

## Grangemouth High School: Curricular and Extra-Curricular Experiences for our Learners



obtain a Youth Achievement Award and a Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Pictures show a range of volunteering jobs completed at

Muiravonside Country Park or Callendar Estate, skiing, bike maintenance and Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition.



### **School of Triathlon**

At Grangemouth High, we believe that the development of the whole child is at the core of any successful learning community.



Our School of Triathlon was launched in August 2015 and provides opportunities for pupils in our current S1 to develop skills in swimming, running and cycling for an additional 2 periods per week. Through the school of triathlon, we provide:

1. training time during the school day to help support athletes to improve within their sport.
2. support to allow the child to develop their full potential through sport, leadership, communication and responsibility.
3. an ethos of hard work and commitment.
4. opportunities for pupils to represent our school in local and national competitions throughout the year.
5. professional coaching to develop skills.

By developing stronger links with Cluster Primary Schools, Active Schools, Scottish Triathlon, Scottish Swimming and local Colleges and Universities, we will deliver an opportunity for learners, regardless of

social and economic factors, to grow as confident individuals, successful learners, responsible citizens and effective contributors within the sport of Triathlon.

- ★ Swim
- ★ Cycle
- ★ Run
- ★ Transition

Four very simple disciplines that are linked together into a sport. They require focus, determination and motivation to succeed due to the fact the body works for a long period of time.

### **Portable Bike Track visit to GHS (January 2016)**

A portable bike track visited Grangemouth High recently, which was a great opportunity for pupils to get involved in an exciting new project that is being considered by the school. It was great to see pupils building their confidence and developing their skills in a different setting. All learners involved noted an interest in mountain biking and therefore their views and feedback were valuable in order to further promote mountain biking and cycling in the learning community. Overall, pupils thoroughly enjoyed the



event and have noted that it is something that they would like to use again in the future.

### **Business Education**

The S3 Administration & IT class organised a staff coffee morning to raise funds for the Christmas Jumper Day appeal.

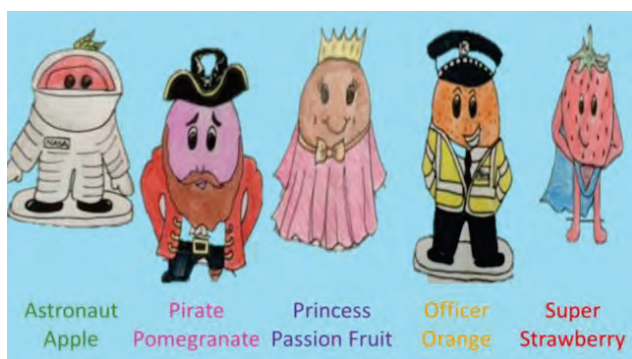
A key part of the course is organising and supporting an event and this allowed the pupils to put the theory into practice. The pupils thought about the tasks that would need done before, during

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and after the event. They then devised an action plan and jobs were allocated. Pupils used the IT skills that they had developed to create posters using desktop publishing software to promote the event, they developed their team working and communication skills and used their creativity to incorporate the Christmas jumper theme into the event. The coffee morning was hosted by the PSE department who provided the wonderful home baking. A total of £57 was raised.

### S3 Business Education Pupils from Grangemouth High School Head to Murrayfield Stadium for the Scottish Finals of The Coca-Cola Challenge

8 talented S3 pupils from S3 Business Education have been selected to attend the Scottish Finals of the Coca-Cola Challenge. In order to secure their place in the finals they had to develop and create a brand image for a new healthy juice drink that had ethics at its heart and corporate social responsibility central to its philosophy. The product had to be original, with an original brand name, logo and slogan, as well as be profitable and commercially viable. They also had to make a link into 'Keep Scotland Beautiful'.



The brand 'Fruit Friends' was created and fought off stiff competition from over 850 schools participating in the challenge to make it to the finals. Their unique selling point was that each flavour had its own alliteratively named 3 dimensional character on the lid, which could be collected or swapped with friends. Their target market was young children aged 5 upwards as they felt this was a gap in the market for Coca-Cola. They also suggested possible further merchandise which could be developed such as books and cuddly toys. They suggested donating 4% of profits to 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' and also tied in a social media campaign encouraging consumers to be photographed with

their products at favourite Scottish locations using the hashtag #fruitfriendsscotland.

