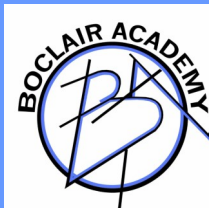




Boclair News

Summer 2018



Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to our summer edition of Boclair News. Our end of year events have ensured a busy but exceptionally positive end of year for the school with a great deal of hard work on the part of pupils and staff. Our senior pupils have recently returned to school following our exam leave. Months of hard work and extra study sessions allowed young people to prepare well for the exams and we now look forward to hearing of positive results at the start of August. Already our new S5 and S6 pupils have thrown themselves into the life and work of senior school and S6 pupils in particular have taken on the leadership roles vacated by the departing S6 pupils.

Various whole school events have taken place in recent weeks including our S6 Paintballing Experience, our Senior Prom and our Summer Fayre. Many of our events are captured in this newsletter with more to follow in the first newsletter of the new session. The Summer Fayre in particular was the result of months of planning and was a fantastic example of all our community coming together to celebrate our school. Pupils, parents, staff and business partners turned out in huge numbers to support the school and it was a fantastic day of music, art, food, inflatables, crafts, sports and sunshine. Thanks to everyone who turned up to support the event.

We also recently welcomed our new S1 pupils during the P7 Transition Days in June. Throughout their two day experience our new S1 pupils excelled in all subjects and have already firmly established themselves as a hard working, positive group of young people who are enthusiastic learners. We look forward to them joining us fully in August.

The articles included in this month's Boclair News provide a description of the various successes and events which have been part of Boclair Academy over the last few weeks. I hope you find the following information helpful and as ever we welcome your comments and new information which we can share in future newsletters.

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, whatever you and your family have planned, and I look forward to welcoming the whole school community back to school at the start of next session.

Have a great summer.

Douglas Brown
Head Teacher

U13 Scottish Cup Winners 2017/18

Congratulations to our S1 team who won the 2017/18 Scottish Cup on Thursday 13 May at Renfrew FC defeating Notre Dame High 3-0 in the final.



This was an outstanding achievement which saw them defeat some of the top football schools in Scotland on the way to the final. This was the culmination of a very successful season which saw them go undefeated in winning the EDC S1 league prior to winning the Scottish Cup.



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U13 Scottish Cup Winners 2017/18 (cont)

Well done to all the boys who have played a part in the team this season.



Scottish Cup, East Dunbartonshire League and League Cup Winners
Scottish 7 a side Finalists.

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U15's Footballing Success!



Congratulations to our Under 15 Football Team who won the U15 East Dunbartonshire League!
A fantastic achievement!



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Ibrox Visit

A massive thank you to our partners at Ranger FC for allowing our Senior Pupils the opportunity to play in a challenge match on the main pitch at Ibrox Stadium.



Hockey

Our hockey team has been busy this last term.



We would like to thank Lenzie Academy for the invite to their hockey festival and to Perth for visiting us as part of their end of season tour.

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Rugby

This year our S1 and S2 Boys and Girls rugby teams competed at the Scottish Power Energy Network Championships!



We are also very grateful to our partner companies, Scottish Power and Glasgow Warriors who came in and delivered a DYW workshop about the skills and qualities needed to be a Scottish Power Engineer and a professional rugby player.



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Swimming

A massive well done to all our swimmers this year!

Boclair took 18 swimmers, the largest team for a number of years, to the Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh on Wednesday 6th June to compete in the Brodies Scottish Schools Relay Championships. Each team swam a freestyle and a medley event and everyone rose to the challenge, with some great swims. A special mention goes to the S1/S2 boys who achieved 5th place in the medley relay and to the S3/4 boys who came 7th in the freestyle relay and 8th in the medley relay.

A huge thank you to those parents who helped transport the swimmers and assisted poolside throughout the day. We are already looking forward to next year!



S3/4 Boy's Team
Blair Johnstone, Jake Candy,



S3/4 Girl's Team
Niamh Whitley-Smith,
Sarah Rutherford, Christy Smith
and Eilidh Douglas



S1/2 Boy's Team
Fraser Sutherland, Fraser Baird,
Robson Miles, Angus John and
Ruairidh Johnstone



S1/2 Girl's Team
Kirsty Muir, Katy Candy,
Kathleen Slattery, Emer McKenzie
and Elle MacDonald

A number of pupils qualified to swim at the Scottish National Age Group Championships at Tollcross.

	Zoe MacDonald S6	
Graham Baird S3	Eilidh Douglas S3	Fraser Hamilton S3
	Angus Johnston S2	
Fraser Baird S1	Robson Miles S1	

Well done to everyone!

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Badminton

Our final badminton event this year was at Bishopbriggs Academy.



Our winners were;

Katie Stewart - Girls Singles

Tsvetomir Manoev – Junior Boys Singles

Andrew Moore - Senior Boys Singles

Glen Hornby & Andrew D'Alessandro – Doubles winners

Many congratulations to Katie Stewart who is the new U14 East Dunbartonshire Champion!



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County Sports

A massive well done to everyone who attended and participated in this year's county sports at Scotstoun Stadium.



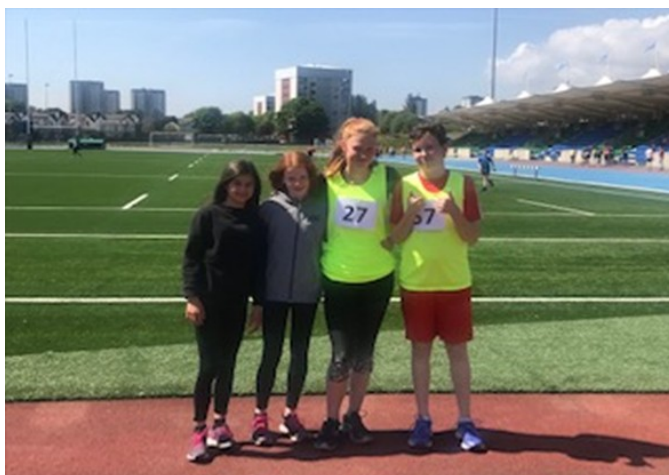
The weather was amazing and some excellent abilities were on display!

