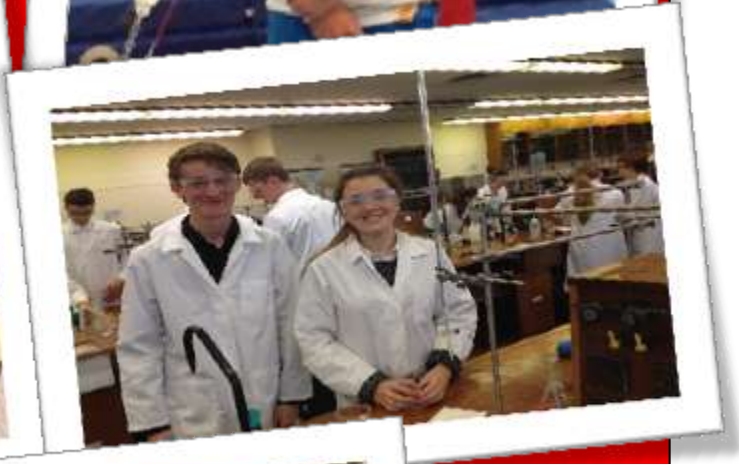


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Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new session and as always it has been a busy time at the school. For the senior pupils there was the excitement and anxious wait for their results in August. None more so than our pupils sitting the new national qualifications for the first time. I have to say a huge well done to all who received a very positive set of results and reflect another session of continued improvement in our attainment.

At this time of year we often receive information about our students who have graduated from universities around the country and are so heartened to hear of their success and we wish them well as they embark on the next chapters in their lives. Our thoughts also go to our young people who have just left school and have taken new jobs, apprenticeships and have gone onto further education. We hope they flourish and grow as they too move on to new lives. We are proud of the part we have played in supporting their futures. Particular mention has to be made to Dhruv Makwana who has left school with quite a stash of Advanced Highers all at Grade A. We congratulate him on being admitted to Cambridge University.

Our S1 pupils have settled in well and are embracing the many experiences being provided for them. Can I thank you all for ensuring that they come to school smartly dressed and wearing their school uniform. This year many opted to wear the school tie. This is an option available for all our young people and will become compulsory next session (August 2015). Plenty of time to practise tying the tie! Please remember we do not allow coloured tops to be worn around the school and that shoes should be dark.

Can I also remind you that there is a specific kit for PE that is required by pupils taking core PE and Certificate PE. Details can be found on our website.



At the start of the session all pupils were issued with their house badges. I hope that this has not caused problems with washing machines. These badges reflect their house group and should be worn with pride. Replacements can be purchased from the office for £2.00.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter. Please remember that we issue this on a termly basis. If there is anything you would like us to include please do let us know. We would like to hear about our young people's achievements within the community and share this with you.

I hope you all have a very good October break and that the good weather remains.

Lesley Adam

Senior Student Team

At the end of last session we appointed a new Senior Student Team for 2014. Their role will be to represent the school at various events and will play a crucial role in supporting the work of the school. They have already discussed how we might improve the school with our younger pupils. The members this year are:

- Robbie McKenzie (Team Leader)
- Sara Salloum (Team Leader)
- Cait Cormack (Team Leader)
- Toby Keech (Team Leader)
- Kenza Watson
- Megan Duncan
- Katie Coroon
- Heather Reid
- Ruth-Anna Smith
- Michael Johnstone
- Emma Stewart



S6 pupils were lucky enough to have Fiona Stalker, BBC journalist, in to talk to them about human rights journalism.

The pupils had lots to ask her about how to write an article that will stand out above the rest. The topic of the referendum also came up as the pupils are excited to be voting next week!

The Young Human Rights Reporter award celebrates talented young writers reporting on a human rights issue they care about. The competition is a national one and closes early next year. If our pupils win there will be an awards ceremony to celebrate their success. Below are some of the topics pupils have chosen to write about:

- The death penalty in America
- Transgender rights
- Mandatory voting
- Human trafficking
- Freedom of speech and censorship
- Child soldiers

Wish them luck!



ACMS

ACMS has been busy this term with the introduction of the new Arts Awards Course. The Arts Awards course started on 10th September and runs on the following Wednesdays from 3-5pm. This is a first for ACMS.

We are also performing at two functions this week- The CHAS ladies lunch at the Marcliffe Hotel and the Aberdeen Guarantees Launch on Monday 29th September.



The "Big Thing" this term will be preparation for the Joint Music Schools Concert at Perth Concert Hall on 21st November at 7.30pm. All parents will be invited to apply for tickets but not all pupils will be playing. Each music school will have a 15 minute slot and then there will be a joint piece to finish. This will incorporate all string players - so they will be needed at the concert. Freddie Hankin will be taking a solo spot as winner of the ACMS Young player of the year.



