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Dyce Academy



Welcome

A significant part of my day to day job is to ensure that we manage to recruit and retain really good teaching staff and to support them to do their best. A key part of our work is to build positive relationships between staff, pupils and parents and I am genuinely pleased with the commitment our staff demonstrate towards the young people in the school. As you will know we have very basic ground rules that all are expected to follow. We do not have an endless list of 'don'ts'. Our positive approach is based on restoring and repairing relationships with the intention of empowering our classroom teachers in leading and managing their classes. Generally, we receive a lot of positive comments from parents about the experiences of being involved with Dyce Academy. The vast majority of our young people are respectful and keen to do their best and are working hard.

The same has to be said for the staff who are working extremely hard to continuously improve the junior curriculum in S1 –S3 and also cope with the unrelenting demands of changes to the National qualifications. I feel that it is important to acknowledge the very professional manner in which they work to support your child and your family. A significant change in the role of a teacher places greater emphasis on Safeguarding –whether that be serious child protection issues or those situations which can cause our young people upset or loss of confidence.

Our staff do go the extra mile in offering a vast range of activities throughout the school day, but also are willing to provide travelling experiences for our young people both at home and abroad. A huge undertaking, considering the world in which we are living.

Although I focus on the front line teaching staff, there are many others who are working hard that we may not often mention. Without them, the school could not function smoothly. People such as our School Support Services Manager, the Admin staff, ACMS Residence staff, music tutors, Technicians, PSA's, librarians, canteen staff, janitors, ACIS counsellor, careers advisor, volunteers and many others. Each one makes a huge difference to the life and work of our school.

Recently we held a conference to consider the key areas that we felt were impacting on our community. We had identified the need to build

resilience in our young people. The demands of life, in general, can be so daunting. The pressures of social media and a world that is constantly moving at a rate of knots can seriously impact on young people. We also wanted to look at anti-social behaviour in the community. We were delighted to have so many representatives from local businesses, Police Scotland, ministers and parents who came together with our young people to talk about how we can improve our community. We also need to look at how we can increase parental engagement within the school. I am pleased to say that we have a very proactive Parent Council who are keen to move things forward.

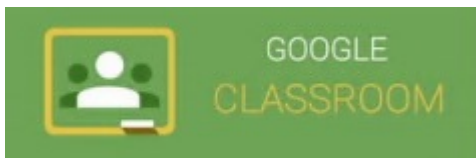
Whilst I applaud and praise the majority of our young people, there are times when this is not the case. We have a small group of young people who are being abusive to staff and members of the public which is completely unacceptable. I am further dismayed that some parents are also not recognising that they have a part to play in supporting the school. Indeed, although rare, we are experiencing some parents being rude to staff.

As I mentioned at the beginning, our young people deserve the very best and in order to do this I need to be able to attract and retain the best staff. Dyce Academy has a very good reputation and I want to ask you to support and value our staff in doing a very difficult and challenging job.

On behalf of all who work at Dyce Academy, I wish you a very pleasant and relaxing festive break

Lesley Adam





Google Classroom – Guardian E-mail Summaries

Dyce Academy has been using Google Classrooms as part of our teaching and learning for over a year. Many teachers post class resources, class messages and set assignments for students using Google Classroom. All pupils have a Google Education account which gives them access to Google Apps and allows them to access their Google Classrooms from any PC or tablet at home or in school. When students are absent from school this resource allows students to keep up with any work they are missing.

We would now like to invite parents and guardians to be part of Google Classroom.

As a guardian, you can receive email summaries showing your student's progress in classroom.

- ☐ You can choose the frequency of the emails, such as daily or weekly.
- ☐ You can unsubscribe or remove yourself from Classroom at any time.

Guardian email summaries include:

- ☐ **Missing work**—Work that's late at the time the email was sent
- ☐ **Upcoming work**—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or work that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails)
- ☐ **Class activity**—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers

If you wish to receive these e-mail summaries, please e-mail dyceacademy@aberdeencity.gov.uk using the subject line *Google Classroom* giving us the *name of your son/daughter(s)* and the *e-mail address(es) you wish to be contacted on*. Please note, you do not need a Google e-mail address to receive these e-mail summaries.

