

# Craigmarloch School

## Newsletter for Parents and Carers

21 March 2016.

Dear Parents/Carers

### Residential Experiences

S2 had a great week at Center Parcs. Swimming, walking, cycling – a huge variety of activities. They all thought it was good fun, Jack Thomson's favourite activity was Tree Climbing and Zac McAlinden's favourite was Bowling. Scott Wilson liked Paintballing, Gordon Waddell liked going to Bella Italia. The others Lucy McNulty, Ross Murphy, Ross O'Donnell and Sophie Sheridan liked everything!

Parents/carers paid £150 for their child and the School fund matched this amount plus a wee bit extra.



### School Spring Fete

This was a great success and we raised £1540.67 towards our Residential Experience Fund! Thank you to the members of the Parent Staff Association who worked so hard to raise this fabulous sum and particularly Morag McCracken, our Parent Council Chairperson who made sure the morning was really enjoyable for all who turned out to support us – parents, staff and friends of our school, including the Westburn Church who did not charge us for use of their Halls.

### Easter Assembly

Please join us for our Easter Assembly on Thursday 24 March. Parents/carers, families and friends are welcome to join us at 10.00 for tea/coffee and an Easter treat. The Assembly will start at 10.30AM.

### School Fund

Please remember that we would like families to make a donation of 50p per week to help us keep our school fund at a healthy amount. You can send this in weekly on a Monday morning or send £5 each term. This helps us to pay for weekly outings and end of term outings for all of our pupils.

### Work Experience

15 of our young people had a very positive Work Experience week from 7-11 March. Placements included Parklea Branching Out Project, St Andrews Primary School, the Waterwheel, West College Nursery, Fitzgerald Centre, Hair International, British Heart Foundation Shop, Boglestone Community Centre, Darroch Park, PE Department Craigmarloch School, Cardwell Garden Centre, Shoezone. From these one of our pupils has been asked to return as a regular volunteer and another pupil has been offered paid, part time employment.

### Achievements – Our Amazing Artists

*Big news this month!*

Lucy McNulty was runner up in the Royal Scottish Academy Art Competition. She is going back through to Edinburgh with the other pupils who entered the competition to see her work displayed. Lucy was awarded £150.



*Lucy at the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh*

Beth Donnachie was successful with her entry for the Education Scotland John Byrne Drawing Competition. She attended the award ceremony last Friday in John Byrne's home town of Paisley. She was presented with a certificate, a print signed by John Byrne and got to meet the man himself. A good few of us will be going to see her drawing on display.



Beth with her drawing on the right

We had a number of winners in the **Annual Burns Art Competition**. Secondary Pupils - The overall winner of the Cordelia Francis Trophy was Courtney Jannetts from S3. Highly commended - Beth Donnachie, S1; Cameron Blakely, S1; and Liam Cheshire S3. Daniella Murray P4 was the Primary Winner; 2<sup>nd</sup> was Cha Picken, also P4.

### and more Achievements .....

#### College Link Course

This week we have 15 pupils participating in the College Link Week in the Learner Development Department of West College Scotland. This gives our pupils the opportunity to experience college life and they, their families/carers and the college staff can make a decision about whether or not college is the most positive destination for them.

#### Craigmarloch Football Team News

Our football Team won the Greenock Trophy yesterday. Very well done to our team and their hard working coaches.



### Primary Schools Basketball Tournament

Some of our P5/6/7 pupils participated in the Inverclyde Basketball Competition earlier today – they did very well and (mostly) really enjoyed the experience.

### Downs Syndrome Awareness Week



This is Downs Syndrome Awareness Week. Wear odd socks to our Assembly on Thursday and have your photo taken for £1.

### Spring Holidays

- ❖ School closes for the Easter Weekend on Thursday 24 March and re-opens on Tuesday 29 March.
- ❖ School closes again for the spring break on Friday 1 April at 2.30 pm and re-opens on Tuesday 19 April.

### Staffing

We are really pleased that Mark Browne is working full time now as our new Music Teacher. We continue to have problems attracting supply teachers but posts have been advertised again and we hope they will be filled soon.

There will be some changes to the Leadership Team in Craigmarloch School next session. Both Mrs Janice Burniston and myself have decided to retire. Our jobs will be advertised very soon but we'll be here, working very hard for our school community, until June!

Best Wishes

Eileen Stewart, Head Teacher

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