NETBALL

Dyce Academy's Netball Club has started again for all girls S1-S6, Tuesday lunch times 1-1.35pm. Remember your PE Kit; we are hoping to organise a few matches this year against other city schools!



COMPETING IN SHETLAND

Aaron Odentz and Grace Carter competed on 14th September 2014 in Shetland's Amateur Athletics Club Championships. The PE Faculty would like to congratulate both athletes in their achievements. Aaron won 1st place in the 1500m and 2nd place in the 800m; Grace won 1st place in the 75m Hurdle event and her team came 3rd in the 4x100m Relay. Well done!!



SPONSORED WALK 2014

20K & OVER £5000 RAISED SO FAR!

On Wednesday 17th September, the majority of the school took part in the bi-annual sponsored walk which is approximately 20K in length. Leaving from the Academy and walking along the old railway line to Udney Green and then back to Newmachar has long been our traditional means of raising money for charity and to support many of the additional activities we offer in the school.

Having had a term of surprisingly pleasant weather, we were somewhat dismayed by the drizzle and haar that we faced on the morning of the walk. However, our walkers were all in good spirits and they set off ready to enjoy the challenge. On arrival at Udney Green they were provided with hot soup courtesy of the canteen. This revived some flagging and rather wet young people in readiness for the walk back home. David Smith, one of our parents, provided very welcome teas and coffees; (I cannot resist a dig David that a dairy farmer ran out of milk!) I am sure there were many tired young people and some very sore feet, but it was worthwhile in the end.



Although we have not identified a specific local charity to support as yet we will let you know as soon as this is decided by the pupils. As previously mentioned, we could not offer so many activities without this additional funding. For example Duke of Edinburgh, which plays a huge part in the life of the school, is supported by this walk; the fund contributes towards our sporting teams and our lunch time clubs. Without your funding efforts, we would have to charge or substantially increase costs. Most of you will have noticed the picnic tables in the front of the school which were bought by sponsored walk money raised in 2012.

The sponsored walk money is now starting to come in and we would urge you to get your money in as soon as possible or even make a donation if you prefer. Many thanks go to the parents who took part on the walk or helped at checkpoints. We would also like to thank Newmachar coaches for their help in providing portable toilets, and of course, those buses to take pupils and staff back to Dyce at the end of the walk. Huge thanks to Mrs Bruce for her amazing organisation of the walk and of course to the young people who took part.



Any outstanding monies should be sent to the school as soon as possible so that we can get a final total and allocate money to the various charities.

A further report will be in the next Update with a final total, the names of the nominated charities and a mention of the pupils who were the biggest fund-raisers in the school.

Any outstanding monies should be sent to the school as soon as possible so that we can allocate money to the various charities.





INTERNET SAFETY

We raised the whole issue surrounding the use of social media by our young people and adults in general with the Dyce Community Learning Partnership. We were delighted that they were prepared to support a visit to the school by Paul Hay, trained to Ambassador level by CEOPs (Child Exploitation and Online Protection), with the intention of speaking to the whole school and talking to parents during an information evening . Paul has worked in IT for over 25 years and has worked with Microsoft and Oracle. We were also pleased to be supported by PC Seb Cook, Police Scotland.

During the day, Paul talked to S1-S6 about various matters that would impact on their age groups. His message was very clearly about learning how to behave using the internet.

In the evening, which was well-supported by the parents within our ASG, he talked such things as:

- How young people use the internet
- How they use Social Media and Apps such as Facebook, Twitter and Ask.fm
- How information young people post can be misused by people who are not their friends.
- What you, as parents, can do to help keep them safe.
- How the internet can be used for Cyberbullying.

He has provided the school with some useful links:

- Think you know
<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- UK Safer Internet Centre
<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources>
- Childnet
<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
- Microsoft Family Safety Site
<http://www.microsoft.com/security/family-safety>
- Get Safe Online
<http://www.getsafeonline.org/>
- Facebook Safety Advice
<http://www.facebook.com/safety>
- CEOP - Report Abuse Site
<http://www.ceop.police.uk/>
- Report Illegal Content
<http://www.iwf.org.uk>
- Vodafone Digital Parenting Guide
<http://www.vodafone.com/parents>

There are also a number of videos on the CEOP area of Youtube (<http://www.youtube.com/user/ceop>) but be careful as some are aimed at older pupils and there may be comments posted that are not controlled. You might be interested in the following

"Animal Magic" Internet Safety Cartoon from CEOP (aimed at 5 - 8 year olds); "Private Information" (aimed at 11 – 16 year olds); "Let's Fight It Together" Cyberbullying video from Childnet; "Sexting" (aimed at 11-16 year olds); "Grooming" (aimed at 11-16 year olds).

