



Park Mains High School

Easter Newsletter 2022



Head Teacher Welcome

As we come to the end of this busy term, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the school community, and our young people in particular, on all of their achievements to date. As you will see, staff and pupils have been working exceptionally hard to deliver high quality in-class experiences and an enriching extra-curricular programme.

When we move into the summer term, jackets and hoodies will not be allowed to be worn in classrooms. All pupils should be in full school uniform, including days when they have PE. I hope you enjoy our Newsletter and that you have a relaxing Easter Break with family and friends.

Alan Dick



Apprenticeship Week

Our school hosted a number of events as part of Scottish Apprenticeship Week, a national campaign to highlight the benefits of entering the workforce through apprenticeship pathways.

THALES aggreko

Aggreko introduced our young people to some of their current apprentices, who spoke about their experiences with the company. The Thales session was led by three former pupils who offered an insight into the aerospace industry as well as engaging our pupils in some fun, interactive STEM activities.





Next up was healthcare. Many of our young people aim to work in this sector, so we were particularly pleased to welcome Noelle Mackay, from NHSGGC, who spoke about what it is like to work for Scotland's biggest employer, as well as highlighting apprenticeship opportunities.

Many of our young people aim to work in the construction industry on leaving school and this was reflected in the numbers of pupils who attended this session – over one hundred.

Dennie Gillespie, from Morrison Construction, gave invaluable advice as to how to succeed in the sector, particularly when applying for an apprenticeship post school.



Morrison
Construction

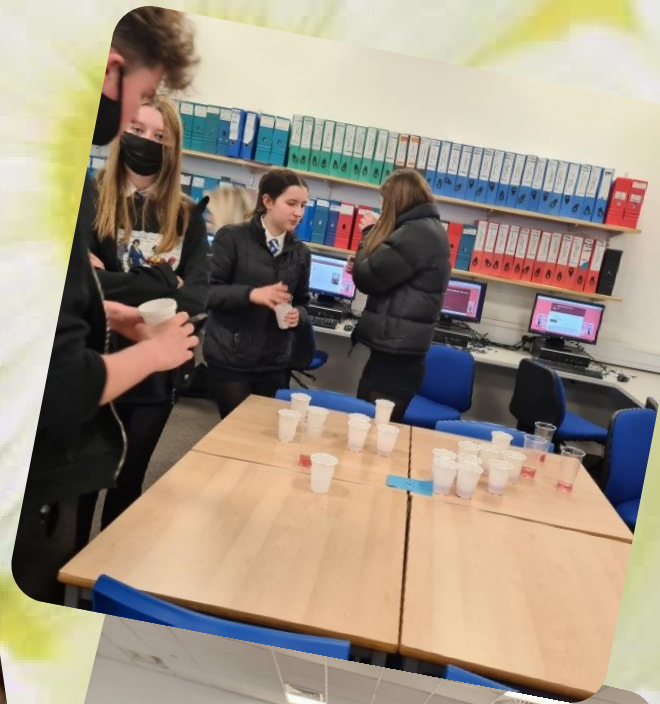


Finally, we were delighted to host local employer, Cairellot Learning Centre, who spoke to us about careers in childcare.



ICT Department

S3 Business Management The Taste Test



Some interesting results!

Tap water was more popular than Highland Spring and Tesco Perthshire.

50/50 split for the tissues, pupils couldn't tell between Kleenex and Scotts (the ones we have in school).

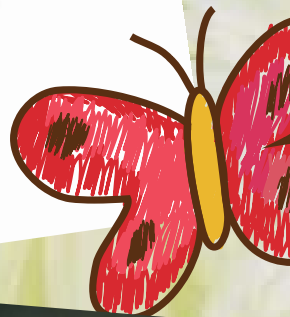


•A surprisingly close contest between the crisps: Walkers Ready Salted only beat Tesco's own brand Ready Salted by a few votes.

N4 Business Management

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🧩 Puzzle Perfection with N4 Business as we signed off the Stakeholders topic! 🧩
Pupils had great fun sorting through the Jigsaw pieces to match each stakeholder with their Interest and influence... it brought their competitive side out! 💪



Parky Products, S6 Young Enterprise selling their Movie Packs at Erskine Waterfront on Sunday 28 February 2022



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Health and Wellbeing



The Health and Wellbeing Mentors are a group of S5 pupils Park Mains, who have volunteered their time to help within our school community. They are also gaining a Wider Achievement award in SQA Leadership by doing this. They can be a friendly face and a listening ear to problems for pupils that don't want to discuss with an adult. The Health and Wellbeing Mentors want to help you daily and ensure that your High School experience is fun, healthy and enjoyable!



