

From the Head

St Margaret's had a great start to the debating season on Tuesday evening last week, with the first round of the North of Scotland Schools debating competition. Kasia and Sophie proposed the motion "This house believes that the only way is vegan", and were placed second out of the six schools competing. This stands us in good stead for the rest of this competition. Well done girls!



Congratulations also go to our hockey teams who won all their matches against Albyn School on Saturday!

Meanwhile back at school we welcomed 71 visitors as part of the citywide Doors Open Day.

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As part of our science topic about 'Rocks and Soils', 4 Junior were extremely lucky to have Sophie's dad who is a geologist, Professor John Howell, deliver a very interesting and informative talk. To start with, we looked at what geologists actually did. We then learnt about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, and how each one is formed. The rock specimens that John brought in for us to look at and feel were fantastic. The girl's found John's recent trip to Stromboli particularly fascinating, and even got to see one of his drones used for 3D volcano mapping! We were extremely grateful that John came to visit us, as we learnt so much!

Miss K. Maddison







Scotstown Moor - I Senior Team Building Event

Last Thursday Scotstown Moor was once again the setting for our I Senior team-building event, described below by Ellie Ong.

"Making the transition into I Senior took a bit of getting used to, especially for all the new girls. Our I Senior trip on Thursday to Scotstown Moor was a fantastic chance to catch up with everyone and make new friends. With our lovely guide, Jen, we helped the environment by picking up litter and cutting down overgrown bushes and nettles near the paths. After an energising lunch we had a go at some competitive den-building, using sticks, leaves or whatever we could find. The results were quite impressive, with a wide variety of shelters. At the end, Kildrummy emerged the victors, awarded with a total of 18 house points. Apart from the odd makeshift toilet, it was an amazing day out which we thoroughly enjoyed".

Other pupil comments:

"It was an enjoyable, fun-filled and exciting day for everyone and I know that I myself had a brilliant time getting to know everyone!" - Chloe IA

The thing I enjoyed most was working as a team to achieve a common goal." - Hiba IA

"What I enjoyed about the team-building day was that we got to know everyone better, even people we already knew too." - Rebecca IA

"Overall I thought the trip was fantastic and I would definitely go back." - Maisie IA



"There is nothing more fun than running about in bushes that are the same size as you and getting tangled in the vines." - Anna IA

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"I've had a really nice time. I would recommend this to anyone who likes the countryside, picking up litter, to help nature and having fun!" - Olivia IA

"My highlight of the day was using the loppers (garden clippers) to cut back overgrown plants." - Josie IA

"The I Senior team-building day was great." - Juliet IA

"I don't get excited that easily, however it was exciting that we got to do den building in the wilderness." - Noor IA

"My class did litter picking first and we all found interesting things like couches and tyres and even car batteries, which is not good at all so please do <u>NOT</u> drop your rubbish in the nature. Aberdeen City Council has provided us with bins and donation centres so let's use them properly." - Yoma IA

"I definitely think that everything was well prepared and anyone in the future that goes there will love it too!" - Milly IM



"I had such a great time at Scotstown Moor. I really enjoyed building the dens at the end. It was the perfect activity to end an enjoyable day." - Bukunmi IA





"One of my favourite parts of the whole experience was building dens. We had loads of fun in our group and I got to know more about some of my classmates and their personalities." - Hannah IM

"My favourite part was doing the den in our groups and our group did so super well!" - Hannah IM

"The entire trip was just a pure bucket of fun! I learnt a lot about other pupils in my year." -Shafira IM

"Litter picking was fun. We got to work and get to know people we didn't talk to much and it was great to know we were helping the community." - Vanessa IM

"Doing these three things taught me to look after the world and keep it as beautiful as possible and we also learned how to work as a team with IA included." - Sophia IM

"I thought that the day went really well and gave me a chance to speak to some girls from the other form class."- Camryn IM



The best thing of the day was building a den/fort. It taught me how to cooperate with people and use my engineering skills." - Jewel IM

"I really enjoyed myself with all my friends doing activities like path clearing, litter picking and a shelter building competition." - Lizzy IM

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"Whilst collecting litter me and my partner found so much plastic and quite a few cans." - Mia IA

"This day out was truly a great adventure and a bunch of good memories I will never forget."-Martha IA

"This was my first time at the team building and I like the activities. Today I spoke with new friends and practised my English a lot with a new friend in the bus when we returned to school." - Maria IA

"The last thing we did before going back to the bus was shelter building. That was my favourite thing and the most tricky." - Noemi IA

"Everyone had a lot of fun working as a team and building." - Rachel IA

"I really enjoyed today. I had so much fun. We did a lot of community service and teambuilding. I really enjoyed getting to know my classmates better and working with them too." -Laura IM

"I know that the pollution in this world is more than we know and we <u>need</u> to do something about it because we <u>can</u>." - Chizaram IM

"Chopping the trees was fun." - Alina IM

I worked with my group and found some strange litter pieces you wouldn't expect to see there, and I had fun spotting them." - Keanna IM

"I became annoyed because the further into the woods we went, the more litter we found." - Emer IM

"We learnt how to help the environment and make our planet a better place." - Angelica IM













It is always lovely to provide different experiences for the girls so this week we welcomed a dance specialist on Monday lunchtime for the 7J and senior pupils workshop through Fusion Youth Dance Company based at Citymoves. On Tuesday we had the tennis development officer come in to take the nursery to 3J classes during their PE lessons. There is an open day festival on this Saturday 7 September at Aberdeen Tennis Centre at Westburn Park. If interested you must register your child's place on CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK/ ABERDEENTENNISCENTRE/EVENTS

Hockey

Congratulations goes to Sarah Anderson who has been selected to play for the North U16 district team in a tournament next month.

Mrs K. Norval



Art and Design - What's On

<u>Young Artists workshops</u> Grays School of Art offer workshops for 5 – 16 year olds:

5 – 7 yrs Sat 12.15 – 1.45		8 – 10 yrs Sat 9am – 11.30
11 – 13 yrs Sat 2.30 – 5.30pm	1	4 – 16 yrs Wed 7pm – 9.30pm

More information can be found on the Gray's School of Art Short Course website.

Art Room exhibition

The Small Gallery. Aberdeen Royal infirmary, hosted by Grampian Hospital Art Trust. 2nd September to 19th September.

Indoor Art and Craft Market

Held on the 1st Saturday of the month upstairs at The Coffee House on Gaelic Lane off of Belmont Street.

Mrs J. Richardson



The first meeting of the electronic club took place this Friday. A small band of girls took the plunge to learn more about how to construct and understand circuits. They were introduced to breadboards, which allow circuits to be made and tested without having to use solder. As we make more circuits we will keep you updated on their progress.

Mr I. Garioch





Head Lice are a common problem in nursery and school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment, if necessary. Parents should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb (ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one). Remember that you are looking for living moving lice: these are the only evidence that your child is infected; empty white egg sacs are evidence of the fact that a head has been infected in the past.

If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

Ms K. Schmitz