

INTRODUCTION

This Information Bulletin is divided into two parts. Part 1 (all pages with the exception of the section coloured green, which relates only to tenders and which is found at the end of the Bulletin) presents a number of papers, which are designed to update Members, Officers and the citizens of the area of ongoing issues of interest which would not be expected to be dealt with through the Council's formal decision-making processes. These papers are relatively informal in terms of style and format and are an additional and important reporting mechanism for the Council which is easily accessible and which it is hoped will be a useful reference document.

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Learning to Achieve



Fringe Festival Art and Design Success

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MY FUTURE'S IN
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I am a visiting Art Specialist / Primary Teacher working for Falkirk Council. I work in 4 different primary schools. At the beginning of term, in January, I worked with all my classes over about 5 weeks to create entries for the Annual Edinburgh Fringe Poster competition, using some of the fantastic support materials that were supplied by the competition organisers. Looking at past winners' posters I was aware that a Primary child had not won this competition since 2005.

This competition gave us opportunities to learn about an important part of our Scottish Culture, and raise the profile of this arts festival with the children. We looked at photographs of images from the Fringe from past years and the children gained an understanding of how diverse it is, and how it appeals to people of all ages. I encouraged them to be really creative, and to use humour in their artwork, as much of the festival has that unrestrained 'wild and

wacky' aspect to it. They then came up with 4 possible design solutions inspired by some of the images and conversations we shared. They then chose one of their designs, explaining what it was about that one that they preferred.

We evaluated work by past winners and considered what materials had been used to create the artwork, and how it had been put together. We talked about 'composition' of artwork and about how they could try to do something 'unexpected' with their own image. In order to keep the work 'simple, bold and colourful' the children all used tissue paper and collage techniques. This would allow any image that the children then created to be reproduced to smaller sizes and still be recognisable.

There were over 3,000 entries for this years competition from all across Scotland.

On return from our Easter break I was delighted to be notified that three pupils from

Larbert Village Primary School (LVPS) had their work shortlisted (Morgan Findlay P4/5, Nina Johnston P5, Liam McCallum P6) and these entries will appear in the exhibition. Rachel Johnston P4/5, also from LVPS was nominated as the Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs Regional Winner, which was a fantastic achievement.

Then I was notified that Paige Shaw (P5, LVPS) and Marc Robb (P3, Bainsford) had each been shortlisted for one of the top three prizes! These prizes all had significant financial rewards for both the pupil and the school.

Earlier this month we went to the presentation ceremony at The - (con't'd on page 2)



To all staff, pupils and parents,

Please accept my best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

It has been a very successful session across all schools and nurseries in Falkirk and everyone deserves a well earned holiday.

May the sun shine on you wherever you are and I hope you come back refreshed and ready to achieve great things in August.

Andrew Sutherland

Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh, not knowing who had won what. The awards were announced in reverse order, and the third prize was awarded to a P5 boy from The Isle of Harris. Second prize went to Paige Shaw, and Marc was awarded first prize! His artwork has already been made into Fringe



Festival Posters and can be seen on souvenirs, t-shirts, mugs and post-cards that are for sale in the Fringe Festival Store on The Royal Mile. All this work by all these pupils and other regional winners will feature in an exhibition, that is open to the public at the Museum



of Childhood from 28 May to 31 August. You can see some photographs of the day.

Marc has a non-identical twin brother, and both the boys can be seen enthusiastically cutting into



a cake image of Marc's winning design.

So, Bainsford Primary will be getting a cheque from the sponsors Virgin Media for £750, and Larbert Village Primary School will be getting a cheque for £500.

I am so proud of the children and the work that so many of them produced, and thought that other staff, pupils and parents across the Falkirk Council area would like to share in this success. Marc's design will be a collectors item for many, and his image will be used world wide to

promote what is the World's biggest International Arts Festival. His award is a really significant achievement.

On a personal note, I have recently handed in my notice to Falkirk Council. I was married



about 7 weeks ago. My husband lives and works in Switzerland. Consequently at the beginning of July I will be moving with my three daughters to live permanently with my husband in our new house in France, where I hope to be lucky enough to obtain a teaching post in one of the Swiss International Schools.

This experience of working with pupils on the Fringe designs is a lovely memory to take with me from my time with Falkirk Council. It would have been a very hard act to try and follow next year!

Regards, Cathy Williams
ART SPECIALIST

Dear teachers,

We believe that pupils will really enjoy our next exhibition: SMILE at the Park Gallery, Callendar House running until the 19th of August.

SMILE comprises works by thirteen leading contemporary craft artists who have used the one of the simplest but most emotive words 'Smile' as the inspiration for creating their work.

The exhibitors are some of the biggest names in the applied arts field and they bring their work to the gallery from across the UK. It is the first Scottish showing of SMILE. The pieces include work in metal, ceramics, textiles and found objects, materials are wittily crafted, plenty to make the children giggle.

The exhibition could tie in with the topic of recycling and give a great deal of inspiration for poetry and story writing.

