



Lornshill Reflection



Exciting times in the New Year



Welcome to this term's Lornshill newsletter. We hope you all had a great and educational term, below you can find all the highlights. The Newsletter is brought to you by the Lornshill media team who have been working hard all year to keep you up to date on the ongoing events of our school, if you are interested in joining just come along to one of our lunch time meetings in room 1-065. We meet 3 times a week on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's at the beginning of lunch. We hope you enjoy reading about the fun and exciting times had at Lornshill these past few months.

S2 School of Science Dynamic Earth

Recently the School of Science has been looking at climate change and dinosaurs, so they went to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh to learn more. First, they looked at how the continents were formed from Pangea then they "went back in time" to when the dinosaurs were around. They then watched a small video about how the Earth was created and about volcanoes. After that they went in to a room with a real iceberg and watched a video about climate change. Then they had a workshop about greenhouse gases and how they are affecting our world!

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The cheerleading club recently competed in the Inter Schools Cheerleading Competition held at Denny High School. The group of girls attend the extra-curricular club on Tuesdays after school and have been working so hard to get their routines ready for the competition. They performed two amazing routines on the night (A Cheer routine which consists of stunts, tumblers, jumps and dance and a Pom routine which is just dance) and competed against 13 other schools from across Scotland. Many of the

girls had never done cheerleading before so it was a great experience for all the girls to attend. The club are now working towards a showcase at the end of the year. New members are welcome to attend. See Miss MacDonald in Enterprise for more details.

2F2 trip

This workshop at the Portrait Gallery encouraged our S2 School of Creative Arts pupils to investigate how artists construct the identity of the sitter. What do portraiture artists choose to show, and what do they choose to hide from the viewer?

Pupils had the opportunity to:

- Experiment with materials and ideas to create their own self-portrait
- Analyse the creative thinking, ideas and influences behind selected artworks
- Compare the visual qualities and impact of selected works
- Develop and refine creative ideas to create an artwork, using problem solving, planning and self-evaluation skills as part of the creative process

"One of the fun tasks was to sit opposite a partner in 2 long rows facing each other. We had 3 minutes to draw a part of their face. After time was up, our portraits were moved to the left and we drew another part of our partners face on top of our previous drawing! These are our class mascots as they all feature an individual part of everyone's face"

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Have Your Say

A selected group of S1s were selected, along with Amy K and Fergus C from S2, were asked to take part in an engagement programme run by The Clackmannanshire Youth Council. The programme plans to involve more young people in making a change to the local area by taking an active role in the Community Planning agenda, the development of education services and the Youth Council Manifesto.



It is an ongoing process, with the first meeting back in February. Other schools and organisations involved include; Alloa Academy, Alva Academy, Secondary School Support, CTSi, The Clackmannanshire Youth Council, Education CLD and a bunch of local councillors. By the end of it all pupils involved will have earned a Participative Democracy Certificate :-)

Trampoline Competition



Last night, The Trampoline competition was hosted. Lornshill competitor, Paul, won a silver medal. He set a great standard and we are very proud of him and the team! A huge well done!

★S1 Rewards★

On 21st March, S1 got the chance to take part in a reward day for high attendance and merit count. The pupils got to pick from a variety of activities like science, home economics, PE, art and creative writing. Within each of these we did something fun like creating bath bombs in science and drawing and creating things in art. We are planning on doing a reward day at the end of every term to reward pupils for their dedication.

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Maths

It was Pi day this term and the Maths department hosted a Pi day coffee morning for staff, we all baked a selection of pies and cakes and Mr Harvey's team won a game of Pi dingbats. The Maths department are now bringing the Maths Clinic to pupils in the hub every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime. We are also excited to have a new member of the department Mrs Angela Caldwell who has come from Beith High School.

Meeting Councillor Lindsay

On Monday the 19th February, councillor Graham Lindsay met with a few active members of the Lornshill Parliament and a local MSYP - Stephanie Davies. Councillor Lindsay was intrigued to find out what pupils thought about the results of the recent inspection, we discussed the school's new HMIe report. Councillor Lindsay was impressed by the Citizenship café and how the senior pupils are able to work at the café and gain work experience.

French Visitors

In May, a group of 60 French pupils will be visiting the school along with their teachers across 2 days. Each French pupil has been partnered up with an S3 from Lornshill. We have welcomed French pupils over the last few years and everyone involved has really enjoyed the experience. This a great opportunity for all those involved. We are looking forward to their arrival.

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Robotics final – NEC Birmingham

On the 16th of March 2018 a group of 3rd year pupils went to the NEC in Birmingham to compete in the Tomorrows Engineers EEP robotics challenge. The group met at the school early in the morning to travel to Edinburgh airport to fly to Birmingham. The group was accompanied by Mr Steele and Mr Douglas. The group had been sponsored by Diego and OI Manufacturing UK Ltd, Diego had sent along a representative called Steven. Overall the team enjoyed the day and are getting ready for a new team of 3rd years in August.