Results

Catriona Scott – Outstanding performance award

Angus Cameron – S1 Discus

Fraser Gilmour – S2 1500m



Congratulations to Catriona Scott who also won silver at the Scottish Schools Athletic Championships in the sprint hurdles!



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Interclass Games

The Boclair Academy Interclass Athletics Championships took place over three days on the 16th, 17th and 18th of May.

Individuals from S1-S3 took part in a range of track and field events to earn points for their team.



Over the course of the competition we had great support from senior helpers, but also witnessed a great display of the school values:

Respect	Attitude displayed towards other athletes.
Honesty	Following the rules and regulations.
Fairness	Motivating others.
Achievement	Finishing the events.



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Battlefields Trip

On Thursday 12th October 2017, 32 pupils and 4 members of staff from Boclair Academy set off on their annual trip to the First World War Battlefields, organised by the History Department.

There was the usual mixture of excitement and nerves for the youngsters, some of whom were travelling abroad without their parents for the first time. After the bus journey to Hull and the overnight ferry to Zeebrugge, a short hop took the party to the medieval city of Bruges. A sightseeing trip on the canal allowed everyone to appreciate this beautiful historic city. Afterwards, other sights and chocolate shops were visited. We were blessed with wall to wall sunshine for the duration of our whole trip. The party then crossed over the border into France to spend their first night at their accommodation near the town of St Omer.

The first stop on Saturday was the largest military cemetery in France, Notre Dame de Lorette. The fiercely proud veterans of the Guard of Honour treat this place as sacred ground. The cemetery is built on a hill to give the optical illusion of graves stretching eternally into the distance. The pupils began to appreciate both scale of the loss and the global nature of the conflict as they looked at the thousand of headstones of Christians, Jews, Muslims and Atheists. Pupils visited the Ring of Remembrance, engraved with the names of 580,000 men who died in this part of France during the war.



Our next stop was deep underground in the city of Arras. Wellington Quarry Museum tells the moving story of the lead up to the Battle of Arras. Pupils and staff were shown around sections of the many kilometres of tunnels dug by the British Army and Dominion Forces - in particular, the New Zealand tunnelers, who lived and worked in the tunnels dug under the city of Arras during the build up to the Allied offensive.

Battlefields Trip

Mining trucks, equipment, food containers, glass bottles and personal items were many of the features highlighted by our guide but most captivating were the numerous drawings and “graffiti” on the walls. At the end of the guided tour pupils passed Exit Number 10, one of the exits from the tunnels which the troops took to climb up to the Front Line positions and start attacking enemy lines at 5.30 am on 9th April. Many hundreds of soldiers would never return.

The next stop was at a place which for many has come to symbolise all the horrors of the First World War. The Somme is synonymous with the mud, the slaughter, the callous disregard with which the Generals treated soldiers, the stubborn failure of the military leadership to change tactics in the face of a bloodbath. The first day of the battle, July 1st 1916, remains the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army - 60,000 casualties sustained in a few hours. The group were given a guided tour at Beaumont Hamel and filled everyone with admiration for the brave men of Newfoundland who fought here.

Close by, the memorial to the missing at Thiepval dominates the landscape and many of the pupils had the names of family connections to seek out on its imposing walls. Pupils also laid specially made name plaques to honour the memory of nine missing Scottish soldiers recently identified and whose names would be removed from the Thiepval memorial and given a proper burial.



The day was rounded off with a visit to Lochnagar crater, where a mine was detonated under the German lines. Its size demonstrates the huge destructive power which explosives were put to during the conflict.

Battlefields Trip

The evenings provided the opportunity for reflection but also for relaxation and pupils could choose from football, pool and table tennis. Everyone seemed to have fun and enjoy the company of friends, a privilege which was denied to so many because of the conflict.

Sunday saw the Boclair party cross the border back into Belgium. The town of Poperinge provided the tour's most poignant moment as a visit was paid to the cells where soldiers condemned to die by their own side spent their last evening. At Poperinge New Military cemetery, we paid respects at the graves of some of these men who had been executed. We also paid a visit to the grave of Horatio Strickland of Torrance and laid a wreath on the 100th anniversary of his death.



Later in the day, visits to Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing, the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world for any war, and Langemark German Cemetery allowed pupils and staff to pay their respects and contemplate the different ways in which each country commemorate their war dead.

A whirlwind tour of Ypres and purchases at the best chocolate shop in town almost concluded our day.

Battlefields Trip

At 8pm, pupils and staff attended the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony. This simple but moving ceremony honours British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the battles to defend Ypres. 55,000 names of the missing are inscribed on the walls. Every evening since July 1928 - apart from the German occupation in World War 11, volunteer buglers assemble under the Menin Gate to sound the Last Post. Cameron Devenny, Emily McGill and Euan Shaw proudly laid a wreath on behalf of Boclair Academy.



By Tuesday afternoon, the Boclair party were home. They were free to enjoy the last few days of the October break and perhaps to be a little more appreciative of the simple things in life.

Museum of Flight Trip

On Monday 31 May our S3 Historians visited the newly revamped Museum of Flight in East Fortune. This site served as an airbase during the First World War and planes from here patrolled the sea as well as attempting to intercept Zeppelin airships on their bombing raids. Pupils' study of the First World War is focused on the trench warfare of the Western Front, so this visit provided the perfect opportunity to look at some of the other aspects of the conflict.

We were able to explore the role played by the base in the First and Second World Wars and to visit the spot where, on July 2 1919, Airship R34 set off to make the first crossing of the Atlantic by air. Pupils were able to see a variety of military and civilian aircraft and for many the highlight of the day was the chance to go aboard Concorde and imagine what it would be like to fly at speeds of 1350mph! A new arrival this year was a Hawk T1 A, previously flown as part of the Red Arrows display team.