PE Department



S3 boys class have been planning and delivering their own coaching sessions in groups of three to the rest of the class during PE time





PE Department



Our sports development pupils have been trained in leadership opportunities and are currently completing placements in all 7 of our associated primary schools.



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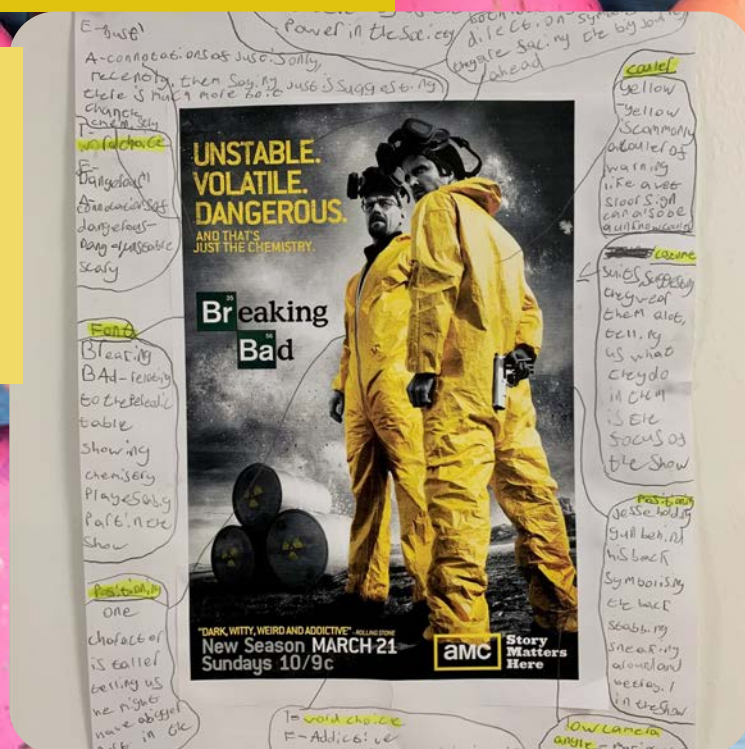
Netball Team



Our girls Netball Team had a recent game with St Andrews. It was a very close game but St. Andrew's squeezed a win in the last quarter. St. Andrew's complimented our manners and sportsmanship on the court. Amiee Mullen (S2) was the player of the match chosen by St. Andrew's



Miss Sloan's S3 class did an excellent job annotating their media adverts.



They independently chose the image, identified the techniques used and annotated the advert with the effects of each technique.

Sex, Clothes, Popularity. Is There A Problem Here?

Plotting

- The plot is a comedy about a young woman who is a social outcast and is trying to become popular by using her wit and charm.

Characters

- The main characters are three young women who are social outcasts and are trying to become popular by using their wit and charm.

Setting

- The setting is a high school in Los Angeles.

Style

- The style is a comedy with a focus on fashion and social status.

Clueless

Opens July 19th

Notes:

- The title has a double meaning: it refers to the main character's lack of social skills, and it also refers to the movie's theme of social status.
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English

On the 23rd of February, 30 of our S1 pupils enjoyed an author visit from Brian Conaghan as part of Paisley Book Festival. Pupils enjoyed hearing all about the novel writing process and asked Brian lots of interesting questions.



English

English teachers thoroughly enjoyed discovering the variety of texts being read by our S1 pupils and their families during our Let's Read Competition. Mrs Graham had a very challenging task when judging the high standard of entries. The very well-deserved winners were:



**Most books read:
Erin Holton 1L**

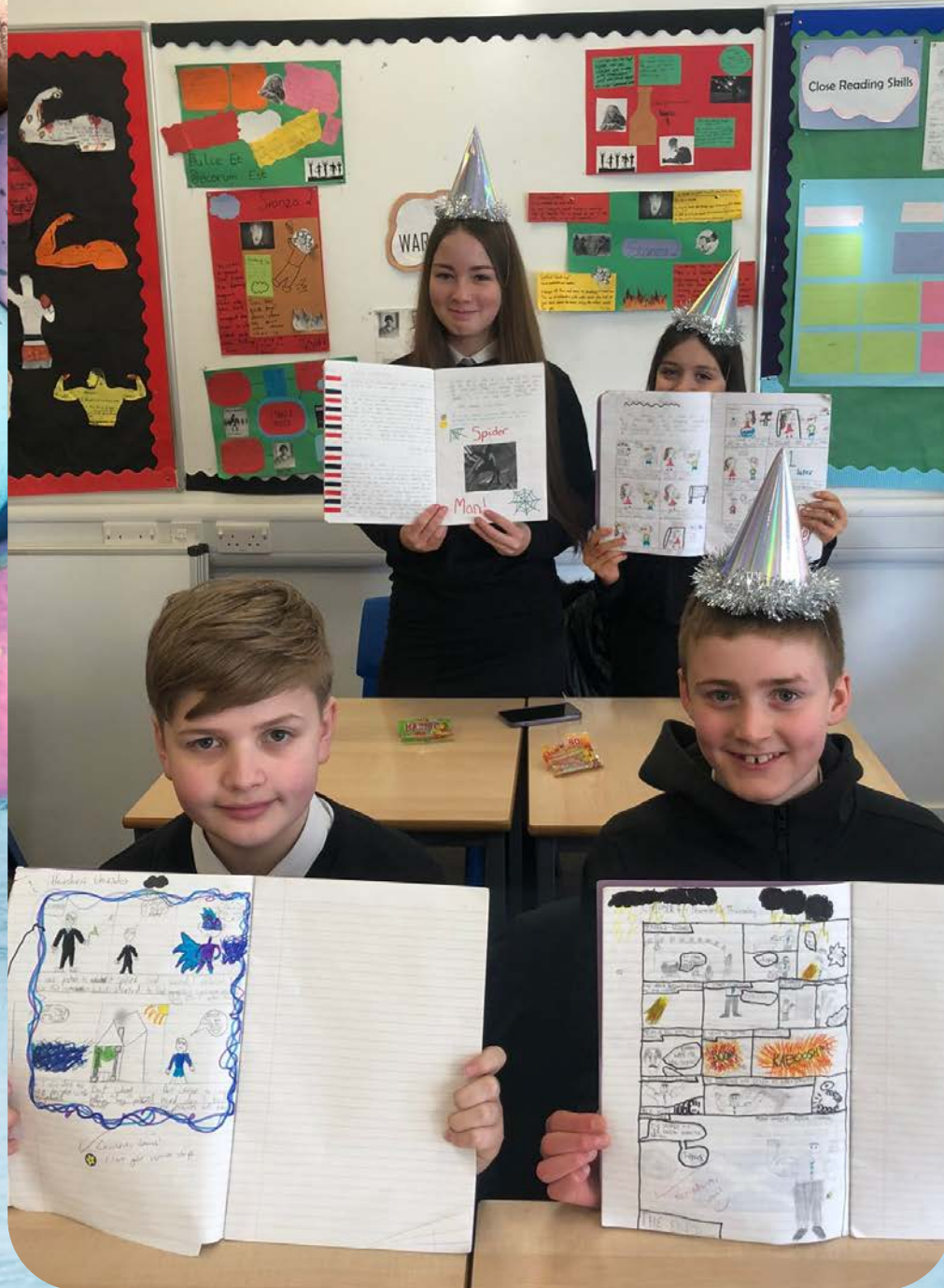
**Widest variety of genres:
Rosie McCutcheon 1M**



**Most creative journal:
Olivia Russell 1T**



English



Every pupil in Miss Dyer's 1J English class continues to impress us with the fantastic effort they put into their classwork and Wild Week Novel homework. They were our first S1 class to enjoy the English Department's Celebrating Success Reward Period. We hope to celebrate the success of all our classes before the Summer Break!

Support for Learning



**The S3 Lifeskills Group
working towards their
SQA Eco Awareness
Award**



**Introducing
our hamster
Blitz!**



**Baby Lexi is used for
training pupils who are
studying childcare**



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We celebrated Maria's 18th Birthday, The whole school came out to sing Happy Birthday!



The Lomond Room then held a party for Maria and her friends and family.



Cakes and presents galore!