Music Trip

On Wednesday March 7th pupils from the S1 and S2 school of brass in the music department travelled to Glasgow to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS) to see a concert entitled 'Young person's guide to Brass' featuring students from the RCS and guest soloists including trumpeters Mike Lovett and John Wallace. The pupils enjoyed their time at Scotland's leading creative arts venue and educational establishment and learned a lot regarding brass instruments and heard some fantastic performances.



Careers Event

On Friday 23rd March a number of senior pupils attended the Careers Event and Alloa Town Hall. There were a number of local and national employers present and the pupils enjoyed finding out about current opportunities.

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Literacy

Lots of great work being done on literacy in the faculty. We've also had guest speakers in from Business Gateway to talk to our pupils about the importance of literacy skills in business. We also welcomed Cath McGlynn, a local business consultant.

Man City V Basel Trip

7th March 2018

Starting from after interval, we boarded the bus in our designated groups. The bus ride was long, but we eventually got to a service station and got a McDonalds (yum!). There was then a quiz during the ride and we formed into groups from about 2-6 and bashed on. It was a general knowledge quiz and quite luckily my group (Kian, Stuart, Jamie-lee and I) won it. The reward was quite something. It was dubbed 'the blue carpet experience' which meant we were able to go to the inner circle and give the players high fives as they came out of the bus.

After that we had a short 15-minute period to shop for merchandise like scarves and Manchester City Tops. Finally, the moment we'd all been waiting for. We checked into the stadium and got our seats. The game begun. The half time score was 1-1, Basel stunning everyone and winning the game, away, 2-1 but unfortunately they were ejected out of the Champions League 5-2 on agg. Farewell Basel! We arrived back at Lornshill at around 4 AM and we didn't have to attend school until 11:00 AM the following day.

- Ben Ebsworth 1D1

StressLess Young Enterprise Finals

This term our Young Enterprise team StressLess attended the Forth Valley Young Enterprise Finals on Wednesday 14th March where they had the opportunity to showcase the journey of their business this year alongside other Young Enterprise teams from Forth Valley. This year the team has focused on stress relief and have created many products to reduce this including sensory bottles, stress balls, keyrings and bouncy balls. Members of the team presented the journey of their company in the Albert Halls in Stirling and also had an

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interview with members of Young Enterprise. StressLess had many successes at the finals evening including achieving:

1st place for Creativity and Innovation

2nd place for Corporate Social Responsibility

2nd place for the Overall Journey Award

Abbie Hilton, Sales Director also achieved 3rd place for Best Director of the year

As a team we would like to thank our link teacher Miss MacDonald and our Business Advisor Cariss Moirs for all of their hard work and efforts this year, we could not have done it without you!



Celtic Connections Concert

On the 22nd of January I went to a Celtic connections concert and got to see different kinds of Scottish music. I really enjoyed all the different bands and I loved hearing all the different songs. I would recommend this concert to a friend because it was a really good concert.

Sarah McCabe and Emma Green

World Book Day Competition

"I entered a world book day competition where you had to write a tweet about your favourite book and why it was your favourite. My Tweet was about Murder in Midwinter by Fleur Hitchcock. I was in the top three so I got a chocolate bunny and a book by John Green."

Sarah McCabe

World Book Day Event

Unfortunately, due to the snow we had to cancel the World Book Day Events organised by the S1 School of Literature. However, we managed to reschedule the dress up day to the 28th of March. Have fun and dress up as your favourite fictional character.

Emma Green

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The Cafe

The Citizenship Cafe opened last term and is doing well. It's very popular amongst the senior students along with some of the staff members!

My World of Work

My World of Work is a site that anyone can sign up to. This will help you get Ideas for what you want to do in the future. There is certain quizzes and questions that you can answer and then that gives you an idea of what you would like to do due to what your interests are in school.

My World of Work has ambassadors to make sure everyone is signed up. In Lornshill there are some S3's who are the ambassadors me myself (Rachel Pirie) as one of them. In a couple of weeks I am helping some of the S1s register and help them explore on the website and let them know how to work it. My world of work is a great site to help young people get to know the job of their future.

We would like to invite Parents, Guardian and Members of the local community to a pupil lead coffee morning held in the Citizenship Café on Thursday 26TH April, from 11AM-12:30pm. Tickets cost £2 and this includes a hot drinks and cake. These can be purchased in advance from members of the S1 Citizenship group or on the day, and all profits will be donated to the 1918 poppy pledge. Relax with a cup of coffee and a spectacular view of the Ochil Hills, we hope to see you there!!