Paul has a website with further information <http://www.pclstraining.com>



Queen's Baton Relay 2014

Mrs McCaw organised a group of 50 pupils and 5 staff to take banners, flags and loud cheering voices to support Lewis Cowie running with the Commonwealth Games Baton in Danestone on 30th June 2014.

It was a very proud moment for Lewis, his family, the PE Faculty and our school to witness the once in a lifetime opportunity to carry the Queens Baton!

Well done Lewis for winning our Commonwealth Games competition! The pictures definitely show how much Lewis enjoyed his experience!!





GLASGOW 2014
XX COMMONWEALTH GAMES



SPORTS DAY 2014

The PE Faculty and HWB Promoting group ran Dyce Academy's first S2-6 Sports Day! Here are some excellent pictures of our podium winners.





Wimbledon Championships 2014

Mrs McCaw, Head of PE & HWB organised Dyce Academy's first ever trip to Wimbledon Tennis Championships in July 2014 for 40 pupils and was accompanied by Miss Hughes, Mr Manson and Miss MacPhee.



What a fantastic trip! After an early start and great bus journey down to London we were first to enter Wimbledon's grounds. We quickly made ourselves at home on Henman Hill/Murray Mound!

Throughout the 3 day trip we watched several nail biting matches on Court 1, Court 2 and the large TV screens; both singles and doubles matches were played by male and female competitors with some very tense moments! The atmosphere was fantastic! We even saw a fantastic comedy veteran match on Court 1 on our 2nd day. We viewed some practice matches and had the famous Wimbledon strawberries whilst watching the matches!



We stayed at Gatwick Airport at the Ibis hotel where pupils behaved very well, and we were very proud of them. Weather was exceptionally good throughout the trip.

On the journey back up to Aberdeen, all pupils and staff competed for Commonwealth goodies in Mr Manson's famous general knowledge quiz. We also played Heads-Up on the i-pad where the mining game went down a storm...great clues guys!!

If there is anyone who is interested in going to Wimbledon 2015 please give your name to the PE Faculty staff so we can get an idea of numbers and possibly run a trip next year!



The Wimbledon Shop



DYCE'S GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Dyce Academy's very successful interschool partnership with Kenya and South Sudan was highlighted at a recent meeting with a senior member of the Government.

The Right Hon Alistair Carmichael MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, was visiting the Montgomery Development Education Centre in Aberdeen to see the work of the facility.

As part of this, he met Elinor Farquharson, Faculty Head of Social Subjects, who is responsible for Global Citizenship at Dyce Academy.

She spoke about how global citizenship activities enabled a more in-depth understanding and strengthened Dyce's partnership with schools in South Sudan and Kenya.

"The wide range of activities being carried across the curriculum is providing an excellent foundation for our work with Otieno Oyoo High School High School in Kenya and Yei Girls' School in South Sudan," she said.

"We are also finding now that there is fantastic work being done in our local primary schools and this is evident in many students when they come up to Dyce Academy."

Please follow the link to the full MDEC article <http://www.montgomerydec.org.uk/>



L to R: **Steve Roberts** *Global Learning Advisor, MDEC*, **Elinor Farquharson** *Head of Faculty, Social Studies and Global Citizenship, Dyce Academy*, **Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP** *Secretary of State for Scotland*, **Dr Nigel Dower** *Acting Chair of the Third World Centre*, **Susan Jenkins** *Senior Education Officer, MDEC*.

STONE AGE TENT BUILDING ACTIVITY

S1 pupils combined their historical and technical skills by building model Stone Age shelters in Social Subjects.

Working in pairs, they designed their own tent and created it from material, including sticks, string and scrap material. They were given a brief that their constructions had to resemble shelters that were built by members of the Stone Age community. In preparation for this, all four S1 classes discussed actual materials that would have used and how the tents would have been made as weather proof as possible.

Other topics in the Early Settlers topic include examining the importance of Skara Brae, what it would be like to be a hunter gatherer and how communities choose the best settlements from a number of possible sites.



BOOK AMNESTY

Can I ask you all to check for any textbooks that may be lurking under beds, in the corners of rooms or even in cupboards. Each year we find ourselves having to replace texts which are not being returned to the school, particularly the senior years. Some of these books cost us around £20.00 and as you can imagine a whole set for a class can really mount up. If you come across text books please hand them back to the school office.

Aberdeen Schools Hydrogen Challenge



The Aberdeen Schools Hydrogen Challenge has been developed through the Arcola Energy for Schools programme, which has delivered science and technology workshops to more than 5,000 children and young people since its launch in autumn 2010. On Thursday 11 September a group of S4 pupils from Engineering Science, Physics and Chemistry took part in a 90 min workshop. Students worked in teams to engineer 1.5W hydrogen fuel cells efficient vehicles using custom-designed Lego kits. The winning team progressed through to the Aberdeen City Final in which the Dyce Academy team won. The winning team consisted of Ross Keech, Jessica Oyovwevotu, Jordan Sainsbury and Kim Moir.