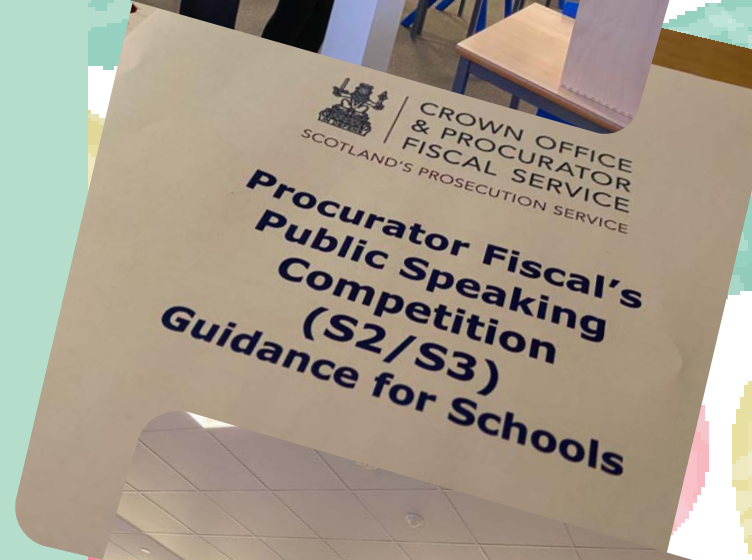
Science Club

This term at Science Club we have been working through a Witchcraft and Wizardry project, during which students have been conducting experiments inspired by Harry Potter, whilst working on gaining a CREST Discovery Award.



Public Speaking Competiton

Two teams of S2/S3 pupils recently participated in the Procurator Fiscal's public speaking competition organised by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. Speaking on the topic "online school is a more inclusive school", Amie Hopkins, Evie Fergus, Emily McSporran and Cara Moore had five minutes to put their case and then answer questions from Procurator Fiscal Deputes. Both teams were up against a team from Linwood High School in this first heat, and in the end we were victorious, with team Cara and Emily winning! They will go through to the final in April to be held in a Sheriff Court somewhere in Scotland. Well done to the four girls for participating, writing amazing speeches themselves and presenting in such a confident way.

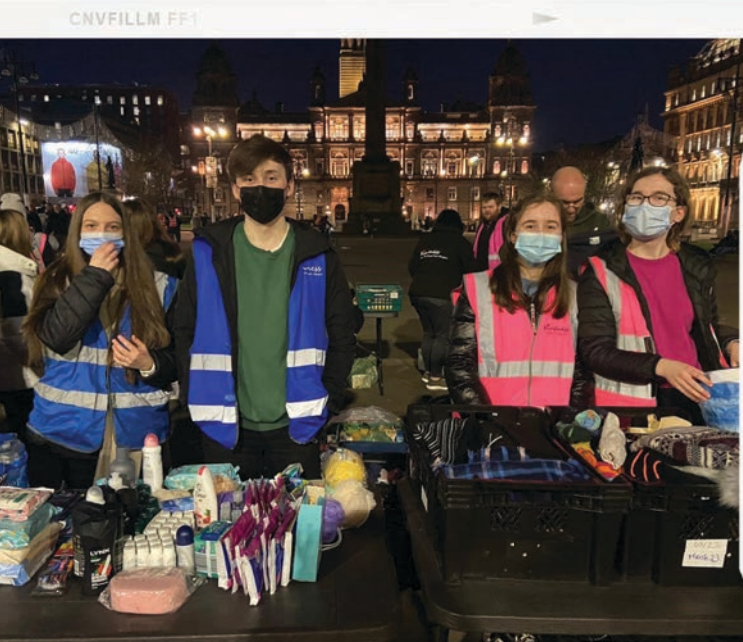


Charities



Our charities committee has worked tirelessly this term, building on their success before Christmas. They organised a "Week of Kindness" collecting clothing for local charities and organised to work with the Kindness Street Team in George Square, Glasgow, distributing food and blankets to those in need. They also made blue and yellow ribbons to sell to raise money for the crisis in the Ukraine. Well done to this fantastic group of young people!