More information and screenshots of what you can expect to receive can be found here:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136?hl=en>

Cycling at Dyce Academy

Dyce Academy has just received 8 bikes as part of our journey towards being a Cycle Friendly School. Some intrepid staff took them out on their maiden journey at lunchtime on the in-service day, to ensure they were all working properly. The scenic and traffic-free route took us along the river Don to Stoneywood House and the Mill Pond.



Rights Respecting Schools Award

Dyce Academy has begun working hard towards gaining its Rights Respecting School Award, and would like to give a special thanks to the senior pupils who got involved with the Social Sciences department this term. They worked hard to deliver informative presentations about human rights to junior years during assemblies!



Shoebox Appeal:

The shoebox appeal happens every year around the start of December. Your registration teacher will be given an age group and a gender, then your registration class will have to fill the shoebox of appropriate goods that will be sent to people in less privileged areas that will not have these types of goods. Things that can be included in your shoebox are socks, gloves, toothpaste, makeup, stationery, hats, scarves, hair bobbles, deodorant, aftershave, body wash, shampoos, conditioners etc.

Ghost Tour

Dyce Academy's annual *spooktacular* took place on Halloween - brave souls dared to venture on a ghost tour around the school. On the tour pupils were guided through different areas of the school containing of different spooky scenes. The cast were made up of S3 pupils and staff, and they did their best to scare the groups that walked through. The first scene was located in the Science corridor, where a virus had spread and infected the community. The second scene was in the Library where witches cast a spell on a member of the group. The third scene was in Social subjects and featured a possessed child. The fourth compartment was along the top floor where a person had met a grisly fate. Drama stole the day with the last scene – a Séance in the pitch black. This was by far the scariest section of the tour! The S3s and staff took time and effort to rehearse each part to make sure the tour was a success. S6 Journalism pupil, Sophie Baxter said, "They definitely scared myself and Brandon who ventured on the last tour!"

Well done to the staff and to the pupils who played a part in the tour. Here they are looking fantastically terrifying!



School of Rock: Are you Ready to Rock?

...Yes we were!

This year's school show selection seemed particularly apt - well, we do have some pretty talented pupils here at Dyce!



School of Rock followed the misadventures of Dewey Finn, a rock-loving slob who wangles an illicit gig as a supply teacher at a posh prep school. She courted the risk of exposure while giving



her over-regimented charges a liberating education in rock. The

show was held in the MPA between the 19th and 21st of December. After many strenuous rehearsals the cast pulled it out the bag and completed all three shows to raucous applause.

Tickets were completely sold out and the cast even performed an extra show to Torry Academy. The cast was made up of teachers and students from the school, S1-3 played the kids in the band, S4-6 played the teachers of Horace Green and the staff played the children's parents. Pupils worked incredibly hard to perfect their roles and it took a lot time and effort to learn to play the instruments. The countless rehearsals paid off and the show was a massive success!

Many congrats to the cast and the Expressive Arts Department!

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre took place on December 8th in the MPA. The S3 Business Enterprise class ran the event which had a number of groups around the school selling gifts. Several of the stalls included the Business Information Technology class, Art, and the Eco group. At the stalls a number of gifts were sold such as christmas cards, recycled goods and cupcakes. The event was a huge success and brought lots of festive joy to the school. The fantastic amount of money raised is going to charity. Well done guys!



English

Ms Teehan's second year class have been working hard this term on their creative writing. Here is a particularly good piece by Katie Wilson, based on the Twa Corbies and the story of the New Slain Knight – enjoy! (in other words, a silent knight?)

The Tale Of The New-Slain Knight

By Katie Wilson

The knight's last battle was his worst. As he lay, unmoving behind that wall, his killer was thinking about all of the battles he had fought, how he had survived them all. This one was different.

He had been a knight for eleven years, and had wanted to be one his whole life. As the killer looked down on the lifeless body, they realised how ashamed they really were. They had thought their plan would be a good idea but now - this knight was well liked, but there were a lot of people who could have wanted him dead. His own wife, his lady fair, had her reasons, so did her new lover.



Again, the murderer was regretful but there was nothing that could be done now except hide him and lie. The horse killed in the process, however, was easier to cover up, as the castle has many more horses. He was also scared for his safety as most signs pointed to him committing the crime.

Her new lover was lowly born, but now that he had married, he had gained all the wealth that he could ever want. He could use swords, longbows and batons. He could have servants to do things for him, like he used to do, and he now had a huge castle, the only problem was the lady. She was rich and in that way she helped him, but he couldn't stand her and wanted the wealth for himself.