Good luck to Adele Bryson, Amy Stewart, Lana Laird, Gail Robertson, Lee Ferguson, Shannon Watmore, Gabriel Allan and Callum White as they head off to Murrayfield Stadium on February 3. There they will complete in a fresh challenge, working alongside a dedicated business facilitator from Coca-Cola Enterprises who will guide them through the day.

### Languages Faculty

Twelve pupils from Grangemouth High (S1-S3) will be celebrating World Wetlands Day on 2 February by creating paintings and poems inspired by the internationally important River Forth, thanks to a project organised by the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (IFLI).



Pupils from Grangemouth and Larbert High Schools will be heading out to spend the day at the RSPB's Skinflats Nature Reserve, near Grangemouth, in the company of artist Darren Woodhead ([www.darrenwoodheadartist.co.uk](http://www.darrenwoodheadartist.co.uk)) and poet Chris Powici ([www.scottishbooktrust.com/profile-author/60637](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/profile-author/60637)). After a session learning some basic techniques and exploring ideas with the professionals (which will be taking place in a large yurt heated by a woodburning stove to make sure everyone stays warm and inspired) they will go out onto the reserve, which borders the banks of the river, to paint and write about their experiences of this very special place on their doorstep.

Darren Woodhead is a well-known artist who is presently IFLI's Artist-in-Residence. Chris Powici is a widely published poet whose work focuses on human and natural environments and how the 'natural' and 'human' worlds overlap one another.

World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 2 February all around the world to raise awareness about the value of wetlands for humanity and the planet. Young people are a key focus – they are the decision-makers of the future. The most important wetlands are designated as Ramsar sites (<http://www.ramsar.org/>), which means they are of global importance for their wildlife. The Forth Estuary is one of these sites.



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### **Additional Support Centre Mathematics Class - The Soap Project**

In December, the pupils of the S2/3 ASC maths class wanted to raise money for Children in Need. We did this by designing a product and two types of packaging to sell at our Christmas Fayre. This topic area helped us to forge a link with Carrongrange School as they completed a similar project. This topic covered a range of subjects, as well as maths. We built on our



existing knowledge and developed new skills in Science, Maths, Art and Design, Health and Well-being and Literacy.

The pupils discussed the product that they would like to make and decided on soap. We explored a range of Christmas shapes that we could use as moulds and the smells and colours that are pertinent at Christmas time. The pupils followed visual instructions to help them make their product.

At the same time, the pupils investigated suitable forms of packaging and design and created lovely Christmas boxes and bags suitable for holding big and small soaps.

The pupils held a very successful sale at morning interval and were sold out! A total of £21.00 was raised for Children in Need.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Grangemouth High pupils in S1 and S2 have been out and about exploring their local area. They have worked hard to develop teamwork and social communication skills that help



them to support each other through personal and physical challenges. Their enthusiasm for being out in all weathers is amazing. Over the remaining academic year, pupils will continue have opportunities to plan, review and engage in a variety of activities, culminating in planning for a residential experience.



### **Humanities Faculty**

15 Grangemouth High pupils have been trained as Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVPs), and will be working with the S1 pupils in the Humanities faculty.



The mentors are all S5 pupils who volunteered to be part of this programme.

They have so far taken part in Child Protection

training in school with Dr Holland, as well as a full day of training at Tulliallan Police College with Ms McQuillan, PC Whelan and Dr Holland. The MVP programme will run as part of the Humanities curriculum and Grangemouth High is one of two schools that have been selected to pilot this programme. We will be working closely with Police Scotland Violence Reduction Unit. The aim is to educate our young people in how to reduce crime on all levels within their society and school environment.

### **Extra-Curricular Experiences**

#### **Expressive Arts**

The Drama club are working on "Sparkleshark" with a view to putting on a performance; this project provides the senior Drama pupils with leadership experience as they are responsible for the entire production.