The Fantastic Flight Exhibition allowed us to explore some of the science of flight and to see if we had the agility, stamina and reflexes to be a fighter pilot. The visit took place in glorious sunshine and the pupils were fantastic ambassadors for Boclair Academy.

Roman Archaeological Trip

On 30th April, sixty first year pupils visited various Roman sites in and around East Dunbartonshire. The weather was beautiful.

Old Kilpatrick Cemetery was the first stop where the foundations of the Antonine Wall can clearly be seen. Next stop was Barr Hill in Twechar. A long, steep walk led to Barr Hill Fort and the most stunning view making the walk so worthwhile. It was fascinating to see the fort and make sense of the scattered stones and its proximity to the Antonine Wall.

The hypocaust attached to the Roman Bath House is the most well preserved site in Scotland and we were amused by the stories of soldiers sharing the toilets and baths together. The Well proved fascinating and later we would see some of the Roman artefacts actually found down the well during the excavation of 1965.

Lunch was a short bus ride away at Twechar Recreation Centre where we ate outside in the sun and played in the park.

Soon we made our way to the Auld Kirk Museum in Kirkintilloch. We were greeted by the curator Peter, who gave an interactive presentation on the Romans in Scotland. Many of our class mates tried on Roman Armour and Roman clothes which was great fun. We had the opportunity to carefully hold, but not test, Roman weapons. We also examined real Roman coins, candle holders, chain mail, plates and pottery. Mrs Conn was very proud when we were able to answer many questions about the Antonine Wall.



Later, we arrived back at Boclair tired but happy. We had a great trip and thanks to our teachers and the curator, we now know so much about the Antonine Wall and the Romans in Scotland.

History Primary Open Evening

As part of our Primary Open Evening On Wednesday 11 October pupils and parents were given a flavour of some of the big issues which the History Department tackle in S1-S3. Pupils and parents got to vote on these issues for debate. The results were as follows.

How should William Wallace be remembered?	Pupils	Parents
As a hero of the fight for Scottish independence	43	39
As a war criminal	7	11
Was JFK killed by a lone gunman or as part of a conspiracy?	Pupils	Parents
Lone Gunman	11	17
Conspiracy	21	44
How should the First World War be commemorated in Britain?	Pupils	Parents
As a just war against German aggression	23	18
As a pointless conflict which needlessly sacrificed millions of lives.	24	29
The First World War -Who should be commemorated in Glasgow?	Pupils	Parents
Soldiers	17	19
Anti-war campaigners	3	2
Soldiers and anti-war campaigners	15	16

Celebrating and Tracking Wider Achievement

We recognise that pupils at Boclair Academy are involved in a wide variety of different activities both within and outside of school. As a school, we are committed to recognising a broad sense of achievement. Therefore, in addition to the many ways in which we celebrate achievement within school already, we would like you to inform us of any additional achievements that we may not yet know about your young person. This will be added to their pupil record. Wider achievement certificates may also be presented to children at assembly as well as celebrated on our Wider Achievements wall. Please visit: www.tinyurl.com/pupilachievement to complete the form.

School Garden

Our school garden is coming along slowly but surely. A huge thank you to our small but dedicated team of gardeners who are cultivating the space for their DofE Volunteering Section. They have been out in all weathers: planting, moving bark and weeding. If anyone has any old gardening tools or plants/seeds that could be donated, please drop them off at the school. Our dream is to create a useful, beautiful space that can be used by all. If any pupils would like to help in the garden, come along after school on a Thursday (meet in Room 3.7 at 15:10).



John Muir

A huge congratulations to pupils who successfully completed their John Muir Award in S1. Pupils were given the opportunity to Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share wild places near to the school. This involved spending a day at Mugdock Country Park, as well as a number of half days at Temple Woods and in the school grounds.

Pupils were required to show commitment and enthusiasm in order to achieve the Award, and the vast majority of S1 pupils met this criteria. Activities included miniature den building, scavenger hunt, tree beating for species identification and wild flower planting, across a number of different subject areas: Social Subjects, English, Modern Languages and Science. A huge congratulations to pupils who successfully completed their John Muir Award in S1. Pupils were given the opportunity to Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share wild places near to the school. This involved spending a day at Mugdock Country Park, as well as a number of half days at Temple Woods and in the school grounds. Pupils were required to show commitment and enthusiasm in order to achieve the Award, and the vast majority of S1 pupils met this criteria. Activities included miniature den building, scavenger hunt, tree beating for species identification and wild flower planting, across a number of different subject areas: Social Subjects, English, Modern Languages and Science.

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John Muir Award (cont)

Here's a message from some of your S1 pupils:

In S1 we worked towards our John Muir award. This award is inspired by John Muir, a boy who loved nature so much that when he was little he snuck out of his house to learn more about it. The reason why he had to sneak out was because his father forbade him to learn or read anything that was not to do with the Bible, and if he did he would get beaten.

The aim of the John Muir award is to Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share. To achieve the award you need to complete all of these tasks.

First of all we went on a trip to Mugdock Country Park which was probably every ones favourite. The first task that most of us did was orienteering. We were able to explore a new wild place there. After orienteering we built a turtle shelter and a bird house. To all of our disappointment there was no real turtle or bird so we had to use a toy turtle and stones as birds. Then we did a scavenger hunt which was really hard because we couldn't find a feather. At the very end of the hunt two of us ended up finding two feathers at the exact same time!



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John Muir Award (cont)

Our second trip was to the woods near Boclair Academy. Our group was split in to two groups. Sadly our friend group was split up but it was still an amazing experience. Half of us went with French teachers; the other half went with English teachers and after a while we swapped and did the other groups' activities.

We did a few more fun trips until we did wild flower planting, which was really interesting because most of us have never done that before.



We really enjoyed John Muir and we just can't wait for our next adventure because we've been inspired by my hero JOHN MUIR.

