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Head Teacher's Message



As we move towards digital publication of *Flourish* we have saved up a 'bumper edition' that captures key events that take us into the beginning of the summer holidays. We thought it was nice, rather than publishing this in the middle of summer when students and families were enjoying some well-earned rest, that we would save this until just prior to return as a reminder of all the opportunities and achievements we want students to enjoy in the session ahead. This edition includes, indeed, coverage of two outstanding sell-out performances of our school show, *School of Rock*, a group of our pupils enjoying a life-changing trip to Dominica as part of the *Wallacea* experience, and a range of personal and team achievements from across disciplines. This comes, once again, on top of some fantastic events that celebrate success, including: our Junior Awards Ceremony; Sports Awards; and McLachlan Games.

Once again, this issue of *Flourish* captures a range of achievements and we encourage parents to follow us on Twitter (@wallacehighsch) to keep up-to-date with the full range of activities and opportunities that are on offer throughout the session. As noted above, we are publishing this as a digital version in August and the very nature of celebrating success has changed with Twitter and social media as we are able to capture achievements much more instantaneously than ever before on an on-going basis. Please keep us informed of our young people's achievements beyond school so that we can capture the full range of achievements and celebrate wider success.

Thanks once again for all of your support in session 2018/19. We look forward to celebrating many more achievements in 2019/20.

Scott Pennock, Head Teacher

Staff News...

New Appointments...

It has been a busy time for recruitment in Wallace High. Joining the teaching staff team, on a permanent basis, will be:

- Mr Scott Bryce, Principal Teacher Science
- Mrs Fiona Coutts, Teacher of Physical Education
- Miss Ruth Semple, Teacher of Physical Education
- Mrs Gillian Graham, Teacher of Business Education
- Mrs Jen Oxburgh, Teacher of Biology
- Mr Ryan Ashcroft, Teacher of Social Subjects

In addition, Wallace High also look forward to welcoming the following probationers who will be starting in August:

- Mrs Jennifer McBride, Biology
- Mr Andrew Thomson, English
- Miss Gayle Obree, Modern Studies
- Miss Amelia Mitchell, Music
- Miss Jennie Allan, Physical Education
- Miss Philippa Benson, Physics

History for Wallace High following tennis success...

An historical first for Wallace High was accomplished as a result of the school's U18 Girls' tennis team, made up of Abbie Woodward (Captain), Rosie Sterk, Anna Sterk and Rosie Woodward, were crowned National Champions!

After a long season of highly competitive fixtures which included the dismantling of some prestigious tennis schools (Kilgraston School for Girls, George Herriots, Hutchesons' Grammar and The High School of Glasgow), Wallace set up a grand finale against last years winners George Watson's College. The final, played on 6th June, was held at the performance courts at Craiglockhart, Edinburgh. The girls saved their best form for the big occasion to eventually take the tie, 5 [rubbers] to 1 to hand Wallace its first ever National Tennis trophy. The scale of this achievement is outstanding and something that will be extremely hard to replicate in years to come. A huge well done to the four girls involved, a massive credit to themselves and the school!



Wallace High is delighted to announce that the Senior Team, supporting the school in session 2019/20, is as follows: **Head Girl—Aimee Kyle; Head Boy—Ben Yarrow.** Depute Captains (left to right) - Mia Dawson; Ellie McFarlane; Harry Samson ; Freya Walker; Tom Cumming; Greg Hawthorn; Rob Gilmour; Rebecca McKinlay; Kane Simpson; Faith l'Anson; Josh Millar



Play Unified—Makaton...



My name is Jessica Campbell and I am an S5 pupil. Every Tuesday lunchtime I run a Makaton Club. Makaton is a communication aid for young people with additional support needs and it incorporates much more than just signing with your hands. It involves body language, facial features, directions and many other skills. A number of young people and staff have been attending the club and there has been great support with around twenty attendees every week. We are, however, always looking for more people to get involved.

