazing experience; a great opportunity to make friends and improve my French. A huge thank you to the Carse of Stirling Rotary Club for making this possible.