Duke of Edinburgh Success

We have a number of pupils who have successfully completed their DofE this year at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and congratulate them on their success.

Special mention must go to former pupil Rhys Murphy, who has successfully completed his Gold Award – congratulations Rhys!

For any current DofE participants, remember to upload your Assessor Reports to eDofE as soon as you've finished your sections. If you need any help with this, please see Dr Ross in Geography.

We are currently signing pupils up for Bronze (S3), Silver (S4/5) and Gold (S6) DofE Awards. Dr Ross will meet with all new participants soon to hand out Welcome packs and give advice on how to use eDofE.



Student of the Year at City of Glasgow College

Nathan Goody has followed our Senior Phase Programme this session and has been awarded Student of the Year for his Introduction to Food Skills Course by the City of Glasgow College.

We wish Nathan well as he continues his studies at college.



Dementia Friends

All third years have been trained as Dementia Friends and the music performance pupils have attended the group 'Mind That Song' monthly to perform music and sing songs on a given theme.

This month on the 14th June, we will host our own Tea & a Blether event for our local care homes to attend. Our S3 prefects will help host the event which will feature music and drama preview performances for the cultural Evening.



This week our musicians took part in Alzheimer Awareness week in Milngavie, and performed a short programme of music and song to a very receptive audience in the Frazer Centre, Milngavie.

A couple of senior pupils were bucket collecting for the charity at Tesco.



Our S3 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their experience this year, and we look forward to hosting our own event at school next week.

S1 Music Roadshow

Twenty-three pupils took part in a musical performance at this week's S1 Roadshow at the feeder primaries, Torrance PS, Killermont PS, Colquhoun Park and Westerton.

They played their own group performance of 'These Days' by Rudimental and Macklemore, using a range of classroom instruments; keyboard, bass guitar, guitar, ukulele, percussion and voice.



Special thanks to Miss Kennedy for leading them each night and to all pupils for their commitment this week. All performances were excellent and showed the P7 parents exactly what all S1 pupils will learn to play in S1 Music! Thank you to all our pupils involved.



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Individual Pupil Exam Success

Individual pupils from across the school have successfully passed their instrumental music exams in the following categories this term,

Drumkit Trinity

Grade 2	Ayah Nowarah	Pass
Grade 2	Emma McGinley	Pass
Grade 2	Rosa Ferguson	Merit
Grade 4	Abby Langdon	Pass
Grade 5	Carla Trainor	Distinction

Violin Trinity

Grade 3	Sophie Rae	Merit
Grade 2	Bethany Blakely	Merit
Grade 1	Hannah Quinn	Pass

Woodwind ABRSM

Grade 8	Flute	Lisa Chestnutt	Distinction
Grade 2	Alto Saxophone	Nicolle Stirling	Merit
Grade 2	Flute	Emma Jane Clark	Distinction

Prom

We spent a wonderful evening in the company of our departing S6 pupils at the Senior Prom at the start of June. As always our young people looked spectacular and were once again a credit to their school. We are sad to see you all leave but have no doubt you have fantastic futures ahead of you. We look forward to hearing about all your future successes.



Farewell to class of 2018!

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Primary Business Challenge

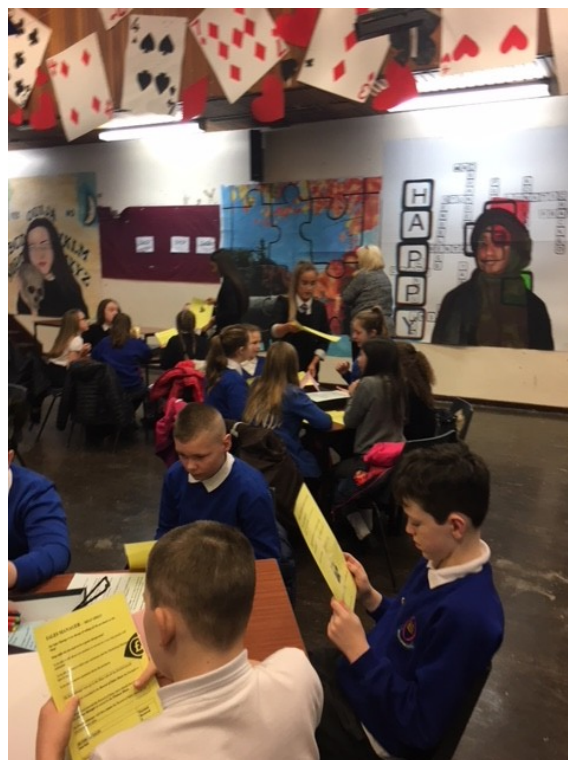
Pupils of our feeder primaries were welcomed to Boclair over the last fortnight to take part in the annual Primary Business Challenge. Once again Mrs Reid, Principal Teacher of Business and Information Management delivered the Business challenge.



The Business challenge was organised by S4 Administration and IT pupils who cover Events Management as part of their course. The Primary 7 pupils worked in teams of 6 and all teams were in competition with one another. As one of the S4 pupils stated "The atmosphere in the hall is great! – the Primary 7 pupils are having a fabulous time". The young people learned about running a business and they all decide on the role they would play eg Managing Director.

Each team ran a 'mini enterprise' company purchasing materials, selling hand-made products and recording the financial transactions in order to calculate the profits made.

At the end of the challenge Mrs Reid and the S4 pupils awarded prizes to the groups with the best creative products, the highest profit and the best marketing slogan/poster. The Primary 7 pupils all completed an extremely positive evaluation.

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Alzheimers Scotland Coffee Morning

S6 Enterprise & Employability organised a Coffee with Colleagues coffee morning as part of their Personal Development unit.



Organising an event is a key element of this unit: The pupils had to plan, organise and evaluate the coffee morning. The young people also held a raffle which was incorporated into the price of a ticket. The event was very successful and they raised £126.55 for Alzheimers' Scotland, their chosen charity.