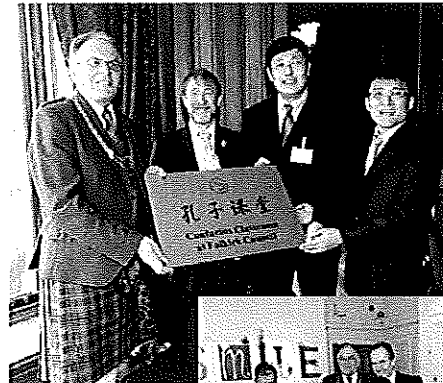
Please contact our Arts Development Officer, Gillian Smith for information.
gillian.smith@falkirkcommunitytrust.org, The Park Gallery, 01324 503789



Bo'ness Academy Celebrates Confucius Classroom

Bo'ness Academy and Falkirk Council celebrated the opening of a Confucius Classroom at the school by welcoming two Chinese delegates to Falkirk on Thursday, 7th of June.

A reception for the delegates by Civic Leaders and Education Representatives took place at Callendar House, Falkirk before delegates visited Bo'ness Academy to tour the school and meet pupils and staff.



During their time in Falkirk, the delegates also visited Blackness Primary and Wallacestone Primary who

also have close links with China.

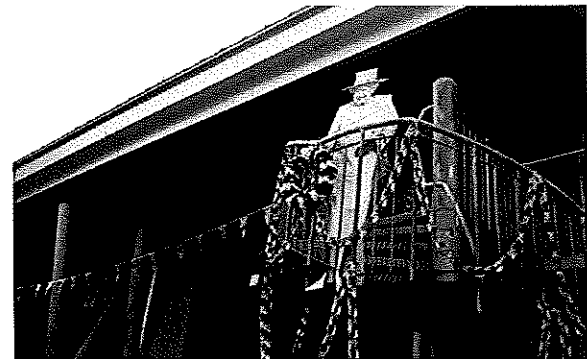


Kinnaird Jubilee Celebrations

Jubilee Day was a fantastic day for all children at Kinnaird Primary School - all 400 of them along with 200 parents (and the Queen... though she was a bit static since she was a cardboard cut out!!!!)

Kinnaird PS were only one of a high number of primary schools which participated in the celebrations....we heard that over 10,000 pupils had a party meal that day.

Special thanks to all the catering services staff for their hard work in each of their individual schools and special thanks to Liz and the Catering Team at Kinnaird PS....job well done.



St. Margaret's Masterchef Event

Budding young Masterchefs put their culinary skills to the test at our curricular event for Parents/Carers on Tuesday 29th May, 2012. This was the culmination of a joint Community Enterprise run by pupils, staff and our PTA members.

Pupils were invited to submit, as a personalisation and choice homework task, a recipe of to be included in our St. Margaret's Recipe Book. The response was overwhelming with a wide range of recipes for snacks, drinks, cakes etc being submitted by our pupils.



Mrs MacMillan, of our PTA, worked tirelessly over a weekend to collate pupils' recipes into the recipe book format which was then sent to John Watt of Falkirk Printworks to be made in to the glossy finished version. The books were on sale at the event at £5.00 each, already raising a fantastic £495.00.

Pupils in all classes, Primary 1 to Primary 7 donned their chef's hats and aprons to showcase the preparation of recipes from the book, to parents who attended. They enjoyed a range of mouth-watering treats from Ice-cream Sundaes to Foods from around the World as part of the Euro-café in Primary 6.

The initiative, focussing on cooking as a life-skill, addressed several of the Food and Health Experiences and Outcomes enabling pupils to make decisions about the buying of ingredients, safe storage and preparation of simple dishes, together with experiencing the sense of enjoyment in preparing and trying new foods. Pupils were also able to apply their Literacy and Numeracy skills in a real-life context and deepen their knowledge, skills and understanding of World of Work and Careers Education, which was a previous curricular event and focus week in school, this session.

We were delighted to have the support of Mrs Christine Mitchell, of Graeme High School, and her 3rd year girls, who supported the event by providing advice regarding the running of the event, supplying equipment and attending to support our young Masterchefs on the day. Thanks also go to Mrs Sandra Stone of St Margaret's for her support of the event.

Evaluations from pupils, staff and parents/carers were very positive, with comments being made regarding the "buzz" around the whole school. We look forward to repeating this successful event next year, showcasing more of our recipes.

Jackie Reid (Depute Head Teacher, St. Margaret's Primary School)

Hallglen PS - Rotary Club Lunch and Awards

Best Overall School Grounds Improvement

On Thursday 31st May two children from our ECO Community groups in Hallglen Primary attended the annual Rotary Club Awards and lunch in the Park Hotel, Falkirk. The school won second prize for Best Overall Improvement in their School Grounds and received a cheque for £75. Kirstie Harding from P3A and Caitlin Callaghan from P5 were both delighted to receive the award and cheque on behalf of the school and they both had a great time at the Awards Lunch. Well done to all the staff, parents and children in the school who have worked together to ensure that our Playground looks tidy and our grounds are interesting and stimulating.