As there are a wide range of people who attend, when asked why they attended the number of reasons were varied. Teachers said it was a good



skill to have while working in the classroom and supporting pupils. One pupil quoted: "It gives a small insight into how these young people go about their lives every day", which is exactly what I wanted to achieve. Through leading the club I was keen for participants to have fun as well as educating people and giving them the confidence to use Makaton.

Makaton is not just limited to a classroom, it can be used in practical activities, for example in our Play Unified Club. It can also be used at home or in the workplace, to communicate with family, friends and colleagues, the possibilities are endless. I personally have gained a great deal from not only teaching Makaton but from working with the young people in Ochil House and also one very supportive teacher, Mrs Halliday, who taught me how to use Makaton

Visit to Flanders Moss...

On Wednesday the 8th of May a group of our S3 Art and Music pupils were up bright and early to experience the special wildlife and landscape of Flanders Moss. Arriving at Flanders Moss at 7:30am we found about the landscape and the wildlife of the ancient landscape. We were met and guided by artists of the care of Stirling and reserve staff from the SNH.

The first task we embarked on was measuring the depth of the peat under our feet so we could understand the ground we were walking on. Then we listened into the many sounds we were hearing on the moss and the beautiful dawn chorus of bird song that we heard early in the morning. Next we set off into teams and the art students started to make sketches of the landscape whilst the music students worked on recording the bird sounds we were hearing. We had a busy morning on the moss and really enjoyed hearing from experts all about the landscape and the animals that lived in it.

To warm up after our visit we were all treated to a breakfast of hot chocolate and sausage sandwiches at West Moss Side Farm. We then spent the rest of the day at the farm, creating our artwork in the lovely studio. In addition, we got to learn about weaving and worked on weaving our own bird, the curlew. When we returned to school our music students worked with Forth Valley College to bring together their bird song and then from there took the bird song back to school where we created our own composition.

The pupils finished off their watercolour drawings and produced some really high quality work. Our completed work is being exhibited in Flanders Moss board walk and at the MacRobert Theatre. This was a great experience to bring the outdoors alive through our art and music creative skills.

Christmas Concert...

On Thursday the 13th of December our annual Christmas Concert took place in the Theatre. The concert was sold out and was a fantastic evening showcasing lots of pupils performing in a wide range of musical items, including: our ukulele club, guitar ensemble, brass band, pipes, woodwind ensemble, trad group, pianos, staff choir, choir and orchestra.

We were delighted to be joined by our Learning Community primary instrumental pupils who came along and contributed fantastically to the orchestra.

The evening was complemented by a festive fayre and some great stalls, home baking, refreshments and raffles/prize draws.

We are now looking forward to building on this success and starting rehearsals in the new term for our Spring Concert in March.

Developing the Young Workforce...

S4 May Programme...

Our programme this year focused on quality Work Experience, Mechanics Showcase, Fire Station Career Event and the Primary 7 Induction Days. The following pupils completed the programme and received certificates for their achievements: Lucy Watkins, Tejaan McGinley, Scott McArthur, Ellice Dawson, Sophie Lunn, Tristan Cook, Conor Calderwood, Mitchell Dickson, Robbie Mootie Dunne, Declyn Neilson, Larne Jones, Allisair Galloway, Greg Knight, Lochlin O’Kane and Niomi Walker. The feedback from work experience placements was extremely positive, with some pupils volunteering in the summer to gain more experience. The work experience placements were supported by: Stirling Albion Football Club, Stirling Electrical, Cornton Nursery, The Smithy, Wellgreen Nursery, Forth Valley Plus, The Forestry Commission and Kinnaird Construction.

Mechanics Showcase...

In May, in partnership with regional DYW coordinator Rachel Dorman and Fiona Lafferty from SDS, we organised a Mechanics Showcase. We had JAG Auto from Stirling, MTS, Arnold Clark and The Skate People all working with our pupils. Over 60 pupils from S2 - S5 experienced

the interactive showcase. Our partners spoke with the pupils about the skills, qualities and qualifications required to become a mechanic, they also spoke about the pathways within mechanics. The pupils were inspired by the showcase and the feedback was excellent from both pupils and employers. A few of the pupils who attended the showcase have now secured work experience placements with our Mechanic partners.