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S1 Citizenship Group, Miss Connelly and Miss O' Donnell

As part of the Crime and the Law course Advanced Higher Modern Studies students visited Glenochil Prison where they were given a tour and the chance to ask prison guards as well as a prisoner questions about their experiences in the criminal justice system. This gave pupils an insight into the running of prisons and how offenders are dealt with in the criminal justice system as well as how effective prison can be.

School of Rugby S1

A little update on our S1 School of Rugby.

We've had to say farewell to our infamous rugby coach Mr. Kirk, but with that comes a new start for new coach..... Mr. Leslie! He's had a strong start coming in and assisting Jake and Euan on their conquest to make the S1 Rugby Team as strong and well-performing as they can. Their main focus as of now is to get us tackling, getting into tackles and being resilient.

Don't Chuck It!

- Ben Ebsworth 1D1

Learning Hub

We've been busy in the Learning Centre getting set up and established. We're looking forward to hosting a grand opening before the end of the year. Watch our Twitter for updates and details: @LornshillLC .

S2 Stem Young Ambassadors



A group of individuals from S2 Abbie, Hollie and Mia are our S.T.E.M young ambassadors. They get out every now and again to teach about stem and interview people on the topic of stem. -Ryan Bowler 2f1

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Mr Sommerville's Fish

Mr Somerville has took his fish back to his house but there are still Peter and Eddie the goldfish, named after the janitors still with us and are currently living in the learning hub and are being looked after by Conner Balfour.



Rocket Car Challenge

On Wednesday 28th March, two of the Design and Technology S1 classes (1D4 & 1F1) will race their individual and team designed foam rocket cars outside the main building with the help of the Royal Navy. Both classes have designed and manufactured foam cars which will propelled by a rocket along a 25m track. Each rocket car will receive the time taken to complete the track and the top 3 fastest cars will be invited to the National Final.

Senior Phase Course Assessment

The D&T staff would like to acknowledge the significant amount of work that the pupils have put in over the last few months in order to submit their Added Value and Course Assessments for Design & Manufacture, Engineering Science, Graphic Communication and Practical Woodworking at the respective levels of study. Well done to everyone for the fantastic effort.

Schools of Programme

The School of Design and Technology will be making its debut in August to the new S1 cohort. Since visiting primary schools to promote this option to P7 pupils, we are pleased to see a high interest in the Faculty and many have signed up for tryouts. We are very much looking forward to starting this in the next school session.

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School Of Science Recruitment

Miss Labus, The S2 School of Science teacher has been around Clackmannanshire searching far and wide to scout out the future generation of school of science kids.

STEM Club

STEM club has started for S1s. This takes place in 2-016 every Friday lunchtime and numbers are high.

Scottish Cross

The Scottish Cross to be rescheduled due to the Beast From The East and were eventually held on Saturday 18th of March at Hopeton House in South Queensferry. Lornshill had 6 representatives competing over a tough course in difficult windy and snowy conditions, against other pupils from all over Scotland. Icy conditions and yellow weather warnings meant there were a number of DNF's within the races, including Meagan Gardener (S1), Zoe Spence (S5) and Rhona Cameron(S5). Shona Whyte (S1) finished the U14s Girls Race with a strong sprint to reach 61st place, Callum McAllister (S2) competed very strongly through his 4K course to finish in 45th place and Telfer Gray (S6) had a great run around his age group's 6K courses in 22nd place. Congratulations to all the runners and we hope to have even more Lornshill runners next year!

S1 Attendance

Recently the S1s have been looking at their attendance and trying to meet the A.B.O.U.T standards Attendance Behavior Organization Uniform Timekeeping. We then saw a vast improvement in their attendance.

Italy

Social subjects are offering current S3 and S4 pupils the opportunity to visit Rome and the bay of Naples. All pupils who have secured a place will be informed after the Easter break via letters, any questions please contact Mrs O'Donnell.

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Rugby Central 7s

We went to Grangemouth Rugby Club on Wednesday 21st of March for The Central Sevens tournament. We played against Alva, Falkirk, Denny + QV. The boys played very well and won 1 + lost 3. Congrats to QV who won overall.

Diversity

The diversity committee/group meets every Friday & is increasing in numbers every week. The pupils are involved in planning the diversity week and have also delivered presentations on different aspects of diversity to the group increasing understanding of what diversity is.

The group have also supported Abbie Nicoll, Amy Kettles and Imogen McLeod in preparation for a public speaking competition which involved school across forth valley.

Easter Study Classes

There are a number of classes on during the Easter break to support pupils in their upcoming SQA exams in May. Please see the website for dates and times. All S4, 5 and 6 pupils have been given a booklet.

And Finally

Thank you for taking the time to read about our Lornshill exploits this term. We hope you have enjoyed it. Have a great break and we will welcome all pupils back to school in full uniform on Monday 16th April at 8:55am.

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