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The Lornshill Quarterly



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Introduction

We are delighted to introduce this April edition of the Lornshill Quarterly for session 2024/25.

Hopefully this provides an insight into some of the amazing work being undertaken by our staff and pupils this session.

We hope you enjoy.

Social Faculty

Young Pathfinders

Our S3 Young Pathfinders (Ezmae, Alex, Sophie and Lexie) are entering the final stages of this programme. Their last event is at Forth Valley College in Alloa where they are attending the Grand Finale. During this they will be delivering a presentation titled 'Helping to create a Sustainable Future for Lornshill Academy'. This is a competition delivered to a panel of judges from Stirling University. They have worked really hard on this and should be proud of themselves. As they have not presented yet we will reveal their plans after the Easter holidays.



Set for Success

Set for Success spent a great day out at Stirling Escape Rooms with their Athlete mentor, and Gold winning Commonwealth gymnast Steve Frew. Through the Set For Success programme the young people having been working on 5 core skills, Teamwork, Communication, Self-Management, Self-Belief and Problem Solving. The focus for the day was Problem Solving. Both teams worked excellently well to complete the many challenges that were put in front of them. Over the next few sessions, the group are going to be working on a social action project to put into practice the skills they have learned.



Languages faculty

Lornshill Pupils Shine at Alloa Library's BookBug Sessions!

A group of our pupils recently visited Alloa Library to take part in BookBug sessions, sharing stories and songs with babies and toddlers. This wonderful experience allowed our students to engage with young children, helping to spark a love of reading from an early age.

Our pupils did an amazing job, reading with enthusiasm and confidence, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. A huge well done to everyone who took part – your kindness and commitment have made a real difference to these young book lovers! Thank you to Alloa Library for welcoming us, and we look forward to taking part in more sessions in the future.

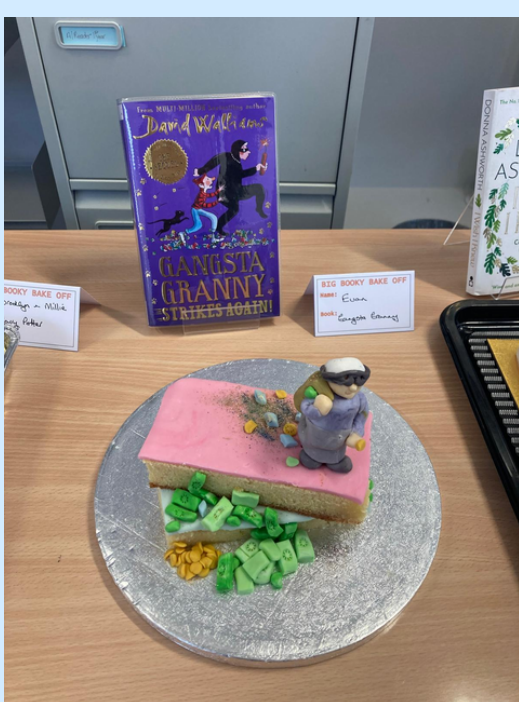
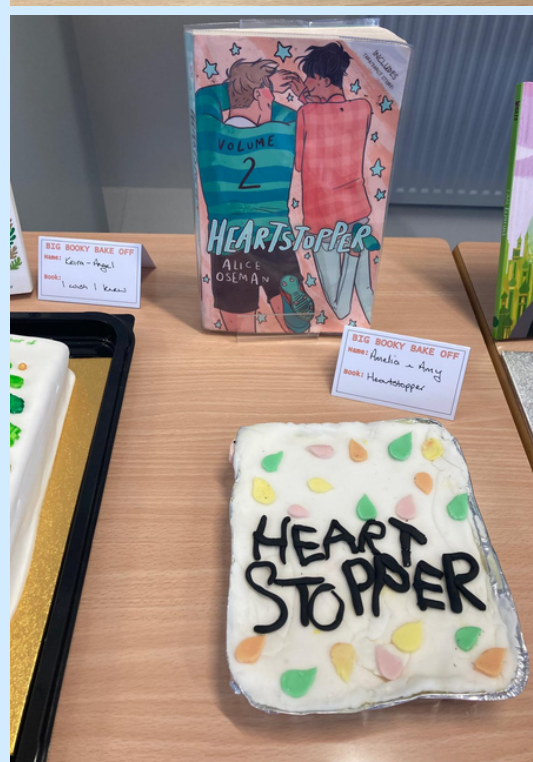


The Big Booky Bake Off – A Sweet Success!