Art: Senior Pupils Future 30 Programme...

The following pupils are taking part in the Future 30 Programme at Dumfries House in Ayrshire: Elise Van Weert, Kyle MacArthur, Erin Galloway, James Mitchell, Tanya Stewart, Louisa Lau, Elin Beale, Kitty Houston, Sophie Buckley and Allex MacLeod.



They will attend five workshops and they will gain a level 6 Unit in Industrial Sewing Machine Skills. The course is run by Future Textiles which is part of the Glasgow Clyde College programme.



Battle of the Bands...

On Friday the 12th of October our annual Battle of the Bands took place. This year we had a great selection of bands from soloists to first year bands. The theme was nineties music plus a song of each band's own choice.

The bands were very creative in their choices and there was a wide variety of music. Our staff band even made an appearance. Our guest judges this year were Mr Blyth and Mr McDonald and, of course, Mr Pennock. The judges were very impressed by all of our bands and gave some great constructive feedback. This year our 6th year band Paper Planes won for their dynamic performance.

Well done to all who took part and we look forward to hearing you all again next year at Battle of the Bands.



Nat 5 Minimalist Music Trip...

On the 18th September the Nat 5 Music Pupils enjoyed an informative trip to the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall to see and hear the Scottish Chamber Orchestra perform as part of the Masterworks concert series.

The concert focused on Minimalist Music and pupils had the opportunity to participate. On their return to school pupils created their own group composition using techniques learnt and



Charity Committee...



On September 14th the Charity Committee held their annual Staff Bake Off to coincide with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care. The event was a huge success, with many staff donning their aprons and creating some culinary masterpieces. The Bake Off, along with a pupil and staff bake sale managed to raise a total of £842.15.

Logie Debate...

Thursday 16 May saw S2 pupils and future S1 pupils from our feeder Primary Schools take part in the Annual Friends of Logie Debate.

Pupils debated the following motions:

- *Technology is killing us*
- *Sweets should be banned to prevent childhood obesity*
- *The government should introduce economic incentives to encourage healthy behaviour*
- *The media should be prevented by law from intruding into the private lives of public figures*

The standard of debate was exceptionally high. Judges commented on how impressed they were with pupils' preparation and delivery of speeches, plus the ability to think on their feet when being asked questions by the audience. Special mention and thanks to the pupils from Fallin, Raploch and Cornton Primaries for their input and very impressive performances.

Clearly, we have some superb standards for future competitions! Wallace High School thanks Friends of Logie for their continued support and generous prizes donated for this fabulous annual event!

Creative Industries London Trip, May 2019...

At the beginning of May, 38 pupils and 4 teachers headed to London for the annual Creative Industries trip. We travelled by train and then Underground to our lovely hotel, The Meininger, in Hyde Park. Once we had unpacked and settled in, we enjoyed going to Bizzaro Italian for dinner and then went to Knightsbridge for a sophisticated browse in Harrods.

The next day began bright and early with a trip to *The Making of Harry Potter* in Watford. This was an excellent experience where we learned about costume and set design as well as how special effects were created for the movies. The group enjoyed walking through the Forbidden Forest and Diagon Alley and the model of Hogwarts, which was used in the actual filming of the iconic movies, was a spectacular sight. It was a lovely day and the group were able to enjoy a glass of Butterbeer in the sunshine.

In the evening we dined at Planet Hollywood, where the pupils enjoyed singing along to new, and not so new, songs. Next, we made our way to Buckingham Palace where we took in the grandeur of the palace and surrounding grounds. Wednesday was the busiest day of the trip: we visited the Design Museum where we learned about modern designs and the design process and saw a large 3D printer in action. We then headed to the Victoria and Albert Museum to explore the vast collection of decorative artefacts. Next, we headed to The Shard where we took the lift to the 69th floor. Despite the rain, we enjoyed spectacular views across London and had fun spotting all the famous landmarks. Dinner was at Pizza Hut on the strand and after our very busy day we appreciated the endless supply of pizza. We then went to Covent Garden and the sun came out for a little while which allowed us to enjoy some more street theatre and buy souvenirs in the market.