School Show - This year's production is *The Addams Family* and pupils are hard at work in

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rehearsals for the performances which take place in June.

Our Advanced Higher Art and Design pupils were invited (along with pupils from Braes High School and Bo'ness Academy) to the Scottish Parliament recently to attend an exhibition of works by Anne Powers who has painted all of the First Ministers of Scotland. The pupils had been asked to put together some examples of the portrait work, and a book was on display there comprising of work from



Emma Toal, Joshua Adams, Elise McGregor, Meghann McShane and Louise Lyon. The pupils met many key figures

from the political scene. They are pictured here with former First Minister Alex Salmond.

### **Performances**

As always, our Expressive Arts Faculty have been working hard to produce a variety of high quality events across our cluster and in the local community. These include: Our Annual Music Competition (October 2015) with vocal and instrumental winners both junior and senior; the Falkirk Council Remembrance Assembly at Falkirk Town Hall (senior vocal group and Joe and Jamie performed); Christmas Cluster Concerts involving pupils from all cluster primaries and GHS – music and drama were involved in performances and the Art department designed the set/backdrop. Our Grangemouth High Samba Academy also recently gave a performance at Grangemouth Town Hall.



### **Physical Education**

#### **Leadership Programme**

We now have a team of leaders from S1-S6 (also delivering a Young Leaders programme in Primary Schools through the Active Schools Programme) and former pupils returning from Forth Valley College to help deliver our Active Schools programme at Grangemouth High and the local Primaries. They are also working with Sports Development and at Community clubs on a regular basis. This year we are looking to make links with local clubs to improve pathways for player/performer development and also to develop our leaders skills as coaches and event organisers.

Through our leaderships programme we have now established a Sports Council, Dance Steering Group and are in the process of re-establishing the Promotions team. All of these groups are led by our senior leaders team and allow learners in Grangemouth High and local Primaries to voice their opinions as to the direction we take Sports and Physical Activity in the local area, through consultation with staff. These groups have already started to make changes to our Active Schools programme. Grangemouth High has achieved a Silver SportScotland School Sport Award through the Sports Council.

We currently have 6 Young Ambassadors who have received training through the Youth Sport Trust and SportScotland, a team of experienced Senior Leaders, and we have now recruited some new Senior and Junior volunteers to join our team. They have mentors within the PE Department, GHS staff, Active Schools, Sports Development or SportScotland who support them in planning sessions and providing feedback to develop their skills. We are now introducing the role of Competition and Events Organiser into S2/S3 where two successful learners will receive training from the Youth Sport Trust in March. Several learners have applied for the post and we will be holding interviews later this month. The successful candidates will work with Miss Dundas and the Young Ambassadors team to take this role forward.

#### **Cluster Basketball**

We have made links with Glasgow Rocks through the Jump2It programme, Falkirk Fury Basketball Club, Grangemouth Ladies Basketball Club, BasketballScotland, Active Schools and Sports



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Development. This has helped us to create a basketball programme across the Falkirk Area with Grangemouth being a Hub school.

We now have Basketball clubs running in all Grangemouth cluster Primary schools with Leaders and Parents coaching clubs. We also hold a Grangemouth Hub club on a Monday night for all Grangemouth cluster pupils to attend.

We have 12 leaders who have now completed Level



1 Refereeing Course, Level 1 Table Official Course and Positive Coaching Scotland Training. The leaders have a mentor from Basketballscotland who works with them providing feedback and support.

We have 7 Primary Schools attending our conference event monthly with the leaders refereeing, coaching and table officiating. The leaders will also be running the Regional Development League and have gained paid work through their qualification.

### **Trinity Sailing Expedition**

A group of students were given the exciting opportunity to participate in a sailing expedition around the West of Scotland. This adventure helped develop skills and values that will be useful throughout their lives and will impact on their life experiences, their home life and the people they encounter along the way.



This once in a lifetime opportunity was only possible with the support of Trinity Sailing, the charity who organise the expedition, through a bursary and

financial contributions from the school Parent Council and Glasgow Freight Club.