Children from Hallglen and Airth Primary Schools to be part of the Guard of Honour for the London 2012 Olympic Games

Children from Hallglen and Airth Primary Schools have been chosen to be part of the Guard of Honour for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

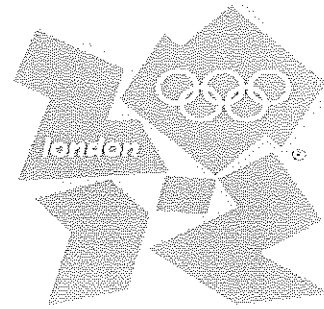
The schools were selected through the reward and recognition programme of the Get Set network, the official London 2012 education programme.

Eight children from both Airth and Hallglen Primary Schools will form part of the 2,000 strong student Guard of Honour supporting the 204 competing teams as they walk from the Olympic village to the Olympic Stadium. They shall join children from 248 other schools from across the UK selected to take part.

Children and staff are very excited to be involved in this once in a lifetime opportunity to welcome athletes competing at this year's Olympic Games. The children from Hallglen and Airth Primary Schools

are already learning about the cultures and athletes of Luxemburg and Sierra Leone teams who they will be welcoming to the games.

As well as having the opportunity to cheer on the



world's best athletes and be part of a global moment, the children will also get the exciting chance to tour the Olympic Park and see some of the London 2012 venues before the world turns its attention to the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

For further information visit www.london2012.com



Find out the latest from London 2012 HQ on <http://www.london2012.com/blog>

Hallglen Garden Community Group visit Gardening Scotland

Several of the Hallglen Primary Gardening Community Group were invited to Gardening Scotland at Ingliston Showground in Edinburgh on Friday 1st June. We had a brilliant day and had a very busy time.

The children started with a Storytelling Session on the Magic Porridge Pot, and were given oats to plant. Then we went to look at the honey bees making their honeycombs and got to taste the honey. We loved it!

We got some brilliant ideas about what we could do in our own garden from the Pallet Garden Display and we loved the Jubilee themes. It definitely gave us some food for thought for next year's competition.

On the subject of food, our final visit was to the Healthier Scotland Food Bus where we all cooked our own delicious Apple and Apricot Filo Parcels. Then we made a really tasty and healthy salad which we were allowed to take home.

What a great day it was and everyone made us feel so welcome, we're already looking forward to next year!



Hallglen Primary School and Nursery Class News

Hallglen Nursery Class

The boys and girls at Hallglen Nursery have been looking after duck eggs. They used an incubator to keep the eggs warm and safe until they hatched. A special candling light allowed the children to monitor how the ducklings were growing inside the eggs.



Two ducklings hatched from the eggs and spent a week in Hallglen Nursery. The boys and girls learned how to look after the ducklings and know that ducklings need food, water and a safe home to help them grow. The ducklings enjoyed swimming and the boys and girls loved watching the ducklings splash about in the water. The ducklings received many visitors from P1-P7. They have now been reunited with other ducklings and are enjoying playing and swimming in a small pond as they continue to grow.

The children in the nursery now have a good understanding about where living things come from and what care and nourishment they need to help to develop

Policy Bing Opening Event at Lionthorn

As part of their topic on the Falkirk Area P3 and P4 children at Hallglen Primary took part in a competition set up by the Central Scotland Forest Trust. The children were asked to design and draw a picture to represent images of canal life.

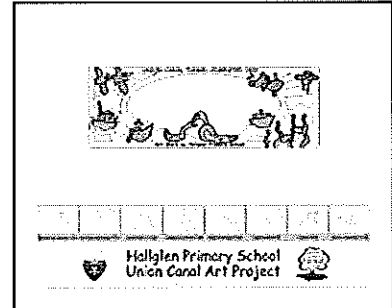
The pupils created drawings after spending time looking at images and visiting the canal area near the school. These pictures were then sent into the Central Scotland Forest Trust where a winning design was to be chosen and made into an interpretation panel to be situated at a viewpoint near to the Lionthorn Estate.

The Central Scotland Forest Trust were so impressed with the children's work that they instead selected aspects from 8 children's art work

to make up the panel as can be seen from this diagram:

I was really surprised and pleased to see my swans on the panel – Kirstie Harding P3A.

I was really happy that my boat was chosen for the panel – Jessica Crorie P3B.



As a reward for all of their hard work and effort the children were invited to attend the official opening ceremony for the policy Bing Site and were given £50 of Book Tokens. This was a great day where the children planted wildflowers beside the ponds and surrounding area. They also took part in games on the new MUGA organised by the Active School Co-ordinator. The Official Opening at the "view over the toon" with folk music from Brian MacNeill. A great morning was had by all and this was a super opportunity for the children to celebrate their success!

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Hallglen Primary children and staff celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the 5th June. The children had a great time in school completing art activities and taking part in games with a royal theme. There was a bouncy castle to bounce on and an It's a Knock Out



competition to have fun with.

Everyone got the chance to get their face painted with Union Jacks and they looked very regal with their paper crowns and red white and blue clothes. The children enjoyed decorating table mats and biscuits for their parties which they took outside as the sun was shining. As you can see from our photos everyone had a great time celebrating this memorable day in the sunshine.