The evening was spent watching the Lion King which was a great experience where we had seats in the stalls and some of the performers came out beside us and sang. This was amazing. The performance was flawless and many of the pupils commented on how they would have gone back to see the musical the very next day if they could. After an action packed few days we headed home on the train, tired but happy. All of the teachers on the trip commented that it was a pleasure to spend time with the pupils who were a credit to themselves, their families and Wallace High School. We are already planning next year's trip!

We Want Change...



Wallace's S3 'We Want Change' group has worked hard to raise the profile of supporting the homeless and those in need. With the support of staff, and using their own 'creations', they ran a Bake Sale to raise funds for the local charity 'Start-Up Stirling'. The event was well supported by staff and pupils and they raised over £150 for the cause. The group are looking to run further events and continue to support the charity.

Young Philosopher Award...

The Department of Religious, Moral and Philosophical studies were very impressed with entries for their annual Young Philosopher Award. Pupils were challenged to take one of life's ultimate questions and explore it through a medium of their choice. This resulted in a plethora of engaging and thought-provoking pieces that explored some very interesting themes. The award of 'Young Philosopher of the Year' went to Hannah Atkinson of 2.5. Hannah developed a thought provoking and detailed piece of work exploring the question: 'Can someone be born evil?'

Music Captains...

The S6 Music Captains were invited to Cornton Nursey School to do some song writing and performing with the Nursery pupils for their Community Action Day - the theme being Pants for Poverty. The pupils Duncan Bruce, Torin Gibbons, Angus Kemlo and Thomas McCann were great ambassadors for WHS and the Music Department and engaged fully with the pupils, even helping with the Community Litter pick.



Ochil House...



Ochil House and the Pupil Support Team have teamed up to help a local charity in Gartmore. Glendrick Roost is an animal welfare charity that looks after about 160 abandoned, abused or neglected animals, including horses pigs, goats, small furries and dogs. 8 pupils have spent 3 Fridays, painting the shelters and the decking in the sanctuary.

The time will be put towards the pupils achieving their Saltire awards. The pupils have worked extremely hard, through some horrible weather conditions to weather proof and brighten up the sanctuary.



A big thank you to all pupils and staff involved.

UK Maths Challenge...

Pupils successfully represented the school in The UKMT Intermediate and Junior Mathematical Challenges this year. These challenges are designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Certificates are awarded to the highest scoring 40% of candidates (Gold:Silver:Bronze, 1:2:3).

Well done to the following pupils who were awarded:

Intermediate Silver: Andrew MacKenzie, Jackson Green, Caleb Whitby, Ben Scott, Davron Majidov, Georgia Winters, Lucy Morrison and Nathan Rocha.



Intermediate Bronze: Cameron Jack, Taylor Sherry, Duncan Shaw, Tom Mitchell, David Kyle, Cormac Somerville, Emily Bullen, Tom MacKay and Lucy Menzies.

Junior Gold: Finlay McAndrew

Junior Silver: Emily Roberts, Hamish Robertson and Theo Bennett

Junior Bronze: Josh Moore, Liberty Blair, Lucy



Jack, Kieran Mooney, Adam Tweedie and Georgia Graham.

Next year's challenges are held on Thursday 7th November 2019, Thursday 6th February 2020 and Thursday 30th April 2020.

Primary Transition ...

Primary 6 classes from our cluster schools have been at Wallace High School again this month taking part in the transition days. They worked hard in Maths to build newspaper towers, one of which reached an incredible height of 1.81cm, and competed to answer as many questions as possible in the relay.



During their time in Science all pupils took part in the K'Nex Challenge where they continued to show an excellent ability to work collaboratively and showed great enthusiasm! Once again, the pupils and P6 teachers provided positive feedback at the end of each session and these days continue to build pupils' confidence in a new environment.

Wallace is excited to welcome the new Primary 6 classes in the coming school year!