He had a well thought out plan to kill her; he would administer slow acting poison to the horse that she would ride upon and then once she was far enough away from the castle, the horse would collapse and she would fall off. Then with no one around for miles to help her, she would be stranded there. He didn't know anything about the knight, obviously he knew of his existence, but not why the lady wanted someone else or what happened between them, therefore had no reason to dislike him.

The problem, however showed up in the execution of the plan, more specifically, the part with the horse. The horses, he soon found out, all looked almost identical and once he was sure he had found the right one soon before the lady was leaving, he added the carefully crafted poison to the horse's water. Once the lady had left, he went back to the stables to clear up the mess he had left only to find the horse was still there, she had taken the one in the next stable!

He then heard a noise, footsteps. They were coming towards the stables! Instinct told him to hide, so he did, and what he saw left him anxious and afraid.

The knight was mounting the horse, ready to leave the castle for good. Once he had gone, the husband didn't know what to do, should he pretend he didn't know anything about it and not do anything to help, or would he follow him and help him once he had fallen off the horse? He felt bad as he had no reason whatsoever to hate him. He followed him to a clearing which was where the poison was going to start affecting the horse, although, not in the way that he had intended. He started to stand up on his hind legs and try to shake the knight off. The knight stayed on him and managed to regain his balance, but now was when the horse collapsed, onto his back so that the knight was stuck underneath. Nearby there was a small wall, just big enough to hide the body of the knight.

He would no doubt be blamed for this event, as he had recently married the knight's ex-wife and could be thought to be jealous. He wasn't jealous. It was accidental. But unfortunately for him, that was not going to be how everyone else saw it.

As he turned his back, and started to walk away, the wind whistled and moaned through the trees. He heard something else, something different. No one goes to this part of the woods very often, and if they do they don't stay for long. It has now become quite apparent why. As he was walking away he heard two ravens, and he could understand what they were saying...

"Whar sall we gang and dine the day?"





Oh boy! He's here!
Congratulations to Ms MacLennan
on the birth of her son, Lio John
Keith. This is a double celebration
as little Lio is Mrs Keith's grandson.
We are so excited for you both!

Teacher Lip-Sync Battle

On the final day of term, Friday 22 December, there will be a lip-sync battle between 4-5 groups of teachers inside the Gym Hall at lunch time. The groups will be competing against each other, each performing one song to come out on top as the winner. Admission into the event will cost £1 per person. If you want to know which teachers are taking part, you'll have to come and see!



Christmas Quiz!

Below are 13 Christmas themed quiz questions to get everyone into the festive spirit. How many can you get right? Whoever gets the most correct and comes to Miss Bradford's room to tell her first might win a little Christmas treat!

1. Name 5 people who performed in Band Aid 30 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' in 2014.
2. Why was Boxing Day so named?
3. Which actor whilst out Christmas shopping suddenly finds himself an "Enemy of the State" in the 1998 film of the same name?
4. Which 1987 action/comedy opens to the music of "Jingle Bell Rock"?
5. What carol contains a chorus that begins "The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer"?
6. In 1973 which record did Slade have a Christmas number one with?
7. In 'A Christmas Carol', how many ghosts visited Scrooge?
8. Which Christmas song has the lyrics "A crowded room, friends with tired eyes. I'm hiding from you, and your soul of ice?"
9. Who wrote the book that inspired the 1983 animated film "The Snowman"?
10. Arnold Schwarzenegger starred in the film "Jingle All the Way" but what year was it released?
11. What was Brenda Lee doing around the Christmas tree in 1958?
12. In which city was Kevin lost during Christmas in 'Home Alone 2'?
13. Name the 3 of Santa's reindeer that start with the letter D.



NorthSound 1 Energy Schools Challenge

Back in September Rocky Troup, Kirsty Reid, Michael Pirie and Callum Reid took on the job of representing Dyce Academy in the Northsound 1 energy school's challenge. In the first round they faced Bucksburn Academy at Marathon Oil and we won by a big margin. Then, in November the team took on Robert Gordon College in the Quarter-Finals at Total in Aberdeen. Sadly the team were not victorious but they did Dyce Academy proud!

Poetry Workshop

We had the amazing opportunity to have a performance poet come to Dyce Academy to show us some of her poems and to help us with our poetry skills.