Falkirk Town Centre's Regeneration Project

A Celebratory Event has been arranged to mark the completion of the regeneration works at the historic Falkirk Old and St Modan's Parish Church. With the help of the Scottish Government's Town Centres Regeneration and the Heritage Lottery Funds the site has been restored to reflect its historical significance in the town centre and in Scottish history.

The event is planned for Monday 25 June from 10am – 3pm and local schools have been invited to enjoy the many attractions available to them throughout the day. These attractions include:

- ★ Ghost Tours – with award winning Ghostly Guides
- ★ Church Tours – with local historian and author Ian Scott
- ★ Demonstrations – Stonemason Gardner Molloy will showcase his work on the Falkirk High Street seat/site.
- ★ Jester and other medieval entertainment
- ★ Unveiling of John de Graeme tomb by Provost Pat Reid

Please use the link below to obtain further information on the project: http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/the_area/falkirk/falkirk_town/falkirk_regen.aspx

Bo'ness Academy success at Anti-Doping Challenge Grand Final

Bo'ness Academy came second out of more than 300 teams nationally who registered to take part in the Anti-Doping Challenge as part of the Science In Sport national final, held in the Science Museum in London last month.

Teams presented their kits to test athletes for mock banned substances as part of the campaign to make the 2012 Olympic Games the cleanest games ever. This competition aimed to inspire the next generation of scientists by tapping into the important science that underpins some aspects of sport.

Well done Bo'ness Academy for beating some stiff competition and ending up as runners up in this prestigious national competition.

Westquarter Jubilee Celebrations

On a glorious 5th of June Westquarter Primary School were delighted to welcome Queen Brooke and King Aiden, her Majesty's representatives, to their official Jubilee celebration this morning.

Elected by the randomiser, the two royals presided over the Primary One land based flotilla which saw a spectacular fleet of hand built ships make their way majestically along the front of the school and moor at the nursery.

Parents and passing traffic were halted and joined in the flag waving and singing of the national anthem. The king and queen will also attend the afternoon banquet in the park, catered for by the children themselves. God save the Queen!



Calendar of Events July/August 2012

Public Social Partnership - Project Team - 9am - Callendar Business Pk	02 Jul
National Childhood Obesity Week	02 Jul
ESMT - 3pm	05 Jul
Alzheimer's Awareness Week (www.alzscot.org)	06 Jul
Falkirk's Children's Commission - Implementation Team - 9am - Conference Room, Sealock House	19 Jul
Ramadan Begins (Muslim)	20 Jul
ESMT - 9am	26 Jul
Extended ESMT - 9am	01 Aug
Raksha Bandan (Hindu)	02 Aug
Falkirk Children's Commission - Executive Group - 1.30pm - Committee Room, Muni Buildings	02 Aug
Public Social Partnership - Project Team - 9am - Callander Business Pk	06 Aug
Policy & Resources Committee	07 Aug
Admin Team Meeting - Staff Room - 10am - Sealock House	08 Aug
ESMT - 9am	09 Aug
International Youth Day (www.un.org/youth)	12 Aug
International Left Handers Day	13 Aug
Falkirk Children's Commission - Implementation Team - 9am - Conference Room - Sealock House	16 Aug
ESMT - 9am	16 Aug
Eid Al Fitr - Festival to mark end of Ramadan (Muslim)	19 Aug
Autumn Term Begins (Staff Only)	20 Aug
Autumn Term Begins (Pupils Only)	21 Aug
Education Committee	21 Aug
International Day of Remembrance of the Slave trade and its Abolition	23 Aug
Education Matters submitting articles deadline date	24 Aug
ESMT - 9am	30 Aug

Green Flags

Bankier Primary School has just been awarded its 5th Green Flag – another first!!! This means they have been a green flag school for 10 years now – what a great anniversary celebration. The staff and pupils have worked very hard to achieve this prestigious award. Well done!

Blackness Primary School is proud to announce that they have achieved their 4th Green Flag! A great achievement!

Well done to the following schools Bo'ness Public School and Ladeside Primary School who have also achieved Green Flag status.

Keep up the good work!

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Airth Primary and Hallglen Primary Pupils' Olympic Trip

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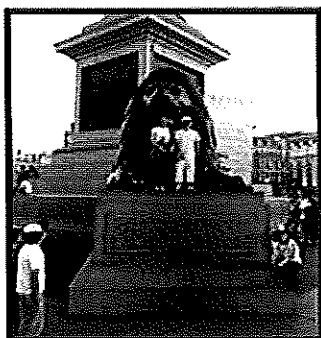
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Wow! – what an amazing experience for all of us – 16 excited children and 4 highly vigilant adults spending 2 nights and 3 days in the busiest city in the world – London - the place to be in 2012.

We packed so much into this trip to ensure the children really saw as many of the main attractions as physically possible so - yes we walked for miles and miles and no they didn't go to sleep straight away!



Highlight of day one was the trip on the London Eye – the children absolutely loved the tremendous views right across London, especially looking into the Olympic beach volleyball arena. During this day we also packed in the 4D London Eye Experience,



Trafalgar Square and Pizza Express on The Strand for dinner, before heading out to Paddington to our lovely, clean and friendly hostel.