New S2 Digital Skills...

The two winning Wallace teams in the S1 Stirling Digital Skills Competition were rewarded with a trip to CodeBase for the S1 CodeBase Digital Skills Session. The pupils developed their skills in creativity and teamwork through challenges in Geoguessr, Google Doodle, Micro:bits rock, paper, scissor and Draw With Google.



Operation Wallacea – Dominica 2019...

Summer 2019 sees Wallace High, alongside Dunblane High, embark on their third, 2 week long, conservation research expedition. This time to Dominica in The Caribbean. S5/6 pupils have been busy fundraising and saving up over the last two years and it has finally arrived. This expedition will see the young people taking part in both land and ocean based field work in order to support the Operation Wallacea scientists in their conservation efforts. Both weeks will also involve learning about the islands biodiversity, history and volcanology through a series of lectures.

On September 18th 2017 Dominica was hit by a devastating hurricane. Hurricane Maria hit Dominica at category five speed, with all areas of the island affected. The high winds and rains have had an environmental impact, with early estimates predicted 30% tree loss across the island, with most of the remaining trees losing foliage and branches. The impact on wildlife is currently unknown, so Opwall and its volunteers now have a unique opportunity to study the recovery of the forest after such a big event, and with data from years previous to Maria for comparison.

The research programme in the forest has four main objectives:

- To record and monitor populations of birds, bats, invertebrates and reptiles. Tracking the recovery and changes in species richness after hurricane Maria.
- To investigate the impact of the invasive Puerto Rican crested anole on the endemic Dominican anole.
- To establish a freshwater biotic index for the rivers and streams on the island in order to assess the health of freshwater environments and monitor possible future change. Evidence for the existence of the invasive, non-native crayfish will also be investigated.
- To investigate the effect of ocean acidification on marine invertebrates.

For the second week the teams will be based at Fort Shirley in the north of the island where they will complete either their PADI Open Water dive training or a Caribbean Coral Reef Ecology Course. Everyone involved, including staff, is extremely excited and cannot wait to embark on this experience on the 21st June.

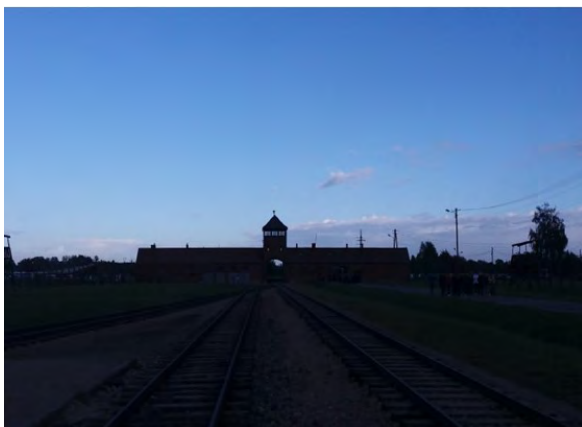
Check out our twitter @Dominica2019 for updates on our trip.



Lessons from Auschwitz...



We, Thomas Hanson and Miko Stewart, were selected by the RMPS Department from a group of S6 pupils to take part in the annual Holocaust Educational Trust 'Lessons from Auschwitz' programme in October. The first part of the programme was our Orientation Seminar in Edinburgh, where we met our group who we would travel to Poland with. We also listened to a survivor testimony from Eva Clarke, who told us about her parents' struggle throughout the Holocaust and her miracle birth. The Seminar taught us to think of the victims as individuals and not as a collective group of numbers, which degrades their suffering. Hearing Eva's testimony was an incredible experience and really got us thinking about the scale and the horrors of the Holocaust. Following this we had a one day visit to Poland on Wednesday 3rd October where we reflected on Jewish life in Oswiecim and the loss of the entire community after World War II. We then moved to Auschwitz I which held about 1.1 million Jewish prisoners along with Poles, Gypsies and other ethnic groups. Auschwitz-Birkenau was a short distance from Auschwitz I and was part of a network of concentration and extermination camps under the name 'Auschwitz'. Auschwitz-Birkenau was the place where Jews were murdered in gas chambers, and where they also faced extremely poor sanitary conditions which contributed to many deaths as well. Our follow-up Seminar gave us the chance to reflect on our visit and reminded us of the importance of thinking about the vic-



After the powerful and moving visit to Auschwitz, Miko Stewart and Tom Hanson, were compelled to help others learn from the mistakes of the past. As well as attending workshops in Edinburgh, they put together a presentation on the dangers of racism and prejudice. They both presented this to S2 classes in the RMPS department, sharing their experience and reflections - they gave the students plenty to think about.