### **Grangemouth High School Library News**

**Jane Austen club** looks at the works of Jane Austen, and the rights of women and girls then and now. The club is fund raising for the Malala fund, which endeavours to see all girls in school.

**Comic Club** is under way, and is awaiting the arrival of The Stan Lee Book Awards shortlisted books to take part in the national vote for their favourite graphic novel.



### **Edinburgh**

**Book Festival.** In August the Senior Book Club attended the Edinburgh Book Festival, hearing and meeting authors Darren Shan and Sophie McKenzie.

**Skype book debate.** A part of this year's Red Book Awards participating S2 pupils had a Skype book debate with children from a school bookclub in Kenya. The shortlisted books were sent to the book club there. Their book-club includes children from a slum library in Mathare, Nairobi and pupils from The International School of Kenya, who share books on a regular basis (this was set up by Mrs Ngabia when she lived and worked in Kenya).

**Book-week Scotland.** We went to visit The Kelpies to hear storyteller Alison Galbraith. Pupils were enthralled by both story and their environment. They listened to a story, then had to create a story about a zombie attack at The Kelpies...what would YOU do??

**Red Book Awards** on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Pupils made a display about Kenya as part of the Red 10 celebrations for 10 years of Red Book Awards.

### **Forthcoming events:**

We are planning to **Read Fit.** for World Book Day. Reading whilst riding an exercise bike and winning house points!

In June we will again be **Celebrating Africa.** This year we are looking at refugees and why they leave their home countries- and what is being done to help them here and elsewhere.

## Beancross and Bothkennar Primary Schools News



### Happy New Year Everyone!

Beancross and Bothkennar Primary Schools welcomed Mr Andrew Watson as their new Headteacher at the end of November 2015. The staff, pupils and parents have all made Mr Watson feel very welcome.

### Christmas 2015

Christmas was a great treat at Beancross and Bothkennar. Our nursery class kick started the Christmas celebration with a lovely concert titled 'Winter Wonderland.' The children performed beautifully and there were quite a few proud teary eyes in the audience! Bothkennar performed their take on the Christmas story with a witty performance. At Beancross, P1 and P2 pupils wowed their guests with a delightful rendition of the Nativity. P4 to P7 pupils hosted a 'Cake and Carol' concert where guests were treated to a variety of both modern and traditional Christmas themed songs. Guests tucked into homemade shortbread as they enjoyed the performance. Our Christmas celebrations continued with a traditional Christmas service delivered by Reverend Gohar. Everyone at Beancross and Bothkennar had a lovely Christmas break and we've come back to school full of energy and looking

### Primary 1

The Primary 1 pupils have really enjoyed their first year at school so far and have shown enthusiasm across the curriculum. In Maths we have learned how to read o'clock times on analogue and digital clocks and how to convert them!

In Literacy, we have learned new sounds and are continuing to build the sounds we have learned into words. We also use the 5 finger strategy for our Common Words. We practise these every day. We have been using Thinking Reader strategies throughout the curriculum. We are becoming confident at the Find It, Prove It and Talk About It questions. We will be developing our reading strategies even more throughout our Fairyland topic this term.

Our learning context the start of the year was 'People Who Help Us'. We looked at the role of all of the emergency services and how important their jobs are. We had lots of cross curricular opportunities within this topic to write about Fire Safety, the job of a Policeman and a time we had been to visit a Doctor. We also explored patterns in Maths as well as having opportunities for role play and craft activities.

We have been very busy here in Primary 1 and are looking forward to our Fairyland adventures this term!



### Our playground

Beancross Primary has been doing a lot of work to make the outdoor environment better. One of the ways we have been doing this is by planting trees in both playgrounds. In the senior playground we have planted apple trees. This was done by the Eco group.

In the Early Years' playground some people came and planted twelve trees and some willow. P7 pupils also planted five apple trees near the nursery.

We have also started upgrading our playground. We have painted hop scotch, a road track, the alphabet and a compass/clock for games in the Early Years' playground. We also painted the bench.

In the senior playground we painted hop scotch and some colourful circles and the container.

We also now have a willow dome and a willow tunnel.

Later in the year we are hopefully going to get a new trim trail for our playground.