An early start to the next day and yes – we walked again around and



around The Science Museum, especially the interactive floor where the children loved the hands on displays and the active experiments. Lunch in the National Museum Park allowed the children to run off a bit of steam and play some outdoor table tennis.

Heading back to the Underground, which we had by this time mastered, we made our way to Kings Cross where, after much media attention, we boarded the Javelin Train – the high speed link to Stratford and the Olympic Park.

After months of planning and anticipation, not to mention the fundraising, we had arrived! Two of only five Scottish

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schools from the 250 attending. The Olympic Park was more than we could have imagined and we were so fortunate to be given a full guided tour – the Aqua Centre, the Velodrome, the Basketball Arena, as well as the largest McDonalds in Europe. We also got a sneaky peek of the performers rehearsing for the Opening Ceremony. The highlight of the tour



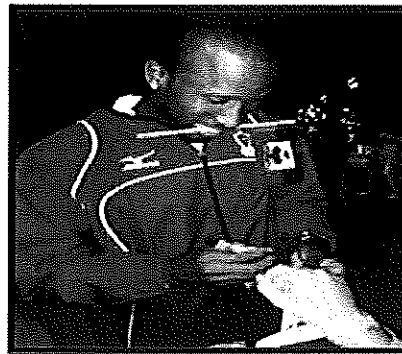
Airth Primary and Hallglen Primary Pupils' Olympic Trip cont'd



was having dinner, games and activities in the Handball Arena as well as our pictures taken with Wenlock!

As the atmosphere

and excitement built we put on our Olympic tee shirts, picked up our globe lanterns, raised our flags and headed off to form the Guard of Honour. We cheered and waved as all the different countries walked past. Many of the Olympians came across to sign autographs, hand out badges and have photographs taken.



There was great excitement when Tom Daley of Team GB high fived many of our children and a huge cheer when Usain Bolt was spotted in Team Jamaica. Both

countries' Olympians from Sierra Leone and Luxembourg were ecstatic to see our children support and welcome their specific countries. They were most impressed with the flags the children had made. What a night, what a once in a lifetime experience!



Falkirk's BIG FIT WALK is supporting Falkirk Heart Town

The Aims of the BIG FIT WALK and the British Heart Foundation HEART TOWN initiative fit together really well. The BIG FIT WALK annual message is "30 minutes of walking 5 times each week can significantly improve your health and how you feel", and is all about giving it a go. The Falkirk HEART TOWN initiative aims to bring communities together to tackle heart health and improve the lives of local people by raising awareness and also funds for local Heart Charities and BHF. We suggest a voluntary £1 per walker donation for your Bairns' Big Heart Walk. You could also join the BHF "Bag-athon" stock appeal check www.bhf.org.uk/bagathon

SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO bigfitwalk@nhs.net

Please take part in our Bairns' Big Heart Walk

Taking part is easy. Just choose a day for your 30 minute walk from your own doorstep any day in Autumn from September to October and register as you do for the Big Fit Walk to receive your special new "Falkirk Heart Town" stickers designed by Walk the Braes project pupils. If you are new to the Big Fit events check www.bigfitwalk.co.uk or phone 07791175790 for information.

Funds raised for Falkirk Heart Town can be deposited at any One Stop Shop in the Falkirk area quoting account number '957049/8921' and give your name, or the name of your group or organisation



Walk the Braes project pupils California P.S.

Sponsored Teddy Bear Parachute Jump & Funday



30th September 2012,
12 – 4 p.m.

At The Falkirk Wheel

REGISTER YOUR TEDDY BEAR NOW!

All are welcome – and there's a load to do.

Activities include:

- ★ The spectacular event at 2.30p.m.
- ★ Boats parade
- ★ Face painting
- ★ Boat rides
- ★ Live music & more

All proceeds raised at this event will be used to support Seagull Trust Cruises Falkirk

For more information see the press, and local advertising!

Or contact Sonia McLay
Tel 07730447212

Save the Date!

Bairns' Big Heart Walk

Autumn Sept/Oct 2012
The 2nd ever Bairns' Big Heart Walk aims to raise funds and promote heart health with the walking message. Choose a date to suit your group.

Big Fit Walk 14th June 2013
Join in on any date in June 2013
Our BIG FIT WALK 10th BIRTHDAY. Please join us to make it a BIG day. You can of course take part any day in June.

Falkirk Old and St Modan's Parish Church Regeneration Celebration!

Monday 25th of June was the Celebratory event to mark the completion of the Falkirk Town Centre's Regeneration Project centred around the historic Falkirk Old and St Modan's Parish Church.

The event showcased the conservation work that has been undertaken. People had opportunity to see stonecarving demonstrations and speak with specialists involved. Falkirk High School pupils presented throughout the day on their project involvement. Historic site tours will be undertaken in the church and churchyard. The award winning Ghostly Guides provided a light-hearted and entertaining free ghost tour from the churchyard to locations throughout the town centre. Falkirk's Town Crier, John Smith encouraged visitors in and around Falkirk to visit the site itself and a Jester provided interactive fun and music.