S1 / S2 BOOK MARKETING PROJECT

The Book Marketing project is a cross-curricular project involving all S1 pupils. It starts at the end of April and continues through until the end of June by which time the pupils are in S2. Participating departments are: English, Library, Enterprise & ICT and Design & Technology. Working in small groups, pupils select a genre and create an imaginary novel from that genre. They then devise a marketing campaign for their book. This year's Book Marketing project was sponsored by Stork - www.stork.com, a local company providing asset integrity services to the oil industry and other sectors. As well as providing the funds for materials and two author visits, we were also visited by Cerri & Stefan who work in marketing and graphic design at Stork. They gave us a very interesting talk about marketing in general and useful techniques that pupils could think about for their own projects.



For our author visits we welcomed back Barry Hutchison, a popular and very entertaining children's author. In his first visit he talked about his writing and where he gets his ideas from, and in his second he told us about how his books, and books in general, are marketed, using both traditional methods like press releases and more modern tools like social media.

All our pupils' hard work culminated in the final when our five groups bravely gave their presentations in the MPA in front of an audience of S2 pupils and staff. Our judging panel consisted of Cerri McDonald and Angela Cresdee from Stork (Angela is an ex-pupil) along with Helen Cowie (QIO - Aberdeen City Council) and two 6th year pupils.

The winners were The 3 Amigos (Erin McLean, Molly Wood & Lauren Monro) with "Him". The judges felt that this group had produced a very strong presentation and had established their brand right from the start. Stork generously provided prizes for the winning group with each pupil receiving a £25 Union Square voucher, a writing set and a framed certificate.

The Book Masters (Libby Garnham, Abbie Cruickshank & Zoe Nicholson) were our runners-up with "The Prisoner" and got a £10 Amazon voucher each from the school.

All five groups presented very well under pressure and our judges were impressed by the pupils and their hard work.

You can see examples of the finalists' work on the school website under Departments and then Library Resource Centre.

DofE NEWS

Congratulations to Amy Bell (S5) in gaining her DofE Award at Bronze Level.

We have now completed the Expeditions for this year. They were quite challenging for the levels being undertaken.

The Gold Trip to Norway in early August was undertaken in incredibly demanding conditions due to us catching the tail end of Hurricane Bertha! Heavy rain, strong winds and rising stream levels forced a change in plans. Nevertheless, the Group of eight S6 students coped well with the challenges over four days and did not complain one bit – a sign of the support they gave each other. Congratulations to them on an excellent presentation at the end of September.

The Bronze Group also went to a new area – Cabrach, Glenbuchat and Glenlivet over the Ladder Hills at the end of August. Organising 33 walkers in the hills in six groups proved difficult but again, this was very successful. The weather was not good on the first day and some groups were held up by grouse shooting activity. The second day was much better and everyone finished in good spirits albeit in some pain in a few cases. The camp site in Glenlivet was lovely although rather midge infested! The presentations again were excellent and among the best seen by our assessors.

Finally, the Silver Group got good weather throughout their three day trip in the Glenfinnan area over the September Holiday weekend. They also faced challenges in the forms of steep climbs, high fences and difficult paths. However, they were rewarded with fantastic scenery and the bonus of seeing a steam train crossing the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct – of Harry Potter fame. They finished in the very remote Loch Arkaig area which necessitated a five hour journey home. They will present their findings early next term.





An unfortunate consequence of having so much equipment out of school is that, despite reminders, not all borrowed equipment is returned. Tents, stoves, first aid kits, maps, compasses, emergency survival bags and various other items totalling many hundreds of pounds in value lie in pupils' homes, sheds and garages. May I ask participants and their families to check and return these items in time for the annual audit of equipment?

Thank you.



Of course, participants have also to complete the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections and the school can support them in these areas of the scheme.

We have now started the recruitment process for the coming year. It is open to all pupils from S3 to S6 and some older pupils can directly enter at Silver and Gold levels if they are 15 and 16 years of age respectively. Training will commence in November. Look out for posters around the school.

Tom Ferguson (School DofE Co-ordinator)



LANGUAGES WEEK

Languages week at Dyce Academy was all about getting all pupils involved in highlighting the importance and fun in learning a language. There were quizzes to identify famous people, trying to discover the members of staff who speak different languages (apart from Languages teachers), a Treasure Hunt for all pupils, a Spanish shopping trip around Asda for senior pupils where pupils had a shopping list in Spanish and found the items in Asda. S2 took part in a Poster Competition Entitled, :- "Why learning a Language is useful and fun" and the winner of this competition will be decided soon.