The Engineering Education Scheme...



Wallace High is the first school to have two teams competing in the Education Enterprise scheme. The scheme involves working with an industry partner to solve a real-world problem for their products. Wallace was extremely fortunate to work with excellent Industry partners in Sonomatic and Calnex. Their help and support was an enlightening experience for our senior pupils.

Our teams were set two very different problems. Sonomatic had to devise and test a method for continuous scanning of pipes in the energy industry while operating at very high temperatures and Calnex a method for charging testing devices while mobile in the field.

Once the project parameters were set the teams had an industry visit plus support visits in school from their industry contacts as they worked on their projects and various solutions over a number of months.

The pupils did an amazing job ending with presentations and questions from industry experts at the national event in Edinburgh. Staff and industry partners were all incredibly impressed by their efforts and final products.

World of Work...

In November our Higher Spanish class really



enjoyed meeting and chatting to Alma from Mexico about herself, her work and her home country. She answered questions in Spanish on her work and life as well as giving advice on the World of Work. ¡Gracias Alma!

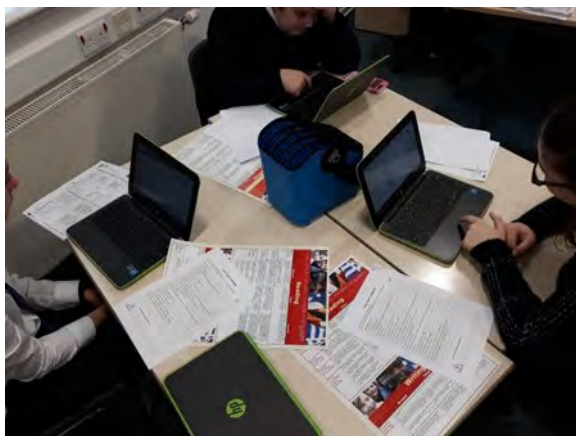
China Club...



Thank you to Mrs Bell and Miss Tan for a great term in China Club on Friday lunchtimes.

1+2 Update...

Ms McCaffrey has been supporting Fallin Primary since October to help deliver French to



Primary 6. The pupils have been trialling our borrowable box of French and Spanish Readers and Activities to develop literacy and writing skills. Merci to Miss Monteith and the pupils.

Help us improve literacy and expand the foreign literature in our LRC: please donate any old foreign language novels. As many languages as possible! Drop them at the office for Ms McCaffrey. Thank you! #literacy #lovereading

Listening Challenge in Languages...

Some of our S3 pupils doing Talking activities in Spanish today. Gracias to Mrs Philipson for helping them and developing their Listening skills!



Our Annual Languages Open Doors Event...

Great afternoon discovering languages & culture with our fantastic S3 pupils! Huge thanks to our keynote speaker & former pupil Bryan @bryan_hightower for his excellent, inspiring talk & to our fab Language Ambassadors (& friends!) for all their help. They enjoyed salsa dancing, crêpe tasting, British Sign Language, Mandarin, Gaelic, & much, much more!. #Stirlingloveslanguages

Merci, gracias, xiè xiè & tapadh leat to you all! Thank you to Sainsburys for their help.