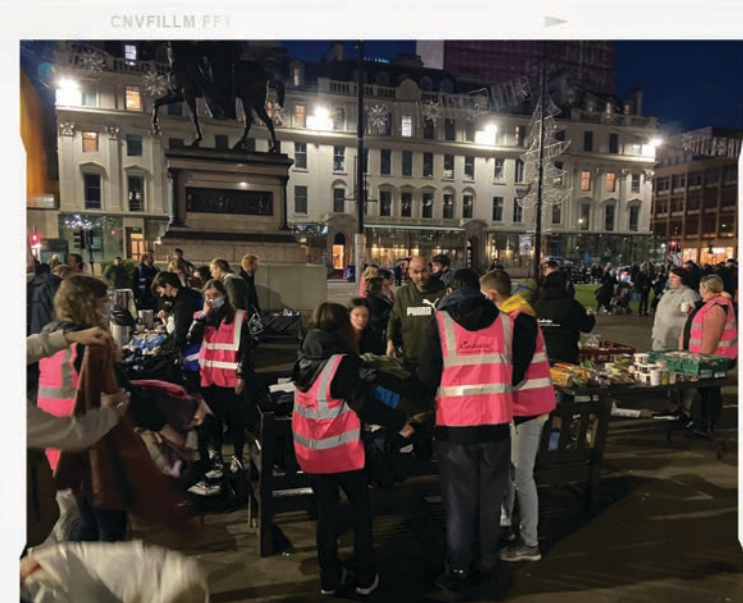




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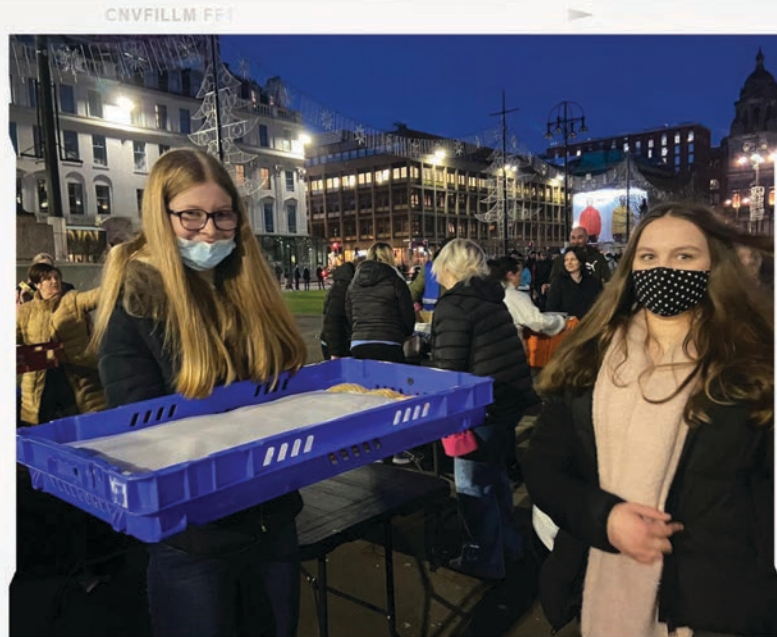
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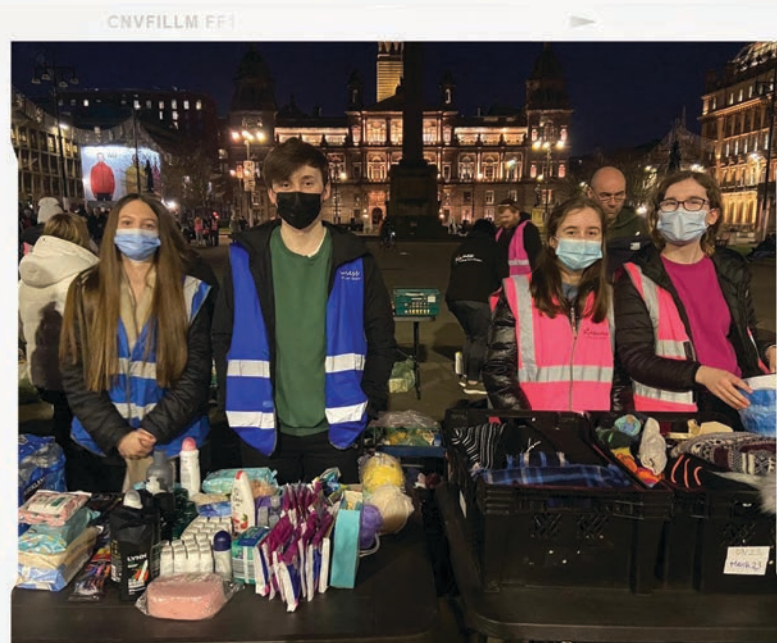
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