We could not hold Languages Week and not have something edible, so, a French Breakfast was organised for S1 pupils. We tucked into pain au chocolat, croissants and chocolate crêpes.

In classes both Language staff held 5 minute aerobic style exercises with instructions given in French or Spanish and there was the opportunity to learn another language not generally taught in Dyce Academy – Italian for 1 hour. There was even a Macarena competition.

The theme was fun through language and pupils and staff had a fantastic time enjoying these varied activities. Here are a few photos to show you just what we got up to.

A Halley



COFFEE MORNING FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The 2 S3 Business Information and Technology classes organised a fantastic Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan on Friday 26 September 2014.

In the weeks leading up to the Coffee Morning, both classes worked very hard to achieve a successful event. The money raised was over £750 which was a fabulous total.

The winners of the raffle prizes were – Sharmila Rahman won the iPod Nano, Ann Dempster won the Gateau of Choice from Chalmers Bakery, Mr Ferguson won the hair treatment at The Green Room and Mrs Lawrenson won the Newmachar Hotel Carvery Voucher.



Mrs Forno, Amy Lockhart,
Ellie Milne, Caitlin Pirie and
Ellis MacKenzie



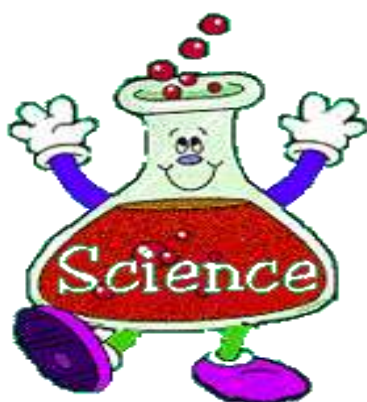
Aaron Taylor, Adam Cardow
and Neve McPherson



Moira Jolly and Helen Smith who chose the raffle winners - here is
Sharmila Rahman who won the top prize of the iPod Nano

CHEMICAL ENGINEERS CAREERS FAIR

S5/6 pupils attended a careers fair organised by the institute of chemical engineers. There were stands from a variety of companies, universities and professional organisations. The pupils asked a lot of questions and came away with a greater knowledge of the opportunities in engineering.



STEM Club Update



Due to a recent recruitment drive, the number of pupils in the school STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) has almost doubled. As a result of this, and taking on new and exciting projects, we are now meeting 3 lunchtimes per week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday).

As our ultimate goal is to build a search and rescue hovercraft for flood victims, the younger pupils are entering the Ultimate STEM Challenge competition to design a new type of solar still. This will be part of the equipment on the hovercraft and will enable people to make clean drinking water for themselves.

The competition runs until mid-January and we will create a PowerPoint presentation and video for the judges as well as design and build the still. The pupils could win some fantastic prizes, including an invitation to a celebratory event at the Science Museum in London, £500 for their club and Science Museum goodies.

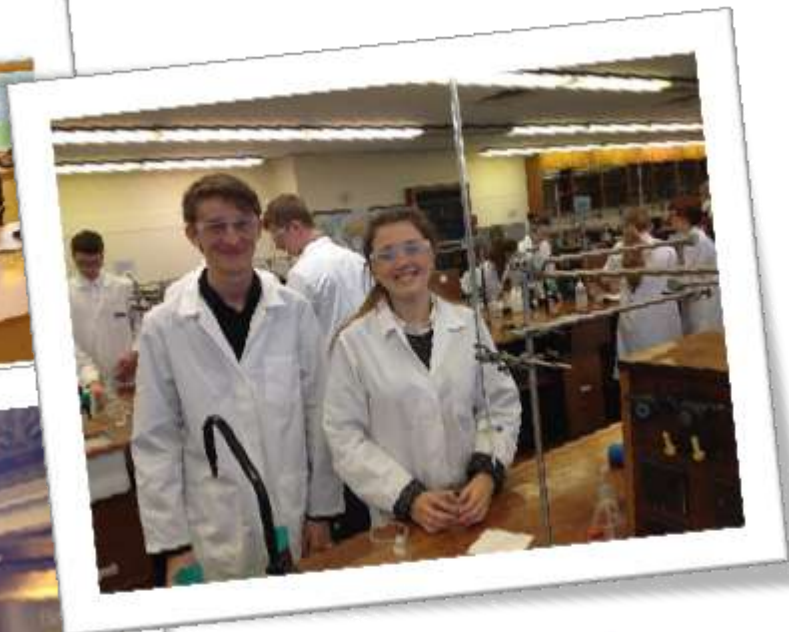
The older pupils are entering a competition called Rampaging Chariots which involves building a radio-controlled robot from a kit to compete in a series of events, against other schools, such as an assault course, tug-o-war and a one-a-side football game.

