

Marr College
Parent Council and Community Council
Head Teacher Report
Wednesday 30th May 2018

Parents of Marr (circa 1800), your children are a credit to you and their community. Evidence suggests that they are attaining academically, achieving and participating enthusiastically in extracurricular activities. The vast majority are behaving in a way that enables learning to be positive. We are hoping for another set of exam results similar to last year's which placed us 38th out of 382 secondary schools in Scotland.

Last week's 1st Year Health and Wellbeing day enabled the children to experience different activities such as karate, Marine training and cricket. They were reported to have excelled themselves and received plaudits from visiting coaches...the best behaved and most enthusiastic group they had worked with!

I went on the 3rd year Iceland field trip with the Geography Department. I have led and participated in many school trips and this was by far the best ever; the response of the children, their maturity and the learning that took place was first class.

None of the above would be possible without the dedication and professionalism of our staff. We have now the most skilled group of teachers in my time at Marr. Learning and teaching is in a good place and will continue to thrive with careful nurturing.

Captains/Prefects:

- Interviews to be held on Friday 1st June for Captains, House Captains and Prefects
- School trips – S2 – Battlefields trip - History
S3 – Iceland- Geography

Both trips have taken place and were a huge success with the students

Barcelona trip is in September

Columba 1400: Student Leadership Programme – 4th year

- School has been invited to take part in session 2018/19

Enterprise:

- Our S6 students won the regional Ayrshire finals with their Young Enterprise company Grownade. They now go forward to the National finals in Hampden Park on 6th June
- All nine students took part in the Strathclyde exam and passed with credit. A fantastic performance

Library Improvement Bid:

- A joint bid with Kyle has been submitted – monies from Scottish government

Marr Cluster and Transition Programme: working with primaries to ensure a positive start for P7

- Transition is going well. Numeracy challenge event being held on 11th June.
- Final team building days to be held on 14th and 15th June
- P7 'drop in' for parents 18th – 22nd June

Marr's Dragon:

- Final that took place on Monday afternoon. All of the S1 students involved did a fantastic job and were an asset to the school. Eight teams took part in total - presenting their product ideas to a panel of 4 judges made up of local business people. Students went above and beyond with some groups creating examples of social media pages, websites and advertisements...one group even baked a cake!
- After much deliberation, the judges decided on the top 3 teams:
- 3rd place - "Snacket" who were praised for their marketing and use of celebrity endorsement.
- 2nd place - "Envirobin" who demonstrated excellent presentation skills; the judges liked their idea for a solar powered bin that would automatically separate your recycling for you.
- 1st place - Clickk with their product "The Phen" which is a pen/mobile phone, you write using the pen and it transforms your writing into a text or email. The team had worked hard on their pitch creating their own website using html code, a plan for a billboard, a newspaper article and a mock-up of their solar powered charging case

Marr Trust:

- Snake Charmer painting and Peter Pan bronze have been sold to raise monies that will provide a bursary to help support our S6 who go into higher education. The Alexander Walker charity (sub group of Marr Trust) will now fund Marr students who live outside Troon
- A framed print of the Snake Charmer will be presented to the school on 26th June

School Production: 2018 will be our third production – We will Rock You

- 6-8th June 2018.
- Support from parents and community members over the three nights would be welcome – please contact Mail@Marr and it will be directed to the appropriate staff for liaison

School Improvement Plan:

- Meeting held with Mr. Blackwood on 22nd May. Any comments/queries to HT as soon as possible

SQA:

- Examinations almost over for another year. Thanks to all staff and invigilators who support and organise our young people

Students:

- S2 students received their CREST Bronze STEM award
- Nine students were selected and took part in the South-West District U-14 hockey squad. They also represented the hybrid team at the Scottish Inter-District Tournament on 20th May
- S1 took part in a whole day's Health and Wellbeing programme of activities on 24th May. It was a huge success
- S4/5/6 induction will be held on Monday 4th June
- S4/5 will again take part in Mission Discovery (International Space School Fund)– run through SAC schools and Glasgow University
- Whole school sports day – 18th June

- Junior Awards Ceremony – Thursday 21st June 6-8pm
- Rewards day for all S1-3 students is 22nd June – following the 12-week challenge
- A group of S3 students have been selected to represent the school in the finals of Linguachef in Glasgow on 22nd June
- Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 29th August

Summer opening:

- Saturday 16th June. Guided tours will take place and there will be a variety of stalls and refreshments

Huge thanks from staff and students of Marr College to all the parents and supporters who work alongside us in making this a school to be proud of.