Pupils from local schools attended throughout the day and Falkirk High School pupils facilitated the event through a display and discussions with visitors.

The Learning Olympics Poster Competition

After great consideration and debate by judges Andrew Facherty (ASL Manager) and Fiona Law (ASL Adviser), we are delighted to announce the winners of The Learning Olympics Poster Competition:-

Main winners are as follows:-

- ★ Jodie Paterson – Victoria PS
- ★ Devin McKay – Hallglen PS
- ★ Katy McGonigal – St Margaret's PS
- ★ Kieran Penman – Denny PS

All contestants will be awarded a certificate and a Gold Chocolate Medal. The prize winners all received a special prize. Certificates and prizes will be handed in to schools for presentation to the pupils.

Many thanks to all schools who participated. Andrew and Fiona were most impressed by all the effort and thought which had gone into every poster submitted.

Support Teachers, Specific Learning Differences Team, Camelon Education Centre

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TEACH ROAD SAFETY AND SAVE LIVES!

Beep Beep! Day is an educational and fundraising event especially for under-eights

It's an opportunity to teach simple road safety lessons to kids and parents, such as holding hands and staying away from traffic, while children do fun activities, like singing a road safety song.

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Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week, also co-ordinated by Brake, is 19 - 25 November 2012. Why not run your Beep Beep! Day in Road Safety Week or plan additional activities that week. Go to www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk for tips and ideas and to register for your free e-action pack.



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email beepbeep@brake.org.uk, or call the
Beep Beep! Team on 01484 559909

“Teaching road safety to early years children is vital and saves lives. That's why we have made Beep Beep! Day an annual event.”

Catherine McManus, Head of Nursery & Early Years, Birchfield Community School



Child Protection News

New child protection website launched

Support for vulnerable children and families

The Scottish Government has launched a new national website offering help and support to vulnerable children and families on child protection issues.

The new site - www.childprotectionscotland.org - includes clear, accessible information on what the public should do if they are concerned for a child's welfare. It will also feature a range of information and links to downloadable materials for children themselves, including cartoons and online games providing child safety tips.

Anne Houston, Chief Executive of CHILDREN 1st said:

CHILDREN 1st welcomes the fact that this new website has information, not only for adults who may be worried about a child, but also for children and young people themselves. It is vital they understand that concerns about their welfare will be taken seriously and that they know what to do if they need help.

This is another tool to make sure we all understand that it's everybody's responsibility to protect children.



New recruits - Sealock House

Danielle Gibson

I am the new graduate intern in communications for GIRFEC and CFE. I recently graduated in Media from Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh where I studied for my honours after gaining a degree in Media and Communications from Forth Valley College.

I am a former student of Braes High School which I left in 2006 and where I found an interest for writing and journalism from the English Department. Forth Valley College, in particular, is where I found a flair for media and communications when I sat my Higher Media in 2008 and continued onto their degree programme.

I have been involved in volunteer roles such as; the Edinburgh International Film Festival, the Bogness Silent Film Festival, Stirling Council, the Falkirk Town Hall and the Daily Record.

I listen to music a lot in my spare time and it can be any genre or artist as long as the song is good, but I am a rock/punk addict at heart. I like to kid myself and believe I am as involved with sports as I was in school, but have only recently got back into swimming.

I am really looking forward the next year and how this internship will turn out.

David Fernie

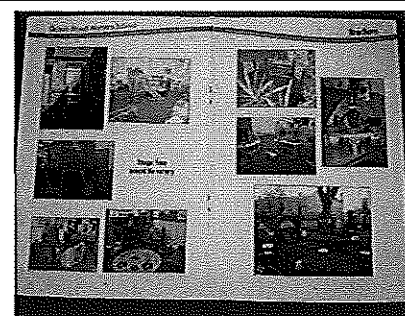
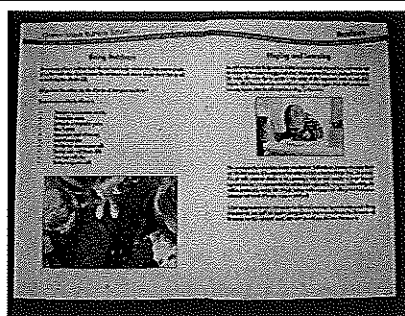
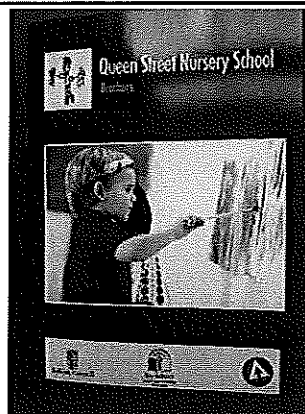
I'm David Fernie, and part of Falkirk Councils first graduate jobs programme. I was the successful candidate for the Trainee GIRFEC

Training & Development Assistant. The post will involve developing knowledge and understanding of GIRFEC (Getting It Right for Every Child) among staff and service users across the various partnerships as well as ensuring sustainability with the GIRFEC training programme.