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### Scottish Folklore Storytelling

At Bothkennar, we felt privileged to be invited along to The Kelpies on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November to take part in a Scottish Folklore storytelling workshop.



On the morning of the workshop, P5- P7 walked to the Helix Park while P1-P4 were transported by bus. Upon arrival, we were welcomed inside the impressive sculptures where we were introduced to Vikki from library services, Jan, an illustrator and Alison, a folklore storyteller.



Allison had us all engrossed from the start. She told us the tale of 'The Kelpies Pearls.' After the story, we had the opportunity to take part in some activities including creating kelpies of our own. We did this in groups by creating still images. This taught us that kelpies can take many forms and was a lot of fun.



After the workshop, we were taken for hot chocolate and cakes! These went down a treat!

Everyone was really enthusiastic about the visit to The Kelpies and storytelling so the teachers decided to adapt their planning to take advantage of the further learning opportunities.

In P1-P3, we read more stories about kelpies and explored the story of 'The Kelpie of Loch Fada', then we wrote stories about a day when we met a kelpie. We used lots of adjectives to describe our kelpie and thought carefully about what we might see, hear, touch, feel and smell. Our stories were great, though we're not too sure we'd really want to meet a kelpie!

P4-P7 examined some different kelpie folklore tales. Soon we had a good understanding of the purpose, layout, structure and important features. We have been using film to develop our writing skills so we decided to write a narrative for 'The Loch Ness Kelpie' short animation film. P4-P7 have been learning to use a variety of techniques to improve their writing so we co-operatively planned how we might incorporate these into our stories. We then used our planning to write a shared starter of the story before completing our individual interpretations. It was essential to grab the reader's attention from the beginning with a hook. Once completed and self-assessed, we re-drafted using ICT, including techniques such as graphics to further interest the reader. In true Christmas style, we created glittering kelpie pictures to be displayed alongside our stories.

Jan was very keen to come to Bothkennar to find out what inspiration our visit to The Kelpies had given us. A selection of children read their stories to Jan and showed her our artwork. She was very impressed, thus has asked for a selection to be sent to library services to be displayed.

We'd like to thank Vikki, Jan and Alison very much for organising and providing this inspiring workshop for us. If anyone else has the opportunity, we would highly recommend it!

### Jump to it!

In November 2015 a group of three players and a coach from the Glasgow Rocks basketball team visited Beancross Primary. We took part in five health and wellbeing workshops all about fitness, alcohol, healthy eating, smoking and employment. After the health lesson there was a quiz and every time we got a question right we won a Glasgow Rocks badge. The smoking lesson was all about what a cigarette is made of and the dangers of smoking on our health and body. In the alcohol lesson we learned that grapes make wine, potatoes make vodka and apples make cider! The last station was the fitness station where we learned that children must exercise for around two hours a day. When we were back in the hall we played some basketball games. At the end we sat in a circle and the children who had performed well got tickets to attend a Glasgow Rocks game. All of the pupils really enjoyed the visit, especially the end games. We all had great fun.



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### Keeping Safe in Primary 3

As part of our Safety topic last term P3 had the opportunity to contextualise their learning in real life contexts. We communicated with local outside agencies and arranged for different agencies to visit us at school and talk to the pupils about the work they do in helping keep others safe. We were lucky enough to have a visit from a surgical nurse who told us all about the work he does during surgeries to keep his patients safe. Pupils learned how to monitor their heart rate and also had the opportunity to try on some nurse's scrubs which they thoroughly enjoyed! In addition Bo'ness Fire Station paid us a visit at school complete with fire engine in tow. Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions about the many and varying ways in which firemen keep people safe in our community. Pupils loved having the opportunity to explore the fire engine and learn all about the different safety equipment. They were even lucky enough to have a quick try of the fire hose. In order to promote road safety we went on a traffic walk where we counted the traffic from a safe place to gain an understanding of how busy roads can be and how we can best keep ourselves safe.