S1 T-shirt Company Competition

As part of the Business & Enterprise course S1 have been running a 'virtual' t-shirt company. They have been deciding prices, production, how many people to employ and how much to pay them. They also had to adjust their advertising budget and how much commission to pay their sales people.

The aim, of course, was to make as high a profit as possible!

The classes were very enthusiastic and competition was fierce! The successful company were 1G's Haris Hammad, Innes McGhee, Hassan Montasser and Alexander Stevenson.



Well done – some excellent business decision making!

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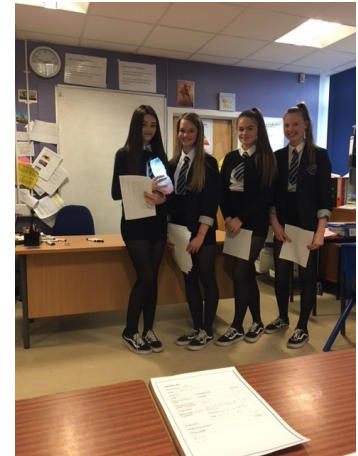
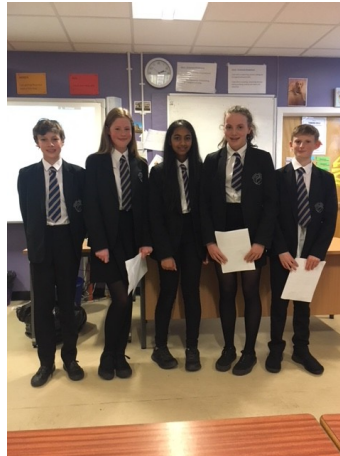
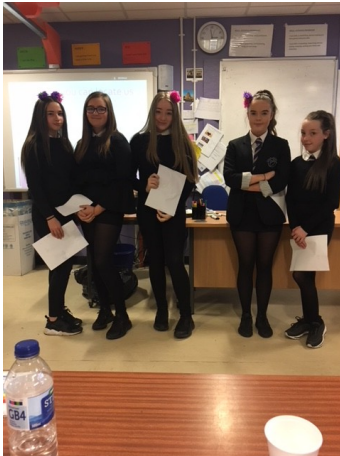
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S3 Business Management Competition

All S2 Business and Finance classes have been taking part in a Dragon's den competition over the last couple of weeks. Below are the photographs of the winners from each class who were chosen by a S6 pupil and a DHT.



These winning teams took part in the Dragon's Den final on 3 May.

The Dragons were entrepreneur Mr C Allen, Marketing expert Mr P Sheerin, Mr G Higgins DHT and Mrs A Reid, PT Business and Information Management.



The young people demonstrated their product - made from recycled materials and gave a marketing presentation to the Dragons. The presentations were extremely good. In the end, the Dragons decided on the representatives from 2F who produced mini guitar ornaments as the winners. Well done to all who took part over the last few weeks, especially to the winners from each class who were a credit to the school.



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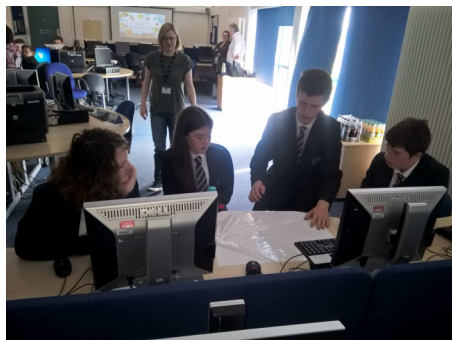
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Hack-a-thon Challenge

On May 18th 2018, four S3 Computing Science pupils from Boclair Academy won the Best Design Award at New College Lanarkshire's Hack-a-thon Software Challenge.



From 10.00am to 3.00pm, Megan Faulds, Andrew Moore, Marcus Williams and Amber Wilson competed against four other teams. Their task was to build software with a Summer theme. The Boclair coders designed and built a Maze Game with summer themed mini games, which could only be played by collecting objects and opening gates in the maze. Designing an integrated theme is what made their game different to the other teams' games.



The judges awarded the Boclair pupils a £10 Amazon Voucher each – and all pupils (and their teacher Mr. Mason) were treated to a well-earned pizza lunch!

Web Application SQA Qualification

Some of this session's S6 pupils who have passed the SQA qualification in Web applications (word processing).



The Business and Information management teachers have successfully helped the young people prepare themselves for the future and the IT demands at University/College. Congratulations!

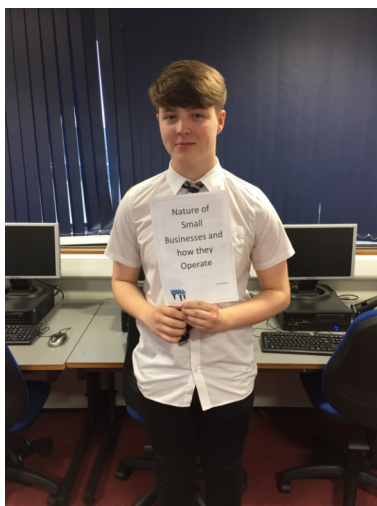
S3 Business Management Competition

S3 Business Management pupils were recently given the brief to prepare a brochure to help small businesses for Scottish Enterprise. They all produced fantastic brochures full of interesting information for people wanting to set themselves up in business.

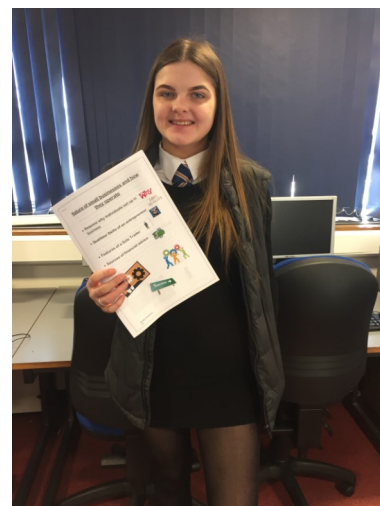
The winners from 3 classes are featured below.