Deanna Rodger came to Dyce Academy on Monday the 27th to teach us about her poems. She recited some of her works and gave some background on them. One of the works she performed for us was called "being British" in which she speaks about her struggles of being a mixed race woman in Britain. Her poetry was both humorous and hard hitting as she forced us to see the world from her perspective. The way in which she performed left a lasting impression which we would hopefully try to convey in our own writings.

The students all enjoyed the experience and asked many questions about her and her works. I would like to thank both Mrs Leven and Mrs Yeoman for letting us have this amazing opportunity that will undoubtedly benefit our English work.



Higher Art - Visit by Grays

Higher Art had a presentation and workshop delivered by Craig Ellis, who is head of first year at Gray's School of Art. The pupils were challenged to think about the social and cultural issues which affect art and design. They also completed a mini workshop which allowed them to consider how to fully develop ideas for design and compositions in expressive work. This will certainly go a long way towards helping us create interesting and engaging art in our Higher year.

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Cake Decoration

Congratulations to all the seniors in the Practical Cake Craft course! All of the cakes look especially festive and appetising. Let's just hope that next year all the pupils are able to spell Christmas correctly on their cakes...

Anti-Bullying Week

On the week between the 13th and 17th of November was Anti-bullying week. Dyce Academy took part to show what they respect meant to them. Our teachers of Dyce Academy showed what respect meant to them by writing a few sentences. Some of them were, "a willingness to accept all beliefs and ideologies, NOT just your own." - Miss Bradford. "Respect is when people accept other people's rights and religions" -

Mr Barrera. By doing this Dyce Academy is hoping to show the pupils that being respectful towards their other classmates is important to Dyce Academy and we hope to carry this respectful nature through many years to come.



Nicaragua 2017

During the October holiday 12 senior girls went on an Outlook Expedition to Nicaragua. This has been an 18 month commitment, with the girls fundraising and training before they departed. The first destination was Granada where the group participated in the 5 day La Esperanza project. They painted a new school and interacted with the pupils from the local community in a neighbouring school; playing games, singing songs and teaching them Scottish dancing. They immersed themselves in the culture; learning salsa dancing and eating the local food, 'Gallo pinto'. They also got to test out their Spanish skills, which they became increasingly more confident at over the 2 weeks.

After the project it was on to Leon for the trekking phase of the expedition where they climbed up Volcan Telica and camped for the night just below the crater. Whilst exploring the top of the crater where lava was glowing in the dark they

also ventured into a bat cave and witnessed a fantastic sunset. The next day saw them volcano boarding down Cerro Negro, the youngest active volcano in Central America.

It was then onto the rest and relaxation phase of the trip which started at Laguna de Apoyo, a crater lake, followed by a trip to Masaya market before returning to Managua for the return flight home.

Throughout the expedition the girls developed leadership, budgeting skills and team work as well as the ability to

embrace and immerse themselves in new cultures and ways of living. They also got to explore amazing landscapes.

Since the pupils have returned they have been spreading the word about their fantastic experience and some have been inspired to volunteer and travel in their futures as a result.



Outlook Expedition 2019

The application process has now started for the next Outlook Expedition to Zambia and Botswana for 3 weeks in the summer of 2019. Pupils in the current S3-5 cohort have been given the opportunity to take part in this adventure. It will consist of acclimatization, volunteering, trekking, rest and relaxation. The itinerary development day will take place at the start of 2018 where the first big decisions will be made by the group. Then it is onto the fundraising where the group will be looking for support from staff, pupils, family and friends. It is a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to be involved in showing a great commitment, determination and motivation from themselves.

Cocoa Ooze



On Wednesday the 13th of December, the S5/S6 Journalism class visited award-winning luxury chocolatier Cocoa Ooze. Cocoa Ooze is famed as Aberdeen's very own Willy Wonka chocolate factory: the company received a £70,000 investment, made by Touker Suleyman, on Dragon's Den in 2016. At the workshop, pupils learned about the chocolate making process, created their own chocolate bars with custom designs, and also made their own marshmallow snowmen. The 'educational trip' served as primary research for the Introduction to Advertising unit, in which pupils will create and produce print adverts featuring Cocoa Ooze products and branding. They all had a pretty sweet time, obviously!



Christmas Jokes!