P3 pupils are currently working collaboratively during Maths to ensure support and challenge is being provided for all learners. This approach to learning and teaching allows for pupils to experience different teaching styles and also ensures that the needs of every child are being met. In addition pupils have the opportunity to work with pupils from other classes and it has been very encouraging to witness the positive relationships being built with

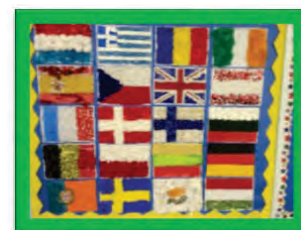
### Primary 6

This session we have been studying the European Union. In groups we researched famous landmarks in EU countries and then built models of them in the classroom using junk material. We had the Eiffel Tower, The Arc de Triomphe, The Parthenon, The Brandenburg Gate, The Leaning Tower of Pisa and Wallace's Monument. We also made collage flags of all the EU countries using different materials like tissue paper, crepe paper, glitter, pasta, paint, wool, coloured feathers, ribbons etc. We had great fun.

In November our Active Schools Coordinator, Lisa Male, came into school to do Young Leaders Training with our class. We had two sessions which everyone enjoyed. Some pupils took part in the Young Skipping Leaders training day at Grangemouth Stadium in November and the Young Dancing Leaders training day at Grangemouth Sports Complex in January.

November was a busy month for us as we also had a visit from the Glasgow Rocks Basketball team who delivered 4 workshops for the children as part of the Jump 2 It programme.

We have been busy learning Scots' poems for the Scots' Poetry Competition this month. Our poem was 'Lament For A Lost Dinner Ticket' by Margaret Hamilton. We are



### Children in Need

In November 2015 Beancross Primary School decided to have 'Onesie Day' to raise money for Children In Need. Children who wanted to wear their onesie in school had to donate 50p. As it was Children in Need, we decided to hold a competition to design Pudsey's pyjamas. There were prizes for the first, second and third placed designs. Most pupils came in their onesies and some came in their pyjamas. We were very pleased that we raised over £140.



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### School concert with Grangemouth High

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December our P7 pupils participated in the Grangemouth High School Christmas Concert. During the concert, pupils played ukuleles to 'Frosty the Snowman' and 'Jingle Bell Rock'. Miss McKell's vocal group also sang 'Somewhere in my Memory' from the film 'Home Alone'.

"When we were on stage the bright lights shone in our eyes so much we couldn't see the audience!"

### **SCOTS' POETRY COMPETITION**

On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January pupils from Nursery – P7 participated in the cluster Scots' Poetry competition, 'A Richt Blether'. Held in Sacred Heart, our chosen pupils were selected to represent their school alongside pupils from Bowhouse, Moray and Sacred Heart.

P1	Beancross: Kayla White	Bothkennar: Antoni Brodzki
P2	Beancross: Erin Corcoran	Bothkennar: Margaret Ashe
P3	Beancross: Brooke White	Bothkennar: Rebecca Graham
P4	Beancross: Freya-Louise Dougall	Bothkennar: Calvin Allan
P5	Beancross: Kara Wilson	Bothkennar: Crystal Lynn
P6	Beancross: Cameron Smith	Bothkennar: Ross Greenhorn
P7	Beancross: Jasmin Milne	Bothkennar: Blair Flynn

Unfortunately our nursery child, Luca Stewart, was unwell and unable to attend the event.

We are very proud of all of our pupils and their excellent performance at the competition.

We are delighted that we also had three winners!

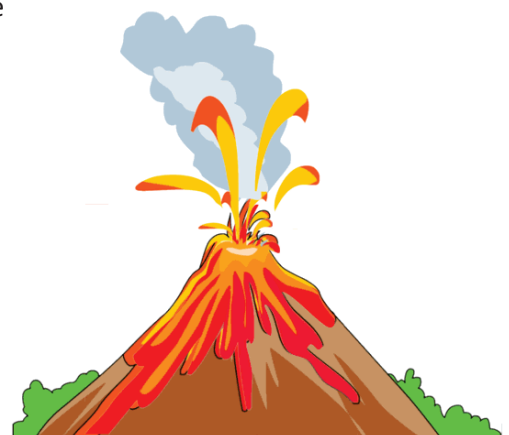
P2	Beancross: Erin Corcoran reciting 'The Bubblyjock'
P3	Bothkennar: Rebecca Graham reciting 'Crocodile'
P7	Beancross: Jasmin Milne reciting 'To a Mouse'

We are also thrilled that Jasmin Milne was the overall winner! She was presented with a quaich and the competition shield. A huge well done to everyone. Thanks to the parents and carers who helped and to Sacred Heart staff and pupils for making us welcome and organising a great event.