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S3 Administration and IT Trip

Another great S3 Administration and IT trip to Edinburgh on Friday 8 June. Dungeons and Camera Obscura brilliant. Young people fabulous!



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English Skills in the Workplace

Juniors have been getting to grips with how the skills they learn in English are used in the workplace. Pupils learned about the importance of communication skills in different settings. Presentations and activities from Laura Ramsay (NHS), Paul Tricket (historian) and Barry Puncher (Fire Service) have been fantastic additions to our courses for S1, S2 and S3 this year. Well done to all pupils who took part.



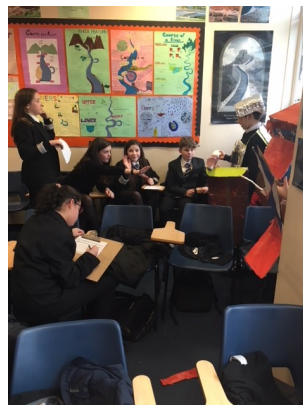
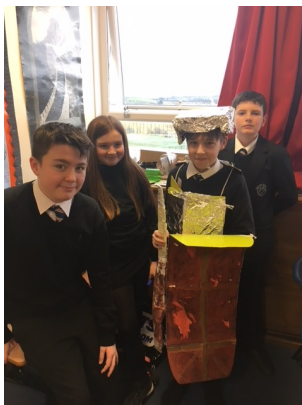
Harry Potter Club

The Harry Potter club worked tirelessly over the Christmas period making Harry Potter Christmas tree baubles of snitches and Harry's head to sell, with proceeds all going to Alzheimer's Scotland. Cards were also designed by none other than our very own Rhian Muir (6D) and these sold like fiendfyre! Marilyn Boyd from Alzheimer's Scotland came in today to collect the cheque of a massive £215! Safe to say, she was thrilled. Well done to all of the club members for working so hard.

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Roman Soldiers

1D have been learning all about the Romans. Their final group assessment was to build a Roman army or a life size soldier. All pupils were excellent and some fantastic models were created. Pupils then self and peer assessed their work and then received teacher feedback based on their contribution to the team. Targets have now been set for all pupils for their next group activity during the Modern Studies topic.



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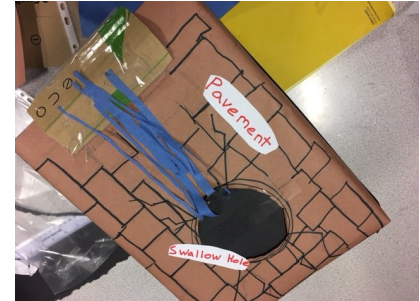
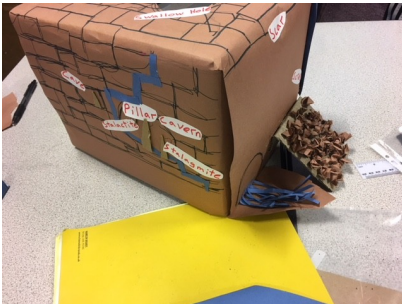
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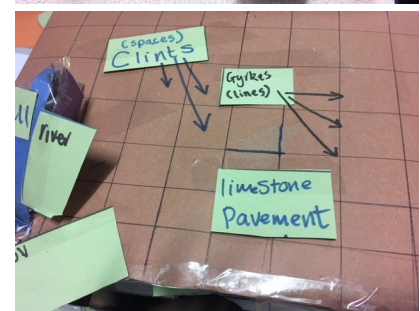
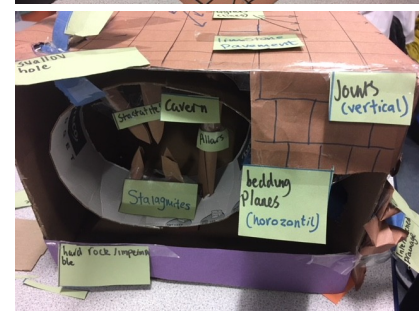
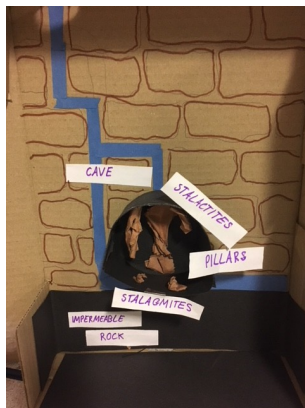
Limestone Models

S4 Geographers have been learning all about Limestone Landscapes and due to their knowledge they were able to create these brilliant models! Both classes were excellent but after a vote from senior pupils Mrs Bone's class did win! Well done!



Now just to apply that knowledge to achieve the best possible grade.

Well done S4!



Japan Club

The Global Studies Department is running a Japan Club every week on Tuesday lunchtimes. This club has been really popular. Activities include: learning some of the language, making origami, calligraphy, Japanese music, tea ceremonies and much more. All pupils are welcome so if you wish to come along, please see Mr Shand in the Global Studies Department.



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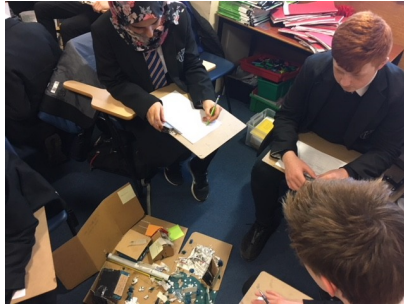
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Creating Slums

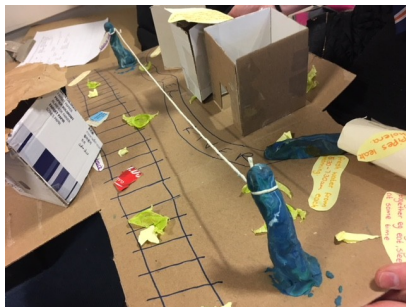
S3 have been learning about different countries in the developed and developing world.



We then focused on India since there is such a diversity across the country. Pupils have been learning all about the Dharavi Slum and evaluating the good and bad things about these slums. Pupils then had to create a slum to show these. Here are some of the best ones. S3 then had to self and peer evaluate their work.