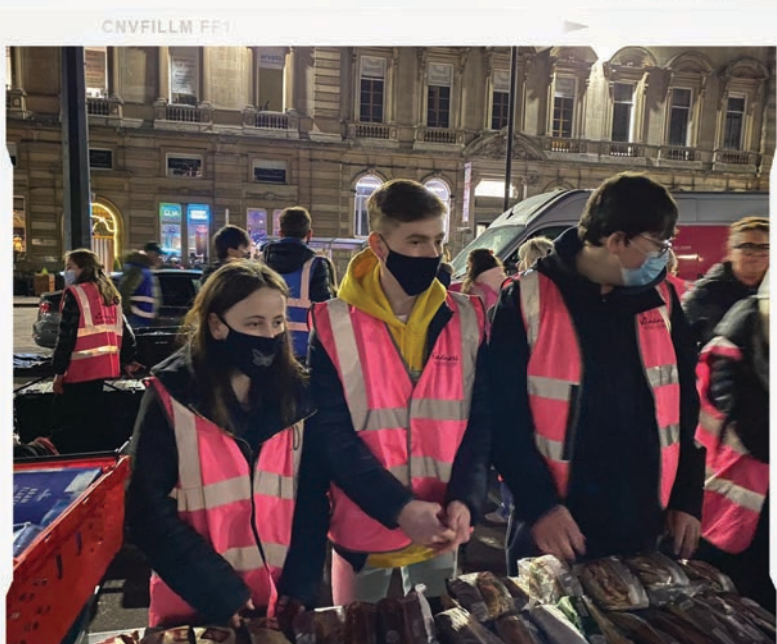
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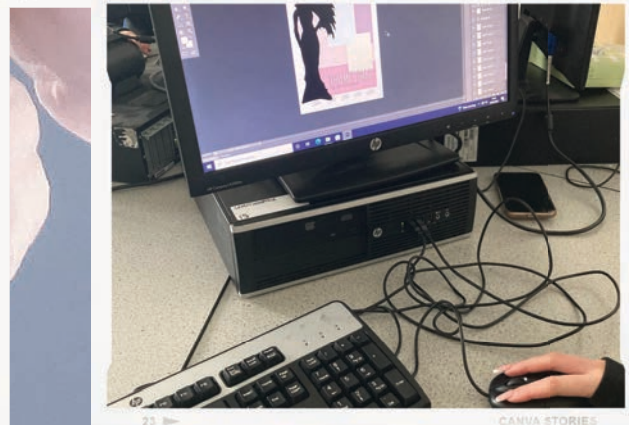
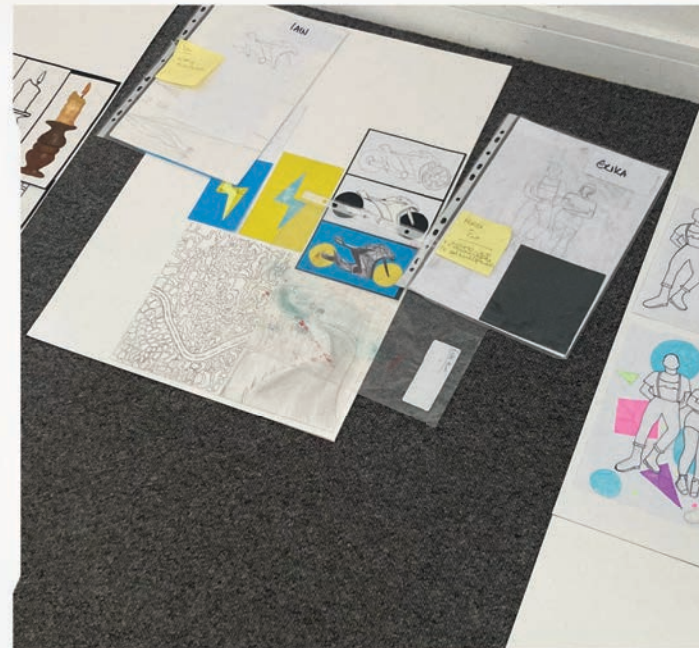
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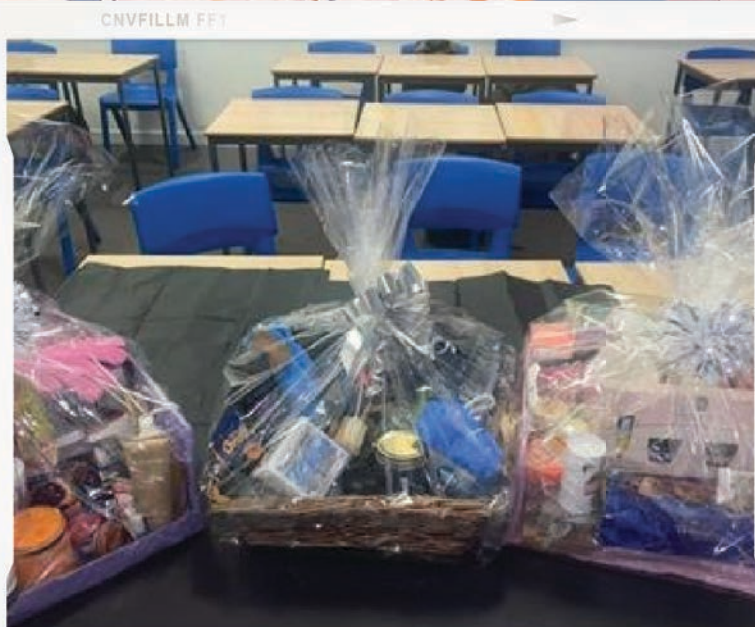
Art