Both projects were selected to help develop the group's design and construction skills in preparation for the hovercraft project. The robot, in particular, will hone their woodworking skills and they will learn to solder components onto a circuit board.

The chariot will compete at an event in Edinburgh in June. We also aim to attend the Scottish final for STEM clubs at Murrayfield the day after the Rampaging Chariots competition. We will showcase the still and robot as well as any other projects we undertake during the year. You may remember we attended this event last year.

Any parent, or friend of Dyce Academy, is more than welcome to come along and see what we are doing or to support our efforts in any way.

Mrs Donnelly & Mrs Lockwood



NORTHSOUND 1 ENERGY QUIZ.

Dyce Academy have progressed through to the quarter finals of the Northeast energy quiz. The team are up against Inverurie Academy and the round will be aired at 1530 on Sunday 16th November on Northsound 1.

HYDROGEN CAR CHALLENGE.

Congratulations to Jessica Oyovwevotu, Jordan Sainsbury, Ross Keech and Kim Moir for winning the city final competition. See the school website for more information.

S6 CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS STUDENTS ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES DAYS

The Advanced Higher pupils were able to experience University life through the university's outreach programme. They completed their practical work to a high standard within the labs and experienced university style lectures.

The Advanced Biology pupils are due to visit the university in December.

ANNUAL MICROBIOLOGY LECTURE AT FORESTERHILL

The Higher Biology students attended the very informative lecture on Food Security. It was delivered by a former Professor of Oxford University.



Extra Curricular @ Dyce Academy



Sports Council

















This year the Sports Council has welcomed 8 new members as part of the LEAD 2014 programme. There were many applicants, all who had different strengths, however the Young Ambassadors whittled it down to eight exceptional pupils, all of whom will bring something new and exciting to sport at Dyce Academy. The successful applicants were; Emma Torpey, Levi Brown, Sarah Dempster, Robyn Duncan, Zoe Burnett, Jenna Forrest, Abbie Milne and Lucy Mack. This year the LEAD 2014 pupils will work alongside the Young Ambassadors to deliver lunchtime and after school clubs. Good luck girls, we wish have no doubt you will make this year a success!

The Sports Council meets on Friday lunchtime every two weeks to update each other on what is happening with their clubs and brainstorm new and exciting ways of delivering the different sports to the pupils of Dyce Academy.



Back (L-R): Abbie Milne, Jake Shade, Aaron Odentz, Toby Keech, Declan Coutts, Cait Cormack, Lewis Cowie, Andrew Frank. Front (L-R): Emma Torpey, Lucy Mack, Jenna Forrest, Ethan Wilson, Sarah Dempster, Cameron Brown)

See overleaf for a copy of our timetable:

Time	Lunchtime			After School
	Games Hall	MPA	Outside	Games Hall
MON	Football S2-3 	Dance 	COME ALONG JOIN IN!!	
TUES	Netball S1-6 	Senior Rugby 	Senior Rugby 	Staff Activities 
WED	Senior Basketball 	Drama 		Girls Football 
THURS	Badminton S1-3 	Table Tennis S1-6 	Senior Rugby 	Senior Basketball 
FRI	Dodgeball S4-6 	Tchouball S1-3 		Staff Football 

On the 22nd June 2014 80 pupils and teachers from Dyce Academy took part in the annual Race for Life.

Participants could run or walk the 5km or 10km course all in the interest of raising money for research to help beat all 200 types of cancer sooner.

A massive well done to all of those who took part and to Miss MacPhee who managed to get so many involved!