From Stenhousemuir, I attended Larbert High School from 2001- 2007 and went on to complete a BA (Hons) Psychology with Sociology degree at Edinburgh Napier University. Since graduating I have become involved with Falkirk and Central Scotland Samaritans, becoming one of the newest Listening Samaritans at the branch. I listen to individuals who are distressed, in despair and feeling suicidal from a wide number of issues- this is a challenging role but is very worthwhile and enjoyable. I also volunteer my time at Strathcarron Hospice which I also enjoy.

I am excited and keen to get started with this project and to carry out my role as one of Falkirk Councils newest employees to the best of my ability with the hopes that this will be an excellent springboard to a successful career.



Queen Street Nursery Launch Their New Brochure!

FREE books for your Primary 1 pupils: Bookbug Primary 1 Family Pack

In autumn 2012 all schools will receive a free pack of three books for every Primary 1 child. These books are a gift from the Scottish Book Trust's Early Years Programme (Bookbug) as part of Book Week Scotland, 26th November to 2nd December.

Children entering Primary 1 should already have received three free packs of books from the Scottish Book Trust (baby, toddler and nursery packs), and so should be familiar with the Bookbug programme. Primary 1 is the final intervention point for the programme.

The Bookbug Primary 1 Family Pack will contain:

3 Picture books (shortlisted for this year's Scottish Children's Book Awards): Jack and the flum flum tree (Julia Donaldson), Solomon Crocodile (Catherine Rayner) and The day Louis got eaten (John Fardell).

Activity book – An activity book filled with games and activities for Primary 1 children and their families to complete together. This book was developed in conjunction with a team of educationalists, librarians and family learning workers and will contain activities, games and discussion ideas that link to the 3 picture books.

Jack's jaiket – Children and their families can explore together this brand new book written in Scots by Matthew Fitt.

Free teacher resources to support the gifting of the Bookbug Primary 1 Family Pack, including posters and a complete set of books will be delivered to all schools at the start of the session. There will be additional teacher resources on Scottish Book Trust's website at the start of the autumn term (www.scottishbooktrust.com/p1pack).

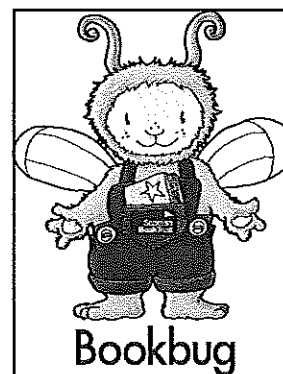
Library Support for Schools will be co-ordinating the programme within Falkirk Council and will be asking for your P1 figures at the start of the session. Teachers will have the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the programme during Library Support for Schools open week (11th to 14th September) or by contacting Carolyn Sharp, Early Years Librarian at carolyn.sharp@falkirk.gov.uk

Key information

Falkirk Bookbug co-ordinator: Carolyn Sharp [Early Years Librarian] 01324 506840

Your Bookbug Primary 1 packs will be delivered by Library Support for Schools after the October break.

Book Week Scotland will take place between 26th November and 2nd December 2012. Please note that the Scottish Book Trust is happy for the packs to be gifted to children any time in October or November 2012.



Calendar of Events September 2012

Walking Together Day (www.wcrf-uk.org/walk)	02 Sep
Public Social Partnership Project Team - 9am - Callendar Bus. Park	03 Sep
Nurture Steering Group - 9.30am - Sealock House	04 Sep
Policy & Resources Committee - 9.30am, Municipal Buildings	04 Sep
Migraine Awareness Week (www.migraine.org.uk)	06 - 12 Sep
Extended ESMT - 9am	06 Sep
International Literacy Day	08 Sep
Term Time Public Holiday	10 Sep
Know Your Numbers! - National Blood Pressure Awareness Week (www.bpassoc.org.uk/kyn)	10 - 16 Sep
ESMT - 3pm	11 Sep
Head Teachers Meeting - Grangemouth HS - 8.45am	12 Sep
Roald Dahl Day	13 Sep
Falkirk Children's Commission - Implementation Team - 9am - Sealock House	13 Sep
Education Matters - Submitting articles deadline date	14 Sep
Meningitis Awareness Week (www.meningitis.org)	15 Sep
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)	17 Sep
ESMT - 9am	20 Sep
International Day of Peace	21 Sep
European Day of Languages	26 Sep
Falkirk Council Meeting - 9.30am	26 Sep
ESMT - 9am	27 Sep
Learning To Achieve Awards 2012 - Larbert HS - 7pm	27 Sep
World's Biggest Coffee Morning (Cancer Support)	28 Sep
World Heart Day (www.worldheart.org)	29 Sep

Annette, Joan and Education for all

You may have read in previous articles in Speakeasy of Annette Walczynska's connection with world famous singer songwriter and guitarist Joan Armatrading.

Joan has over the last few years personally signed t-shirts, cds and on their last meet, a Falkirk Council chefs jacket..... all of which have been donated to raise money for various charities such as Strathcarron Hospice, Alzheimers Scotland, Marys Meals, Downs Syndrome Association.

