

## **Parent Council Head Teacher's Report**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**

### **Building**

- Further information regarding the buildings will be provided by R. Anderson at the meeting, including decant dates

### **Budget**

- Budget meeting being held 14<sup>th</sup> June. Final figures will be known after that

### **Curriculum**

- New timetable will commence on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May for current S1, S2 and S3
- Senior students will also return on that date

### **Parent Support/Involvement:**

- Volunteers for duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Further to the presentation from Bruce Harris, do we have any willing participants?
- Parent Support Group continues on a fortnightly basis. Any information that you feel should be included then please contact the school

### **School Production**

- Final stages of preparation.

### **SQA**

- Results will be released on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August
- Examinations have gone very smoothly to date. Support from parents is greatly appreciated

### **Staffing**

- Food Technology – 9<sup>th</sup> June interview for PT
- MFL – 0.6 and Chemistry – 20<sup>th</sup> June interviews
- PE – 0.5 21<sup>st</sup> June interview

### **Students:**

- Senior Captains 2016-17 selection procedure is underway. Those selected for interview will be asked to attend on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

- Senior Prom will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Provosts Footprint Challenge launch will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

## ● Marr Matters 23

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- Here's a selection of some of what's been going on and please keep sending in your good news stories! Forecast looks pretty good for the next few days so have a good weekend break.

## Show Racism the Red Card



Marr College students lead the way in anti-racism campaigning. Local young people Iona Milne, Bethan Muir, Amy Murray, Anna McIvor, Olivia Michaleck and Rendia Petjukevica entered Show Racism the Red Cards National

Anti-racism competition. Their entry was a powerful poem to promote anti-racism, a really inspiring entry. The group were overall winners in the secondary 4 - 6 category. The youngsters attended the awards ceremony which was held at Hampden Park, the home of Scottish Football with their teacher. The group was presented Odeon Cinema tickets by David Tanner from Sky Sports, and Celtic star Craig Gordon.

Almost 1000 young people across Scotland took part in this year's competition with entrants coming from as far as the Isle of Skye and Aberdeen to schools in the central belt. The competition sends a clear message that young people want Scotland to be a welcoming and multi-cultural society. The prize giving is the highlight of the Scottish calendar in challenging racism and sectarianism. Alyshia Walker from Glasgow City FC, Scotland Women's National team coach Anna Signeul, and Mark Hateley Rangers FC ambassador were on hand on the day to present the young people with their prizes.



N Pringle

## Student Teachers at Marr

Last week we said goodbye to Katy in PE, Jennifer in English and Nicola in Modern Languages. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their contribution to the school and wishing them all the best for the future. Thank you to everyone who supported their time at Marr.

J Jeffers

## Cycling Challenge



The staff versus students Tour de France cycling challenge starts in earnest this Tuesday. Each day's results will be available to view on the plasma screens and outside the library. We had the pleasure of the company of Rory from South Ayrshire Active Hub this week who took a number of students through some routine bike checks to ensure their bikes were roadworthy as well as some safety tips and route plans from PC Holly. The competition will be an important part of our contribution towards the Provost's

Footprint Challenge and both Ellie Irving and Alex Markin talked about our work here to a South Ayrshire film crew this Thursday. Please keep talking to students about the cycling challenge as well as considering a wee stretch of the legs on the bike yourself as part of your school journey. Many thanks in advance.

**K O'Donnell**

## Marrs Dragons are Winners!

S1 2016 Marrs Dragons Winners: - Andrew Milne, Aaron Blair, Ross Gouldstone, Ethan Riddell and Harry Jackson. The Business was Make you Own and it was a den making kit which was available in a variety of ranges designed to capture the imagination of young children. They gave a marvellous first impression with very smart uniforms and they shook each Dragon by the hand on entry. Our Business supports aka 'Dragons' were Annabelle Beckwith – Yara Consulting, Claire Graves – Graves and Grave Architecture, Carl Graham GE Caledonian and Claire O'Donnell – The Herbarry.

**The Business Team**

## Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Over the last three weeks 73 of our S3 students have worked towards completing their expedition section of their Bronze DofE Award. The practice expeditions negotiated the Galloway Forest on some fairly challenging routes and terrain, albeit the weather was fantastic! This week the same groups explored the history of South Ayrshire by visiting Crossraguel Abbey, Culzean Castle and Dunure Castle by walking from Crossraguel to Maybole following the Ayrshire Coastal path. The group of adventurers were fantastic in all of their efforts over the two expeditions. Thanks to the DofE team for organising and well done to all the students! Interesting to hear of the latest tea-making technology out in the field, the "Kelly kettle" ...!



**N McLean**

## Scottish Survey of Literacy and Numeracy (SSLN) 2016

The SSLN 2016 was conducted last week with 12 of our students in S2 participating in a number of literacy tasks and activities on behalf of the Scottish Government. The Scottish Survey of Literacy and Numeracy (SSLN) is an annual sample survey which monitors national performance in literacy and numeracy in alternate years, for school children at P4, P7 and S2. Findings from the survey are also used to inform resources for practitioners to facilitate improvements in learning, teaching and assessment at classroom level.

**N McLean**

## Next Week

Monday – Holiday; Modern Studies exams

Tuesday – Art and Design exams

Wednesday – German and Psychology exams

Thursday – Health and Food Technology exams

Friday – Environmental Science and PE exams

## CONTACT US

If you have any good news stories, school events or general information you would like to highlight and share please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at:

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