Lornshill's Big Booky Bake Off was a fantastic event, bringing together creativity, baking talent, and a love of literature! From beautifully decorated cupcakes to show-stopping themed cakes, the standard of entries was truly impressive.

A huge well done to everyone who took part – your effort and imagination made judging incredibly difficult! Special congratulations go to our winner, Scott Thompson, whose outstanding bake took the top prize.

Thank you to all the participants and supporters for making the event such a success. We can't wait to see what delicious creations next year's Big Booky Bake Off will bring!



Art Faculty



Art Exhibition

N5 Creative Industries pupils worked as part of a team throughout the planning and implementation of this years Lornshill Art Exhibition. Pupils contributed to and participated in all stages of the implementation of the event and evaluated the complete project and their contribution to it as part of their coursework. Pupils developed their creativity alongside key employability skills such as working with others and problem solving. The exhibition celebrated the hard work of our creative young people and included artwork from all year groups. We would like to thank Lornshill families, staff and pupils for supporting the event.



We are very proud of our Creative Industries pupils who stepped out of their comfort zones to participate in a Shipwrecked skills day. A scenario-based learning experience full of team based problem solving challenges which was hosted by digital and creative industry experts.





PE Faculty

FIT FOR GIRLS

Our Fit For Girls Leaders have recently attending a National event, sharing ideas and learning from others leaders across the country. As part of this process, they've been interviewing and learning from girls and women involved in high level competitive sport.



This initiative is directly challenging misconceptions about female sport and learning how we can work as a community to grow girls participation and enjoyment. They have recently presented to our school Senior Leadership Team on their plans for an active girl's event at Lornshill academy. Watch this space!

Cheerleading Club is back!

We're very pleased to announce the return of cheerleading with over 30 young people attending the first session. This now runs weekly, on Thursdays after school. We can't wait to see the routines that they manage to put together next term.



Football Success

We are delighted to share the recent success from our football teams. We continue to be impressed with the commitment, attitude and professionalism displayed by our pupils when representing the school. Our U16's boys team recently reached the Quarter Finals of the Scottish Shield, playing a tough match away in Glasgow. They have enjoyed plenty success, picking up a lot of wins during the league campaign. Our U14 boys' team have continued from last year's success with the addition of a couple of new players. They have recently been involved in the regional cup final after winning their section of the league. There remains an opportunity for another cup final after Easter. Our girls recently attended a National 7 aside tournament and presented themselves very well, collecting wins against various schools across Scotland.



Rugby

Our rugby extra-curricular numbers continue to grow with sessions during one school period per week and after school on a Wednesday and Thursday. Our close link with Alloa rugby club has seen brand new kits being issued to pupils attending club sessions at the weekends. We are very proud of all our young people representing the school and local rugby clubs. If your child has an interest in being involved in rugby, they should attend after school on Wednesday's and Thursday's.

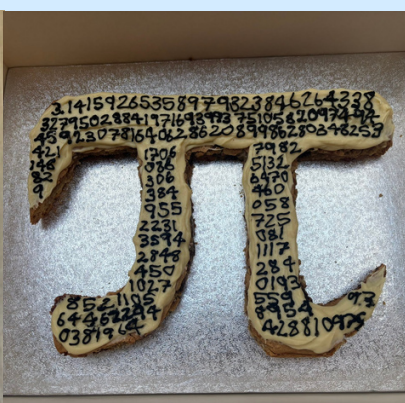


STEM Faculty

To celebrate British Science Week, our seniors ran the adapt challenge for S1/2 pupils. It was a great success! Fantastic effort to Jessica who won the challenge



To celebrate Pi day on the 14th March, the Maths department held a pie baking competition. Well done to Jasmine in S4 for winning. Additionally, congratulations to Anna in S2 who was able to remember pi to 206 decimal places!





Faculty News & Updates

Miss Scullion's and Mrs Hutton's S3 Personal Development pupils have been working with Craig from FEL on a bike maintenance project, developing leadership and independence by teaching each other key skills like repairing punctures. Mrs. Hutton's group has planned an eight-week programme with Craig, incorporating bike maintenance, cycling skills, and peer teaching. Great progress so far —watch this space for more! Miss Scullion's class have started to plan and organise a very exciting Bike Event that will include a bike quiz, bike bingo, bike crafts, a smoothie bike and bike maintenance stations.