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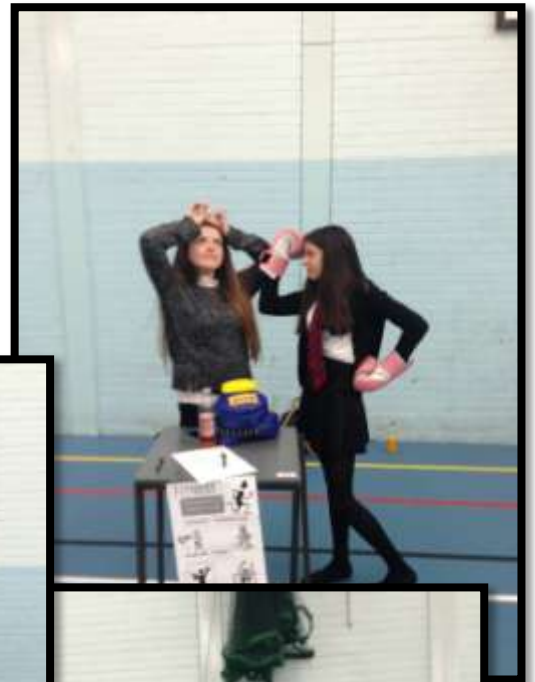
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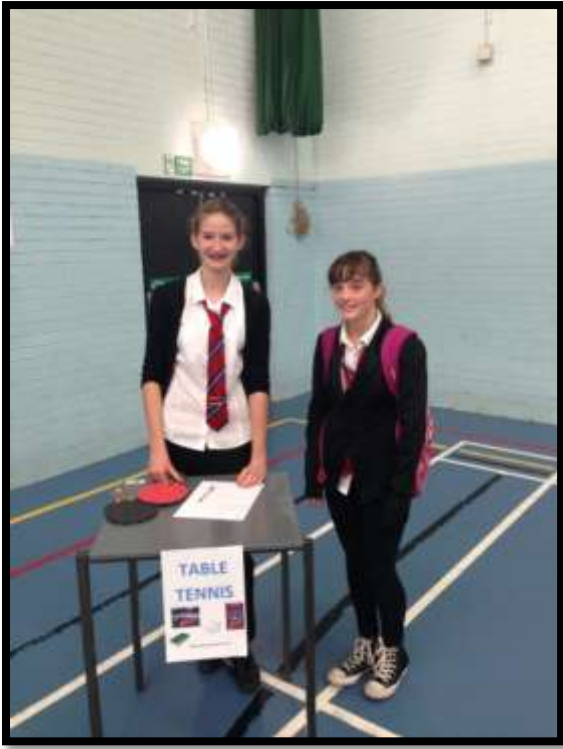




Sports & Extra Curricular Club Fair

Now in its second year Dyce Academy's Sports Fair has gone from strength to strength, this year hosting 14 extra-curricular clubs. Again each pupil was in charge of an activity that they will help run throughout the year. This is fantastic to see, and a very encouraging sign of what's to come. Don't forget to come along to the club if you have already signed up!





Young Ambassadors

This year we have a Platinum Plus YA, two Platinum YA'S as well as introducing eight new Young Ambassadors to Dyce Academy. These new pupils have progressed through the LEAD 2014 programme and have shown exceptional leadership, organisation and communication skills over the past year.



Two of our YA's were chosen to represent the school at a regional conference, where they looked to network with other schools as well as discuss different ways in which they could encourage more pupils to get involved with extra-curricular activities. Both pupils took a lot out of the day and we are excited to see what they introduce to Dyce Academy this year.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations goes to Declan Coutts who made it to the final round of interviews to be part of the Young People Sports Panel. Unfortunately Declan did not progress to sitting on the YSP, but was however chosen to help deliver workshops to new Young Ambassadors at Regional Conferences throughout Scotland. This is a huge achievement and we wish him luck in the future!



Football Returns to Dyce Academy

This year has seen Dyce Academy enter three Football teams into the Aberdeen City Football leagues and cups.



Mr. Netherway has been leading the Under 14 team who have represented the school in three competitions, including the Scottish Cup.

The Under 15s have also been in action for the school where they have been involved in the Gerrard Cup and League. They have successfully navigated their way through Round 1 by disposing of Albyn 10-3. The boys will be involved in many matches after the October holidays.



The Senior team made a promising start to their campaign by travelling to Mintlaw and gaining a hard fought 1-0 victory in the President's Trophy. Miss Weir and Mrs McCaw have worked very hard to arrange many fixtures for the Senior team in the coming weeks.

The U14 boys Football Team have been entered into the Aberdeen and district football league this year, playing games across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, from Banff to Banchory. They have been training every fortnight and have matches on Saturday mornings or after school. They opened the league with a convincing 5-2 win against Hazelhead; they are now trying to continue those winning ways in their upcoming games. They are a great bunch of boys and put in every effort to succeed.