### Natural disasters

In the Autumn term P7 pupils started a natural disasters topic. We were given a task to build a volcano. There were eight groups and we had to make our own model of a volcano. Once they were finished we put water, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and food colouring in our models and they exploded! We had to go outside to do this!

We also had to complete our own personal project. We were to choose from tsunamis, volcanoes, tornadoes, forest fires, droughts and floods. We could choose to do multiple disasters. We made powerpoints working in groups of four and shared them with the rest of the class.





### Whole School Charity Day

Denny High School is a school with a big heart. It raises thousands of pounds each year for its House Charities – Strathcarron Hospice, Cancer Research, Calum's Cabin and Help for Heroes. On Tuesday 15 December 2015, 60 pupils, supported by school staff and Charity Captains, will be raising even more money for another 15 local, national and international charities.



These include Kieran's Trust, Yorkhill Children's Hospital, The Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association, Aberlour, Joining Jack, Denny High School, Dog Trust, Children in Need, Soldiers Off The Street, Guide Dogs for the Blind, SSPCA, FDAMH, The Butterfly Trust, British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

After an exceptionally busy but well spirited lunch of activities, the school raised over £1000 for the different charities. A big thank you to staff and pupils for arranging such a successful and worthwhile day.

### Central Schools Swimming Championships 2015



This year, Denny High School had 7 swimmers take part in the Central Schools Swimming Championships held at The Peak in Stirling on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Our swimmers were, Eilidh Arnott (S1), Emma Kinloch (S2), Hannah McLellan (S3), Thomas Rintoul (S4), Jack Constable (S4), Gareth Struthers (S4) and Cameron Vallely (S4).

All swimmers did incredibly well with all of them achieving a personal best time in a minimum of one of their events.

Overall, they came home with 6 placings between them: Gareth Struthers – 2<sup>nd</sup> place for 100m Butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for 100m Freestyle; Cameron Vallely – 2<sup>nd</sup> place for 100m Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for 200m Freestyle; Hannah McLellan – 2<sup>nd</sup> place for 100m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for 200m Freestyle. Hannah, Gareth & Cameron achieved times for their events that are making them being considered for entry into the Scottish Schools Finals.

All our swimmers were under the careful supervision of one of our parent helpers, Mr Craig Vallely, and we thank him for taking this role for the event.

Well done to all our swimmers!

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### Inter House Talent Show

Congratulations to all the acts that represented their house yesterday in the Inter House Talent show. The quality of the talent shown in our pupils was outstanding and made for a very difficult decision for our judges to come to a final conclusion.



It was an extremely tight competition with only 3 1/2 points between first and fourth place! However, the results were as follows. 4th place Dumyat, 3rd place Cruachan, 2nd place Schiehallion and 1st place went to Hartfell.

The pupils in the audience must also be acknowledged for their excellent behaviour shown throughout the show, as well as the year Captains for their excellent organisation of acts. Well done to all pupils involved.

Finally a big thank you to our host, Mr McKenzie, and to our fabulous judges Mr McGregor, Mrs Lee, Miss Wood and Miss Davidson!

### Basketball Success



This week saw the senior boys basketball team finish 2015 on a high with a magnificent 50 – 38 victory over Wallace High School in a thrilling Scottish Cup game. The team finished second in their group and will now progress to the Scottish plate competition.

### Christmas Cake Display

Over the last few weeks members of staff, pupils and members of the community have been working away on their Christmas Cakes. On Thursday there was an open invitation extended to all budding bakers and experience sugar crafters to come and join the Home Economics Team in their Christmas Cake Display. The atmosphere was wonderful as everyone admired the handiwork of staff, pupils and members of the community before the cakes were taken home to meet a festive end!



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