An energetic group of pupils (s1 -3) took part in another annual Sportshall Athletics event with the Active Clacks team. Once again staff were so impressed by their enthusiasm, effort and general good behaviour. There were also a few records being broken (unofficially) in such activities as soft javelin throwing, vertical jumping and the very challenging balance test. Good fun was had by all.



The S3 Maths class have also been working with Craig on a Wednesday, looking at map reading skills. We have been practicing how to read coordinates, using a compass and directional awareness and how to work out time / distance / speed calculations. We are hoping to take these skills and apply them outside, when it gets a bit warmer!



The S1 Literacy classes have been working hard on their World War 1 topic - reading and researching for key knowledge and using their English skills to create tweets, posters and letters. Sub-topics so far have included: How the war started; Life for soldiers in the trenches; debating how a battle is different to a war and applying this to their own lives; and how animals were also heroes in the war.

The highlight so far has been using their knowledge of trenches to create their very own model trenches out of various materials. A lot of creativity and effort on show.

The S2 English class have been working really hard on their Solving Mysteries topic. We have been examining the various roles within forensic science as well as participating in both fingerprint and handwriting analysis. We have also been learning about the role of the police and welcome P.C Arundel this week who is visiting to tell us a little more about his job. We have been using our literacy skills this week to create our own characters and write our own detective stories.



INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S
week

Wider School Life

National Women's Day

Lornshill hosted a week long fundraiser to celebrate National Women day. This included a delicious tuck shop, beat the goalie, and a concert in our assembly hall. On top of this, assemblies were held to raise awareness and pupils had the opportunity to enter a raffle and buy a ribbon to show their support for this cause.

Thank you very much to everyone who participated

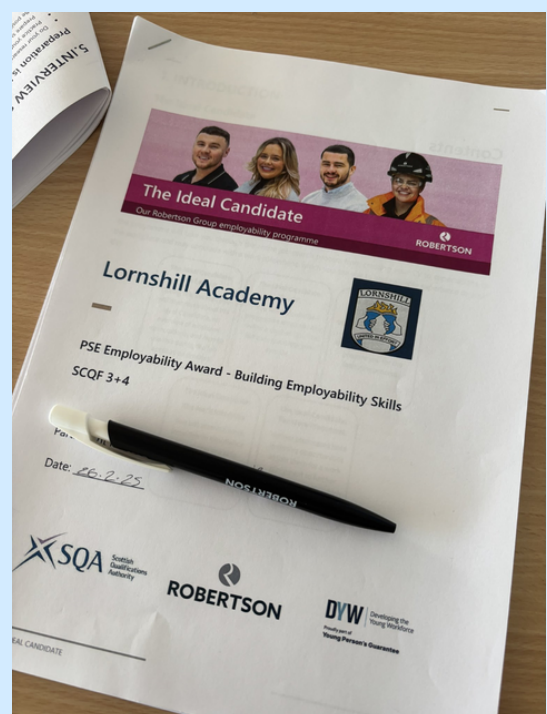




Ellie won the Regional Boccia Championship and will go on to represent the school in the National Championship in Scotstoun in March

Level 4 Employability Award

A group of our S3 pupils have been working towards the Level 4 Employability Award with Robertsons Construction. Recently the pupils had the opportunity to take part in mock interviews with employees from the company. A fantastic experience to prepare our young people for future employment.



Lornshill Quarterly - Keith Brown MSP visit

This week marks the final deadline for the Institute of Civil Engineers' CityZen competition that our senior team of: Charlie Firth, Conor Lyle and Michael Taylor and Ryan Young have entered. As part of their final submission they invited our local MSP Keith Brown into the school to discuss their proposed engineering idea of creating a hydropower plant at Gartmorn Dam. This would benefit the people of Clackmannanshire from a cost of living perspective by generating green energy.

Keith and his colleague Ellen gave high praise for the idea and endeavoured to find out why the Dam is not currently being used for this purpose.

This was a useful meeting and Keith kindly agreed to record a short video endorsing the idea that the team will include as part of their submission.

Mr Mercer



World At Work Tasters

This term many of our young people have been on employer led learning experiences across fields such as engineering and construction. We have also had visits to the school from employers and education providers. Brilliant input and insight for our young people as they explore the many opportunities out there for them.

Engineering



Construction Visit and Industry Experts



Nursery Visit