Joan has signed a copy of her latest Starlight Tour official

programme for Annette and she in turn will raffle it along with a Joan's This Charming Life t-shirt. This time all money raised will be donated to Education for All. (www.educationforall.com)



Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact Annette in the first instance on annette.walczynska@falkirk.gov.uk.

Falkirk Bairns Young Peoples Focus Group

Falkirk Bairns Young Peoples Focus Group has been in place since January 2005. The group have contributed to the development and review of Falkirk's Integrated Children's Services Plan, their work has been instrumental in shaping local policy on involving young people in services for young people. Their particular strength recently is their involvement and contribution to recruitment of staff who work with children and young people.

For Falkirk Bairns Young Peoples Focus Group recently received a 5 year volunteer service award at Falkirk Volunteer Awards Ceremony.

Well Done!

Educational Resources Team

260 new members of staff started with Education Services on Monday 20th August. Congratulations to the ER Team for all their hard work in making that possible.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: PARTICIPATION IN SCOTLAND EXCEL CONTRACTS
 Meeting: INFORMATION BULLETIN
 Date: 26th September 2012
 Author: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Falkirk Council as a Member of Excel, the Local Government Centre of Expertise for Procurement has access to a range of national contracts. The purpose of this Report is to advise Members of the Authority's participation in the following Excel contract.

2. PARTICIPATION AND BENEFITS**Sacks & Liners**

- 2.1 The Council's current Contract for the Supply of Black Plastic Refuse Sacks with Marchant Manufacturing Co. Ltd will end on 31st July 2012.
- 2.2 Excel has in place a national framework agreement for the Supply & Delivery of Sacks & Liners. This national contract will run to 31st October 2013. Suppliers to the Excel framework are detailed below:

Company	Postal Town
Biobags (Scotland) Ltd	Inverurie
BPI Recycled Products Ltd	Derbyshire
Enviroways Bioplastics	Belfast
Marchant Manufacturing Co. Ltd	Haverehill
SP & SAI Biopac Ltd	Ilford

- 2.3 With the continually fluctuating price of oil which impacts heavily on manufacturing costs and from the pricing information available it is estimated that participation would help minimise price changes and deliver best value. It is estimated that expenditure over the remaining term of the framework would not exceed £30,000.
- 2.4 Participation also means the Council can avoid the costs of conducting its own tendering exercise and afford us access to a fully compliant framework agreement
- 2.5 Best value would be achieved by Falkirk Council procuring Sacks & Liners from the Excel Framework from the 1st August 2012 through to its end date of 31st October 2013.

3. ACTION TAKEN

- 3.1 In accordance with Contract Standing Order 6.2(i), I authorised Falkirk Council's participation in the Scotland Excel framework for the Supply & Delivery of Sacks & Liners.

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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Date:
 Contact Name: David Houston Ext: 0819

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS OVER £100,000 AND UNDER £350,000 IN VALUE – FOR DEEP CLEANING OF KITCHENS, CLEANING OF KITCHEN CANOPIES (INCLUDING DUCTWORK & FILTERS) AS PART OF A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (C/N : CNS/230/12)

Meeting: INFORMATION BULLETIN

Date: 26 September 2012

Author: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A tender for the Deep Cleaning of Kitchens and Canopies as part of a Framework Agreement was advertised through the Public Contracts Scotland Portal as an open tender. Subsequently thirty-eight companies expressed an interest in tendering.
- 1.2 The framework will commence on 1st September 2012 and will run for four years until 31st August 2016.

2. TENDERS RECEIVED

- 2.1 Six tenders were received by the due date of 5th July 2012 and opened in accordance with Standing Order 11.2 relating to contracts.
- 2.2 The checked tendered prices ranged from £48,720 to £128,640 per annum.
- 2.3 Following evaluation of all tenders, the four highest scoring tenders were selected offering best value across the full range of the contract. The tenders are detailed at Appendix 1, with an estimated annual value of £50,000. This represents a saving of approximately 5.5% against current contracted rates.
- 2.4 In accordance with Standing Order 6.2(ii) relating to contracts, the approval of the Chief Governance Officer to enter into contract with that party was sought and received.

3. ACTION TAKEN

- 3.1 In accordance with Standing Order 6.2(ii), I accepted the tenders submitted as detailed in Appendix 1 with an approximate total contract value of £200,000 in respect of the Deep Cleaning of Kitchens, Cleaning of Kitchen Canopies (including Ductwork & Filters) as part of a Framework Agreement to Falkirk Council.

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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Date: 7th August 2012

Contact Name: James King

Ext: 0817

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. * Tender documents

* Item not for publication on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 10 of part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR DEEP CLEANING OF KITCHENS, CLEANING OF KITCHEN CANOPIES (INCLUDING DUCTWORK & FILTERS) AS PART OF A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (C/N : CNS/230/12)

Company	Postal Town
Ductclean (UK) Ltd	Hertfordshire
Perfect Service Solutions Ltd	Stirling
Robinson's Hygiene Services Ltd	Manchester
Shine Hygiene Services	Cumbernauld

Estimated Annual Value £50,000