PDA Class



We have been involved in a spring bulb show and craft fair where we were selling “grow your own” bags containing everything you need for planting your own herb seeds, vegetable seeds, wildflowers and bulbs



We hosted multiple raffles for teachers and staff. The prizes included 3 hampers containing candles, gift sets, chocolates and Pandora bracelets and charms donated by the Pandora team at Braehead.



PDA Class



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S5 Personal Development class are making a school garden full of plants and vegetables which will be sold at local markets and community events. This project has many aspects, we have a group building raised beds for the plants with woodwork and we have partnered up with the schools Eco Club to litter pick around the school and plant some beds. A group are planting herbs and vegetables and have seen success with mushrooms, tomatoes, chillies and numerous herbs.



Park Mains High School students at Erskine Community Garden. They helped litter pick, tidy up, re-stake & recover 1 side of the future forest, then started to dig out a potato patch



We have teamed up with community partners such as: Erskine Community Garden, Beaton Brothers, Morrisons, Dobbies, Paton's Place, Salvation army and Blend (their coffee grinds are brilliant fertilisers!)



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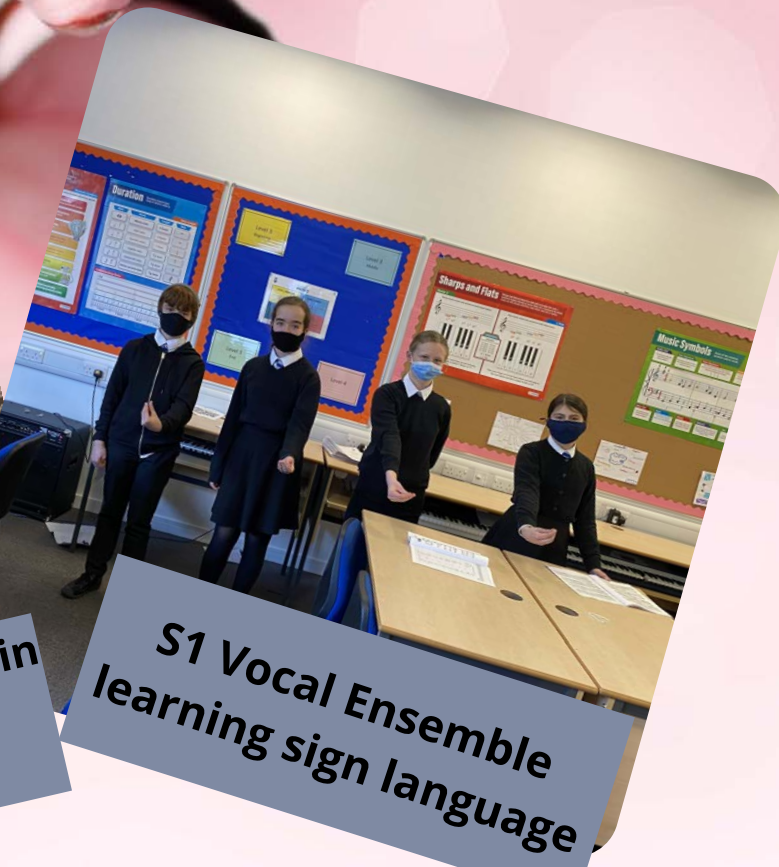
Music



In January, we took over 100 pupils through to Edinburgh to see the fabulous "School of Rock".