New to PE

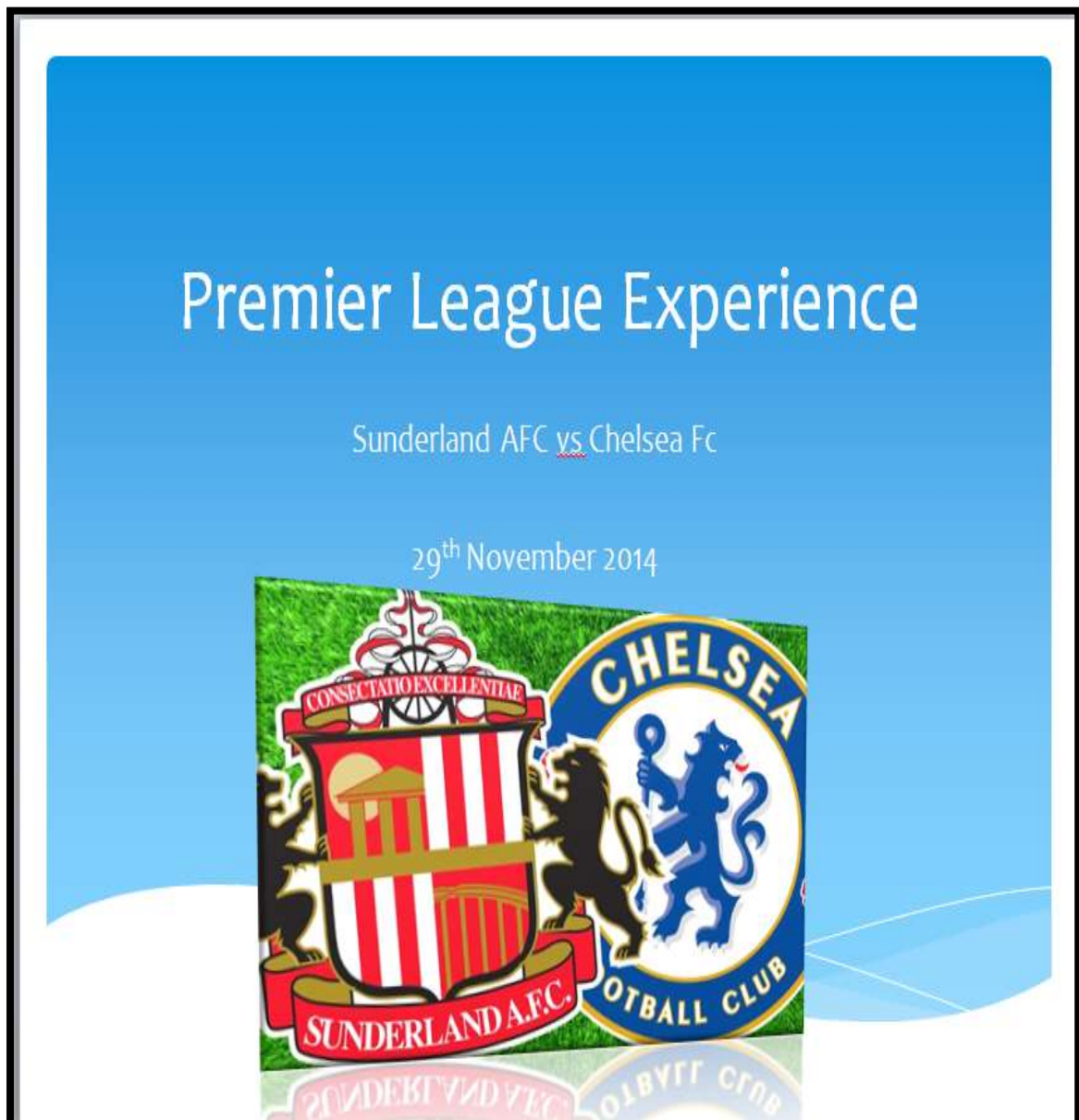
This year rugby has been introduced to the BGE curriculum and had a great response from all year groups, with some budding young players. We have also started a senior rugby team training twice a week with one session focusing on game play and the second on fitness. We have sourced a sponsor for kit and are looking at getting it before the end of the year. Due to numbers our rugby focus will be on sevens, which is a fast paced and expansive game of rugby played on a full sized pitch.



Sunderland AFC vs. Chelsea FC

Mr. Manson is arranging another trip to a Barclays Premier League match at the end of November. There will be 45 Dyce Academy pupils heading to watch Sunderland vs Chelsea FC.

This marks the second Premier League trip that Dyce Academy have enjoyed, having travelled to the Newcastle United vs Manchester United game back in April.



New to PE

This term we have introduced some new activities to our curriculum, including Rugby, Lacrosse, Netball and Football, for S2 & 3. Lacrosse is a team game with netted sticks to carry, throw, and shoot a ball along a field in an effort to score goals. A goal counts as one point and is scored when the ball completely crosses the opposing goal line between the posts and under the crossbar. The team scoring the greater number of goals in the allotted time wins the game.



LEAD 2014

Before the summer eight of our S4 pupils (Lewis Cowie, Jake Shade, Ethan Wilson, Kim Moir, Conor Ross, Andrew Frank, Cameron Brown and Aaron Odentz), were responsible for planning and running a sports festival for the incoming S1's. With the help of the S3 Sports Leaders they managed to make this a huge success! All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day, with some of them saying "The Leaders did a great job", "Leaders are epic", "Love it 1000000%",

"It was fandabbydosy", "Best sports day I've ever had!"