Fantastic efforts! Certainly level 4 evaluation skills on show here!



Rights Respecting Schools—Shoeshare Project

A very important right is the Right to an Education. The Unicef “Shoeshare” project helps fund children’s education in developing countries.

The Rights Respecting Schools group have been collecting donated shoes from pupils and staff to take part in the Shoeshare project. The shoes that have been donated and collected are either old, worn out or do not fit. This means shoes are recycled and used to help further the education of children elsewhere in the world.

The Rights Respecting Schools group is very thankful for all donations that have been received. The shoes that have been collected will be taken to a collection point at a Clarks store and this is due to the fact that Clarks have partnered with Unicef.

Thank you to all those in the school community for their donations.

Knit ‘n’ Needles

Knit’n’Needles, the library knitting club, have been very busy since September knitting baby hats for premature babies and Dementia Twiddle Muffs. They have knitted 75 baby hats and these have been donated to the Princess Royal Maternity and the Dementia Twiddle Muffs have been donated to Dementia Friends at the last Music outing.



Library

Senior library helpers have set up a number of displays in the library over the last six months, the one shown is for Remembrance Day.

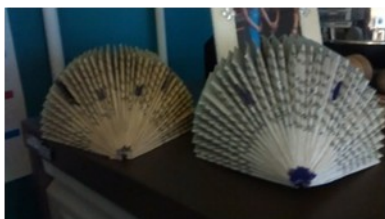


Book Club and Pokemon Group



The Book group and Pokémon Club in the library were very busy in the run up to Christmas making Christmas trees out of old books and decorating them.

We are now making hedgehogs and roses!



Wednesdays are very busy in the library!

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Library— Shelf Help

The school library's Shelf Help project started last term. Shelf Help is an EDC-wide project that will run in all eight secondary schools. It aims to promote teen (mental) health and social wellbeing by showing pupils – through shared reading/writing – that they are not alone. School librarians will manage the project, which has three main strands:

The Book That Saved my Life competition - In March, pupils and staff will be asked to write about a book which has helped them through a difficult time. A booklet of selected entries from all 8 schools will be published in November 2018.

Online fiction reading lists: these will be compiled by librarians and made available to pupils and staff on Glow, listing books with characters who are dealing with (mental) health and wellbeing issues. Teen mental health expert Natasha Devon will speak to selected S3 pupils at a special assembly on Tuesday 11 September about a range of healthy coping strategies to deal with stress and maintaining good mental health.

Up-to-date books on a range of mental health and wellbeing topics have been purchased and made available in the library.



This project is supported by the Scottish Government School Library Improvement Fund.



S3 Health and Wellbeing Group introduce 'Shelf help' to S2 during PSE and hand out survey forms

Solar Aid

Over the course of the Spring Term, S1 pupils participated in an Interdisciplinary Learning project, which linked learning across the curriculum from Art to Science, in support of the Solar Aid charity.

Pupils participated in a variety of lessons which gave them the opportunity to learn about issues facing people living in rural areas of Africa, the impact of these issues, and how some of these issues can be overcome through the provision of solar lamps.

Pupils developed an understanding of issues such as the rich world/poor world divide in Social Subjects, the ethics of business and charity in Business and Enterprise, the health and educational impacts of the use of kerosene lamps in Science and the financial impacts of the use of kerosene lamps in Maths.



The project culminated in a pupil led fundraiser just before Easter which raised over £400 for Solar Aid which will provide some help to further combat poverty and climate change in Africa. The pupils put in a huge amount of effort.



Many baked home treats, created artistic pieces, and came up with competitive challenges. The pupils worked well as teams developing their philanthropic skills and showing their creativity which made the event successful. All pupils involved in organising, running, and contributing to the funds raised should be extremely proud of themselves for their effort.

Well done to all!

Paris Trip

This year the Boclair French department offered 40 S2 & S3 pupils to go on a 5 day trip to Paris & I was lucky enough to go. So we started our trip with a long bus journey but it was all worth it as when we arrived we got a good night's sleep in a nice hotel that provided breakfast every morning while we were in Paris. On the first day we saw lots of attractions as we went on a bateau mouche boat trip along the river Seine which was lovely & we had a good view of Notre Dame! Next we went to see La Tour Eiffel which really is much bigger in real life!



We ate lunch in Les Jardins du Trocadéro & then set off for La tour Montparnasse which was a 210 meter high skyscraper and now made La Tour Eiffel look tiny! After that we went on a shopping trip to Les Champs-Élysées which had some luxury shops along the road. We then went to L'Arc de Triomphe & saw the candle lit for the unknown soldier buried there. The next day we started off with some shopping at a big shopping centre and then travelled to Montmartre seeing the Moulin Rouge on the way. We went up to the Sacré-Coeur and had a look inside the church & it was amazing! We then got on the bus to go and see the Louvre which was really cool to see the glass pyramid in real life. We then got some dinner and after that went to see Notre-Dame which was lovely. Then we got the subway & made our way back to the hotel. Our final day in Paris finished with a bang as we went to Disney Land Paris which was loads of fun & you can go on loads of different rides & even if you don't like rides there are lots of shops & themed restaurants that will keep you occupied! All in all I had a great time in Paris & hope you or your son/daughter has the chance to go as well!

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Blairvadach

In April, members of the school's Achievement Resource Centre team took a group of S5 and S6 pupils on a Study Residential weekend to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre.

During the weekend pupils took part in focused study sessions led by subject specialists, private study groups and outdoor activities such as kayaking, climbing, cycling and scrambling. Teachers from a variety of departments visited the centre over the weekend to deliver revision classes to the pupils, targeting key skills that would help our students achieve the best possible outcome in their SQA exams.



As well as studying and outdoor pursuits, there was time for some team-building in the evenings in the form of a Nightline challenge and a Quiz Night.