Hopefully these Christmassy jokes will stop you being driven *crackers* with boredom when you are out of school over the Christmas break – don't say us teachers aren't good to you! Also, keep an eye out for the candy canes dotted around this booklet – whoever finds them all and reports to Miss Callan first might just win a prize!





Dyce Academy - Developing the Young Workforce (DYW)

Aberdeen International Airport

Aberdeen Airport Visit

On the 28th of November we welcomed Kevin Douglas, Terminal Operations Manager at Aberdeen International Airport to the school. Kevin's visit was the start of a new exciting educational link and partnership between Dyce Academy and the Airport. We invited

him to find out more about the new International status of the Airport and the improvements that have been made recently.

His presentation gave us a general insight in today to day life and functions at the airport, and the new extension that has been created in order to bring it up to International standard. This includes new shops and an upgrade of the existing lounge area, as well as a new Arrivals hall and extra facilities for passengers.

Music School

ACMS Gaelic Folk Group took home gold as winners of the Under 19 Folk Group at the Nat Mod 2017. Here they are on BBC Alba!



Community Spirit

Last term we were approached by Dyce Bingo, our community bingo club, with an offer to donate money to help us support our most vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils. Today, Audrey and



Catherine visited the academy, on behalf of Dyce Bingo, and presented a cheque for £300 to the SFL department.

Two of our pupils accepted the cheque on behalf of the Academy. The money will be spent to support our various projects, including Living for Sport, creative crafts, gardening, and help improve our ICT provision.

National Book Week

As part of National Book Week the Drama department invited staff to come in and read an extract of their favourite story. Mrs Leven, PT of English and Literacy told pupils about her favourite author, Bill Bryson!





World AIDS Day

Members of our Gay/Straight Alliance created a World AIDS Day display to inspire and educate, using illustrations to tell the timeline of the crisis from 1981 to today.

Holocaust Education

Dyce Academy won the Promoting Inclusion Award at the CYPS Awards for our work in Holocaust Education. We were up against some stiff competition but the judges praised the impact it has had on our young people and the content of the course across all year groups. 24 pupils in S1 and S2 have signed up for Berlin to become the next Leaders of Learning in Holocaust Education so our journey continues!



Junior Choir

Talented Junior Choir and ACMS pupils took to the stage at St Mark's Church in Rosemount Viaduct for the annual Evening Express Carol Concert, with their performance and conduct being heralded as a credit to the school. They jingled all the way!



Shelfies!

To celebrate Book Week Scotland, the library organised a Shelfie competition! Pupils were tasked with match bookshelves with members of staff. The winners of the Shelfie competition were Kyla Johnstone and Sasha Hay, both with 10 out of 13. Congratulations girls!



Young Presenter 2018

Emma Jane Kennedy was one of 8 finalists nominated for the Cairngorms Nature Young Presenter 2018. The prize included a chance to spend a day being filmed with TV nature presenter Iolo Williams, in the Cairngorms National Park as part of an amazing 5-day Speyside Wildlife holiday for them and their family! It was very stiff competition as 10-16 year olds up and down the UK were hoping to be chosen. Unfortunately, Emma Jane was pipped at the post but we are very proud of her for getting through to the final round!



Golf Competition 'Texas Scramble' at Craibstone Golf Club



Bradley Thompspon (S3) tells us all about his golfing success. Congrats Bradley!

I played a team competition at Craibstone on the 26/10/17. There were 4 of us in the team. When I started playing my first shot it was bright and sunny and suddenly it started raining heavily and I had to put my waterproofs on quickly. On the 4th hole the sunshine came out again and it was 15c outside - I was roasting. The Texas scramble rules mean that you all play a shot, and choose the best shot nearest the hole. At the end of the Texas scramble competition there was some prize giving and my team came in 1st place with an outstanding score of 22 (which means 2 under par). This was a Junior Competition so it was easier for me to score less on the holes. At the end of the prize giving I got a nice warm red hat with the golf club logo on it, featuring a golf club and ball. I enjoyed myself doing this competition because it was fun.

Photo Op!

Dyce Academy pupils were delighted when they managed to grab a photo with members of the Dutch football team ahead of their friendly with Scotland at Pittodrie.