Pupil Voice has resulted in new guitars in the department



S1 Vocal Ensemble learning sign language





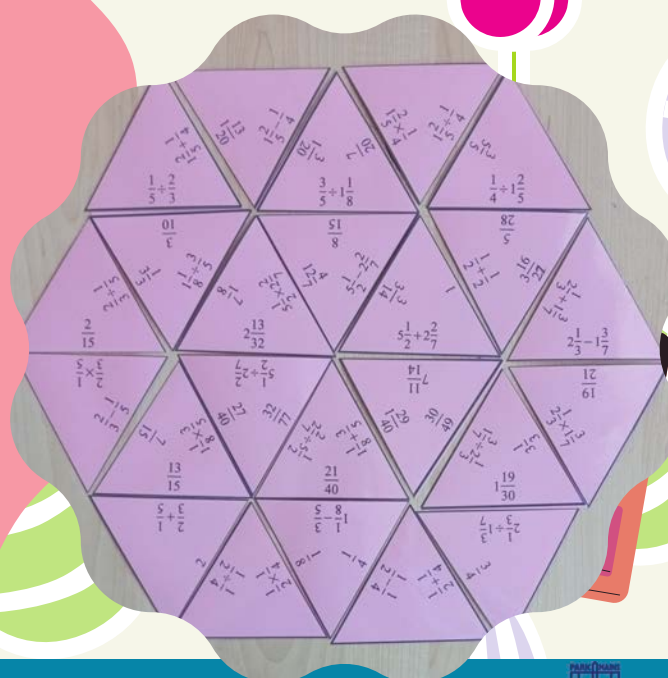
Maths Club



S1 & S2 Maths Club have been exploring a variety of mathematical puzzles, problems, and activities, all designed to build problem-solving skills and show the magic of maths.



Recently we have been gearing up for the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge which is coming up in April and will be a great chance to broaden horizons, challenge mathematical ability, and show off skills to earn awards!



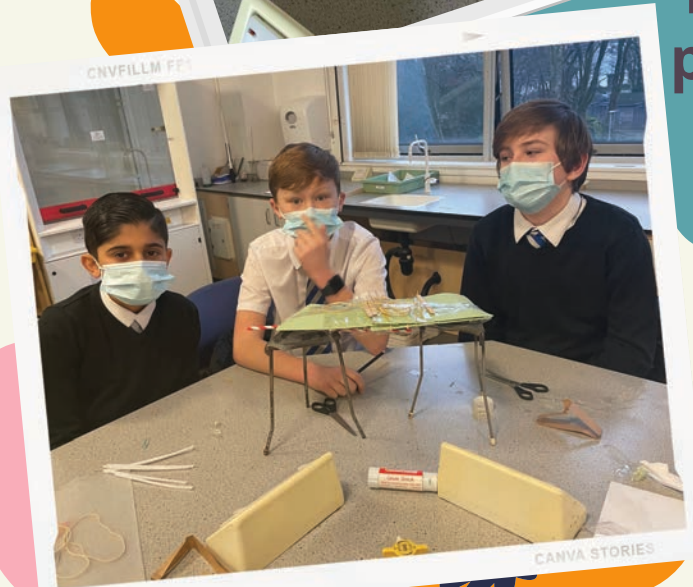


Reading Club is run by S6 pupils and is a quiet space for BGE pupils to have their lunch, read and share book recommendations. The group meets on a Thursday in Dr Stewart's classroom.

Mock election with 1G in the Social Subjects Department. Pupils created their own party name, party logo and party policies. Policies ranged from helping support mental health, pay rise for NHS workers and more money invested into education and to help support sexual assault victims. Young politicians in the making!



STEM



Fifteen S6 pupils have been working with the Science department to achieve their Level 6 Young STEM Leaders Award. This involves studying the theory of leadership and looking at the challenges that are faced in STEM education in Scotland. Pupils have planned and successfully delivered STEM activities to some of our S1 Science classes over the last two months. Well done to the S6 pupils involved and to the S1 pupils for taking part in these activities.



Summer Term

The SQA Exam Diet starts on the 26th April. We expect all exam pupils to be in full school uniform for exams. Masks will not be required to be worn in the exam room

Wishing the whole school community a sunny and restful Easter Holiday!