Am bliadhna chaidh na clasaichean Gàidhlig air dà thuras, taing do maoinachadh bho Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Aig toiseach am bliadhna chaidh sinn suas a Leòdhas & na Hearadh – an sin choinnich sinn ris am bàrd Anna Frater, chunnaic sinn rudan mar tursachan Calanais agus Am Broch, agus rinn sinn tuilleadh rannsachadh air an Iolaire, le cuideachadh bho Taigh Tasgaidh nan Eilean. Chòrd an turas rinn gu mòr, a' fuireach ann an taigh-dubh agus a' cur seachad laithean air na tràighean breagha. Bha sinn cuideachd fortanach a' faighinn turas gu an Aghaidh Mhòr le Spòrs Gàidhlig. Rinn sinn tòrr rudan spòrsail, ach 's e an rud a b' fheàrr leis a mhòr-chuid againn claiseachd agus am balla-sreap. Tapadh leibh gu mòr gu sgioba Spòrs Gàidhlig airson an obair a rinn iad còmhla rinn, agus taing mhòr gu Bòrd na Gàidhlig airson am maoinachadh a leig leinn a' dol air na tursan sonraichte seo.



This year, the Gaelic classes went on two trips, thanks to generous funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig. At the beginning of the year, we went to Lewis and Harris – there, we met the poet Anne Frater, we visited sites like the Callanish stones and the Broch, and we did research on the Iolaire disaster, with help from Museum nan Eilean. We really enjoyed the trip, got to stay in the black-houses and spent time on some of the beautiful beaches. We were also fortunate enough to be able to go on another trip to Aviemore with Spòrs



Gàidhlig.

We did lots of fun things, but our favourites were the gorge-scrambling and the climbing walls. Thank you to the team at Spòrs Gàidhlig for making our time in Aviemore so fun, and thanks especially to Bòrd na Gàidhlig for the generous funding that enabled us to go on these memorable trips.



Ochil House FilmG Success...

This year, a group of pupils from Ochil House created a short-film, in Gaelic, about Ochil House. This involved the pupils writing a script, filming and helping with editing and voiceovers.

Their hard work was recognised by the FilmG competition, with the film being shortlisted for Best Mobile Short. This shortlisting led to a feature in the Sunday Post, with a photographer and journalist coming into the school to interview and have a photoshoot with some of the pupils.

Liam represented the group at the award ceremony in Glasgow, and although they didn't win, had a good night at the awards ceremony.



The film can be seen here: <http://filmg.co.uk/en/films/1831/>

Dominica 2019...



Seniors from Wallace, alongside seniors from Dunblane, embarked on the next Operation Wallacea expedition in June. This year to the Caribbean island of Dominica. This expedition saw pupils investigating the effects of 2017's Hurricane Maria on the island and to what extent the area has recovered.

Week one saw the team out collecting data, alongside OpWall scientists, on bird & bat populations, freshwater environments, invasive species and insects. The latter of which will go on to become part of the collection of invertebrates in the London Natural History Museum! All data collected will go onto help with conservation efforts in the area. Week two saw the team SCUBA diving or snorkeling, again looking at the impact of Hurricane Maria, this time in the marine environment.

Once qualified in their chosen area pupils were supporting scientists with collecting vital data on the coral reef and species living on the reef. This included attending lectures, carrying out underwater transects and using cameras to carry out stereoscopic surveys. A number of young people gained diving qualifications and the snorkelers got to play their part in a National Geographic study.

All of the young people, and the staff, learned a great deal and fully enjoyed the opportunity to support Operation Wallacea in their conservation efforts on Dominica.



International Selections—Basketball...

The pictured Wallace Basketball players have all been initially selected for the Scotland U16 training squad and will undergo a Rigorous training camp in preparation for the Euro C Championships, with head coaches Darryl Wood and our very own School of Basketball coach Cory McCabe. Good luck to all players involved!



Clockwise from left: Callum McGlasson, Jack Hencher, Piper McGowan, William Kemp and Pelly Kidd.



Forth Valley Football...

A huge congratulations to Cameron Taylor, Lucas Williamson, Layton Wardrope and Lewis Morrow who were selected for the Forth Valley Regional Schools Football Team and successfully navigated their way through the group stages to set up a thrilling Quarter Final tie with Dundee Schools FA.



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School of Sport ...