The attitude of the pupils throughout the whole weekend was exceptional and all the staff that attended were extremely impressed with the conscientious approach adopted by all the students that were there. We hope that all your hard work pays off.

Well done to everyone involved!

Dell EMC Work Experience



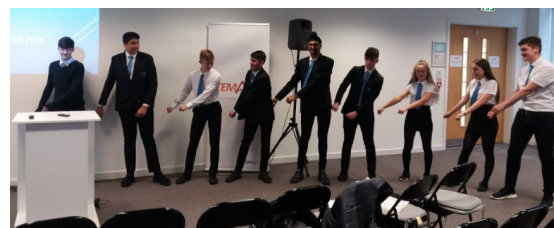
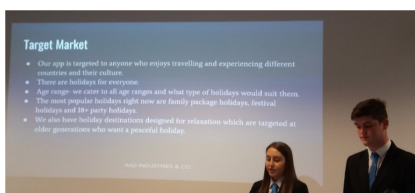
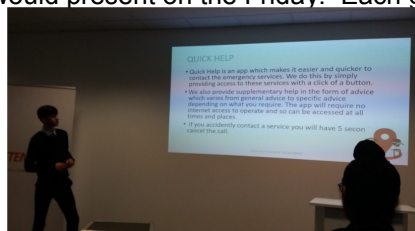
On the 11th of May, 10 pupils from Boclair Academy attended work experience, at Dell EMC. During our time there we learnt many valuable skills. On the first day we were introduced to Ashley and Steven and were given a talk on the history of Dell and its journey to become the biggest technology company in the world. It consists of seven smaller companies that join together to make Dell EMC.

We then participated in an icebreaker exercise which involved an 'Escape Room', where we had to solve problems to eventually lead us to the exit. The next day we had a one on one conversation with Tech Support. They explained to us the importance of social media to an international company such as Dell EMC and how employers use social media to gauge an applicant.

We then took part in a CV workshop where a Senior Recruitment Manager explained the importance of having a good CV and how to write one. This included advice on how to improve our chances of securing employment.

The next workshop was a Computer Teardown where we were all tasked in taking apart and reassembling a computer. A technician then explained to us the relevance of each component and how it enabled the PC to operate.

Our last workshop was on Presentation Skills where we learnt techniques and skills used to entice an audience and deliver a successful presentation. We were split into groups and asked to create a new app or give a presentation on Dell EMC, which we would present on the Friday. Each group was allocated time for research and preparation for the presentation.



Doing "The Floss"

All three presentations ran smoothly and we were all awarded a Dell goody bag full of pens, pads and other cool stuff. Overall our experience at Dell EMC was excellent and by attending this week's work experience we feel that we gained many skills for lifelong learning and work.



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S6 Paintballing

In what has become an annual event our S6 pupils used their last day in school productively. A group of one hundred pupils and staff headed to the Delta Force Paintballing Centre where they spent the day developing their team building skills, physical stamina, hand to eye coordination and accuracy. They also took on leadership roles, analysed strategy, worked on navigating difficult terrain and used their new skills to develop qualities such as competitiveness, ambition and ruthlessness!



We had a wonderful time with our S6 students on their last full day of Boclair Academy. We wish them well as they set off on their post school adventures and we look forward to hearing great things.

Mark Scott Leadership For Life

Congratulations to our Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award winners.

The girls were presented with their Awards at the annual ceremony at the Radisson Blu in May.

Well done for all your hard work and dedication over the year.



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Scottish National Triathlon Success

Congratulations to Maddie McAllister in 3A who recently competed in the Scottish National Triathlon event last weekend. She came 9th in her age group.



Junior Prefects

Following successful application and interview process our Junior Prefects have been hard at work over the past few weeks carrying out their new leadership roles.

The team have been organising our food share for pupils every interval, assisting in the recruitment process of new teaching staff, welcoming guests and visitors to our school and contributing to the preparations and smooth running of our Summer Fayre.

Prefects attended a leadership residential at Dounans Outdoor Activity Centre, Aberfoyle, where they worked on problem solving as a team, took part in personal challenges and advanced their leadership skills and confidence.



Junior prefects will continue with some additional leadership roles as they move into S4. Excellent work so far – well done!

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New School Ties

Over the course of Session 2017/2018 our Pupil Council worked with the school captains on designing new ties for the Junior and Senior School. These ties are now on sale and over the next three years the older versions of the ties will be phased out.



Please note that new ties can be purchased from the school office at any time over the next few weeks. New blazers can be ordered online from Academy Uniforms.

School Uniform

Thank you for all your support with school uniform this session. The vast majority of our young people are setting high standards and they have been looking fantastic over the last few weeks. As you know school uniform must be worn every day by all pupils.

School Uniform consists of :

School blazer

White blouse or shirt

Black jumper or cardigan

School tie

Black trousers or skirt



Please note that hooded tops, coloured tops, leggings and jeans are not part of the school uniform. Over the next few weeks we will be working with the young people and families on this important area of school life and we would ask for your continued support in ensuring young people dress appropriately for school every day.

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Twitter @BoclairAcademy



Boclair Academy is on twitter. With almost 1000 followers this is a terrific way to share good practice within the classroom, wider school life and to promote the fantastic work of our pupils and staff. Follow @BoclairAcademy for daily news and updates.

Please note that pupil photos will be used occasionally to showcase good work. If you would not like your child's photo on twitter for educational purposes then please contact your child's Guidance Teacher.

Absence Reporting Line

Can we please remind parents/carers that absences can be reported between 7.00 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. in the morning by calling the Absence Line on 0141 955 2361. After 8.30 a.m., please report any absences by phoning 0141 955 2358.

School Drop Off

Can we please remind parents and carers not to drive into the school grounds and car park area to drop off or collect pupils?

Finally - some dates for your diary....

Diary Events		
Monday	13 August	Teachers Return—Inservice Day
Tuesday	14 August	Inservice Day
Wednesday	15 August	Pupils Return 8.50 a.m.