Sky Sports Group

The Sky Sports group, led by Neve McPherson (S6), Iona Copeland and Adam Blake (Both S5), have recently been playing Basketball at Wednesday lunchtimes to help develop their sports and social skills. As well as this, they have been skiing and tubing at the Aberdeen Snowsports slope in Garthdee. They have also been on a free short trip to the Christmas Village to see the Christmas market and try some of the activities there.

Interhouse

The interhouse competitions have continued to succeed, with Ramsay and Kirkhill tied on 550 points each and Brimmond closely following after the football events finished. The scores will all change very soon however, as the exciting basketball events taking place recently are close to conclusion. The next competitions taking place will be cross country and dodgeball. Who will come out on top? Come along every Thursday lunchtime to find out!

Christmas Word Search!

How many Christmas themed words can you find?



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ANGEL	CANDYCANE	CHESTNUTS	CHRISTMAS	COOKIES
DECORATIONS	EGGNOG	ELVES	FAMILY	FELIZ NAVIDAD
FIREPLACE	FRANKINCENSE	FROSTY	GIFTS	GINGERBREAD
GOLD	HOLIDAY	HOT CHOCOLATE	ICE SKATING	IVY
JINGLEBELLS	JOYEUX NOEL	KRAMPUS	MERRY	MINCE PIE
MISTLETOE	NATIVITY	NAUGHTY OR NICE	NUTCRACKER	ORNAMENTS
PAPER	PARTRIDGE	POINSETTIA	REINDEER	RUDOLPH
SCROOGE	SLEIGH	SNOWFLAKE	STAR	STOCKING
TINSEL	TURKEY	WISEMEN	WORKSHOP	WRAPPING
WREATH	YULETIDE			

Netball

On Friday 24th November the netball club got underway with its first friendly fixture of the year. The match was played against Bridge of Don who fielded a mixture of S1-S3's. Dyce fielded two teams of S3-S4's to capitalise on the big increase in numbers that had been attending Wednesday lunchtime sessions. The game began



with a big attacking push from Dyce who quickly took the lead. Some great attacking play was seen with the girls putting into practice some of the work from their training sessions. 4 10 minute quarters were played with Dyce coming up trumps in three out of four. The last quarter the two schools came together and mixed the teams. Both groups quickly adapted and it was great to see a fantastic last quarter where the focus was having fun and being active rather than winning. The game also doubled up

as the National PE players one off performance which did add to the atmosphere in the games hall as they played their socks off to show their ability to the PE department. Thanks is due to Bridge of Don for coming to play and also to Miss Taylor for her umpiring. The netball club are always on the lookout for new members, we train on a Wednesday lunch from 1:05-1:35 in the games hall. All welcome!

Debating

The Dyce Academy Debating Club has now completed its second term.

We have a group of committed students but would love for more individuals to attend. There will be opportunities to represent the school in city and national competitions, and you'll develop your confidence and public-speaking skills as a result!



Film Class

The lovely staff at the Union Square Apple store were kind enough to come in and give our S3 film class a lesson on how the iMovie app works and all the amazing things you can actually do with it. They even brought a green screen with them and the students recorded themselves discussing their favourite movies as though they were sitting in fancy cars, flying on a broomstick or attending the Oscars with Zac Efron himself!



Wind Band

Dyce Academy's Wind Band, comprised of both staff and pupils, performed Christmas carols at ASDA to share some festive spirit!



Football

Last year was the inaugural Dyce vs Bucksburn Challenge Cup. Unfortunately, we narrowly lost that football match, and had to hand the cup to Bucksburn. However, after a lot of hard work our team were successful in winning the challenge match vs Bucksburn this year and returned with the cup!

Goalkeeper, Andrew Robertson says “During the opening minutes we stayed on the offensive scoring 5 goals in the first half. It shows we were playing well in the fact that I didn’t have to do much saving. In the second half we scored one more goal. Bucksburn were able to get a goal past me right into the top right hand corner. This was the first time we’ve won against Bucksburn since we started playing against them. We were very, very pleased with ourselves. Our three scorers were Jayden Sutherland, Luke Rodger and Cameron McIntosh.”

The final score was 7-1 – this achievement was even more pleasing considering the Bucksburn team was predominantly made up of senior pupils. Our team represented Dyce extremely well, both on and off the pitch, and were credit to the school.





Tis the Season to Sudoku



Spend a Silent Night solving our merry puzzle! If you manage to rock around *this* Christmas tree, see Miss McMillan in 208 for a prize!

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