The new academic year has witnessed the School of Sport programme move into its seventh year, providing our pupils the platform to perform and develop through our five key sports: Football, Basketball, Rugby, Swimming and Dance. The new academic session is now underway and our new S2 and S3 pupils have started with an excellent attitude and work ethic. Expectations are high, with pupils showing a real commitment to both their sporting lessons and their academic studies, with excellent attendance at the weekly catch-up study sessions.



The five existing School of Sport programmes will, this year, be complimented by the introduction of a Girls School of Football programme, aimed to encourage and develop girls who have a passion for the sport. Trials take place before the summer and girls from our associated primaries and current S2 and S3 groups will have the opportunity to apply. This exciting new initiative, backed by Riverside Girls' Football Club, Stirling University and Stirling Albion Youth Academy is an exciting venture, aimed to promote physical activity and develop pathways for girls in the sport.



Our new S1 candidates have successfully negotiated their way through the trial process and are excited to join in August. Numbers across all five sports are healthy, with strong representation of both girls and boys. Pupils, parents and carers will attend an information evening next week, in order to meet their coaches, sign contracts and have the opportunity to have any questions answered.



Moving into next term, the School of Sport will continue to develop as a flagship of excellence within Wallace High. Pupils in the programme will receive a variety of workshops, around areas such as: Nutrition, Injury Prevention, Mind-set and Career pathways in sport.



The future for the School of Sport is exciting and we look forward to continuing to provide a unique and enjoyable experience for all our young people to achieve within, both their chosen sporting pathway and in the wider life of Wallace.

Rugby Success...

“Wallace win the SP Energy Networks Warriors Championship!”

A Huge well done to the S1 Boys, S2 Boys and U15 girls Rugby teams who were crowned champions in the 2019 final this session. The school have been playing in this tournament for the past three years and were finally crowned winners after losing in last year’s final and getting knocked out in the previous year’s semi-final.

The teams had to battle their way through two qualification rounds, each round comprising four games. After this, they played in a knock-out format competition to beat a further four schools before earning their spot in the final against Eastwood High School. The final was played at Scotstoun Stadium and there were over two hundred spectators watching the matches before the Glasgow v Edinburgh derby game.

By winning this tournament it marks the strongest ever achievement in Rugby here at Wallace and what makes it even more special was that all three teams had to play, compete and forge their way into a final and then secure the championship win. A great feat for any one team, but made even better by doing it with three teams showing real commitment to improvement.

National Tennis Final—Under 18 Boys...



Wallace’s 18s Boys’ Tennis team, comprising Chris Horgan, Connor Thomson, Callum Bowmaker and Sam MacLeod, joined the girls on Finals day this session, where convincing wins over George Herriots, Strathallan, The High School Of Glasgow and Selkirk, set up a tie against the winners of the past seven years in a row, Merchiston Castle.

Unfortunately, after a valiant effort the boys had to eventually concede a pivotal ‘rubber’, which would have taken the match into a shootout, after Connor had to retire through injury. The tie finished 4-2 to Merchiston Castle.

Again, another piece of Wallace history having a boys team runners-up in the National Final.



Scottish Basketball Champions...



Wallace High's S1 boys have been crowned National Champions for the 2018/2019 season. (From left to right, the team comprises: Charlie Perkins, Ross McNiesh, Theo Bennett, Owen Broadley (captain), Dylan Clark, Lewis Paterson, Pat McGowan, Damien Burns, Finn Hencher, Jamie McFarlane, Adam Tweedie and Fraser Dempsey).

The boys made it to the National Playoffs after progressing from a group containing Falkirk, Denny and Larbert High School. Playoff victories included those against St Mungo's, Portobello, and the hotly tipped St Andrew's RC to set up a tense finale in front of a packed Oriam Arena versus Tynecastle High School.

The boys knuckled down in the final, playing some scintillating Basketball to eventually take the win 64 - 38. Game MVP was awarded to Owen Broadley, who scored a fantastic 36 points.

Congratulations to all of the team and the coaches on what was another fantastic achievement for Wallace High School.