



ST MARGARET'S

SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



WEEKLY NEWS

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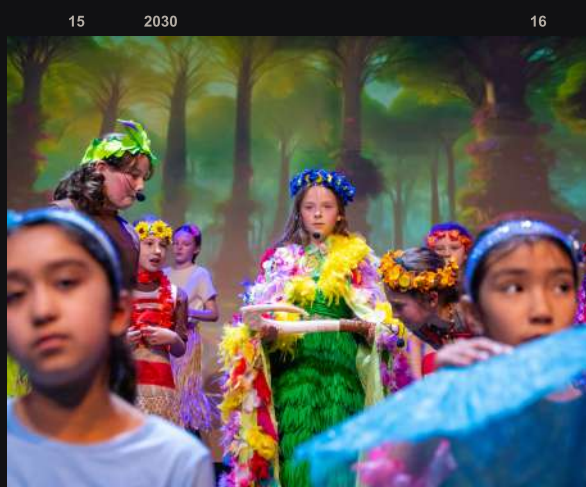
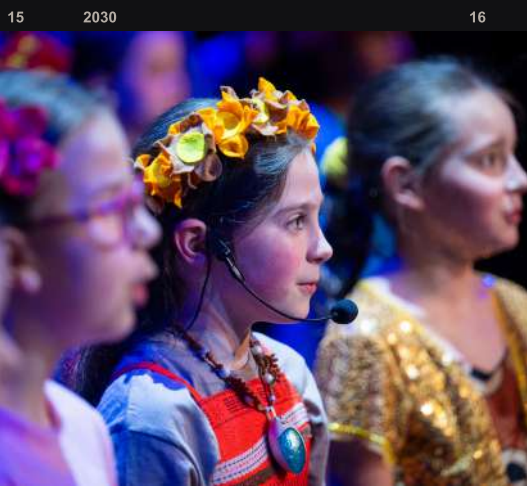
A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in the production of the Junior School Show, Moana Jnr!

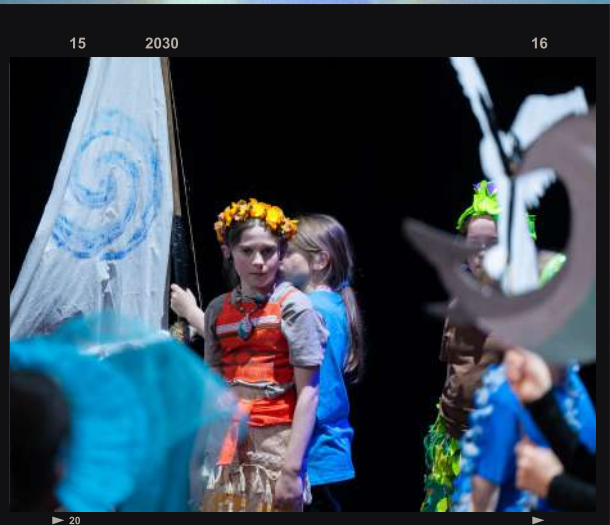
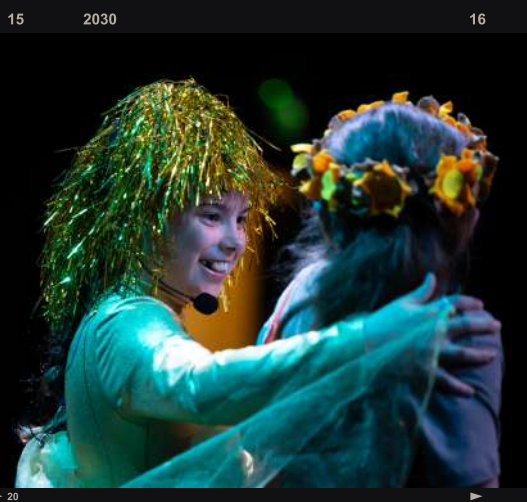
From the moment the curtain rose, the audience were swept away on an adventure by a tide of colour, music and song!

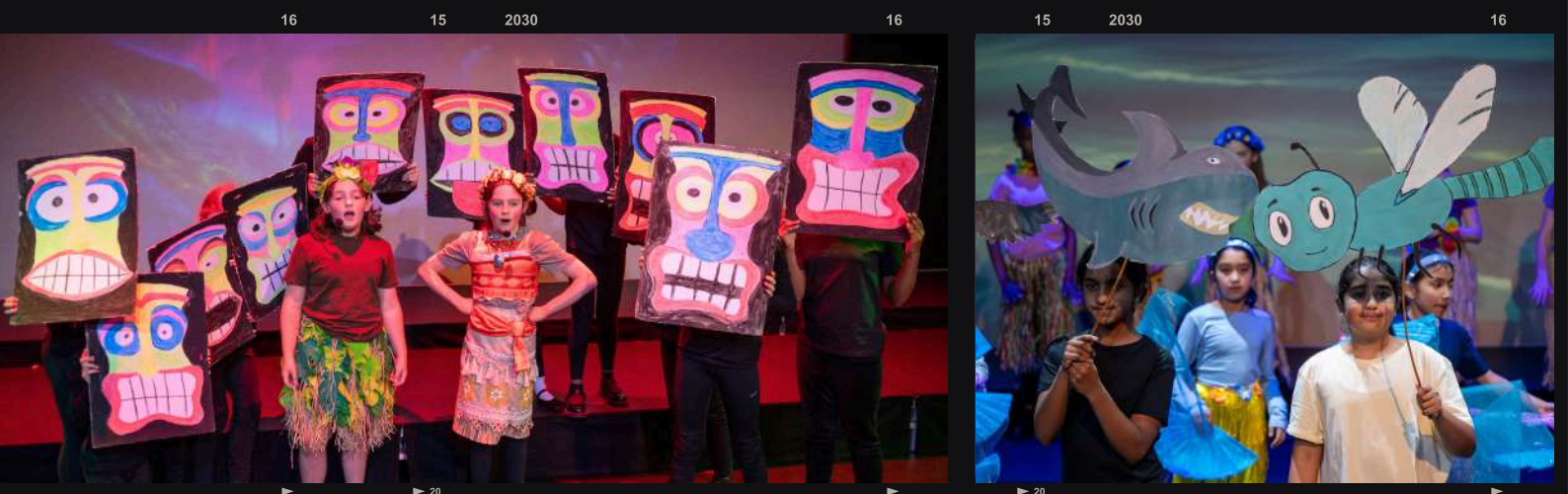
Congratulations again to the pupils and staff for delivering a show that truly captured the spirit of adventure, courage, and finding your way!

Please enjoy some of the incredible pictures taken by our professional photographer.











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Summer Drama Camp

Monday 7 - Friday 11 July

9.00am - 3.00pm

St Margaret's School for Girls is excited to welcome young performers to its Summer Drama Camp, running from the 7th to the 11th of July.

Open to boys and girls aged 8-14, this week long camp promises a week of creativity, confidence-building, and theatrical fun! Designed for budding actors, as well as those new to the stage, the Summer Drama Camp offers something for everyone! From acting workshops and improvisation, to singing, dancing, scriptwriting, and stagecraft, all led by experienced drama teachers.

With access to fantastic drama facilities at our school, young performers will have the perfect stage to explore their talents and bring stories to life, while also fostering teamwork, self-expression, and confidence in a supportive environment.

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! Secure a place today and let your child step into the spotlight this summer!

Book a place [here](#)

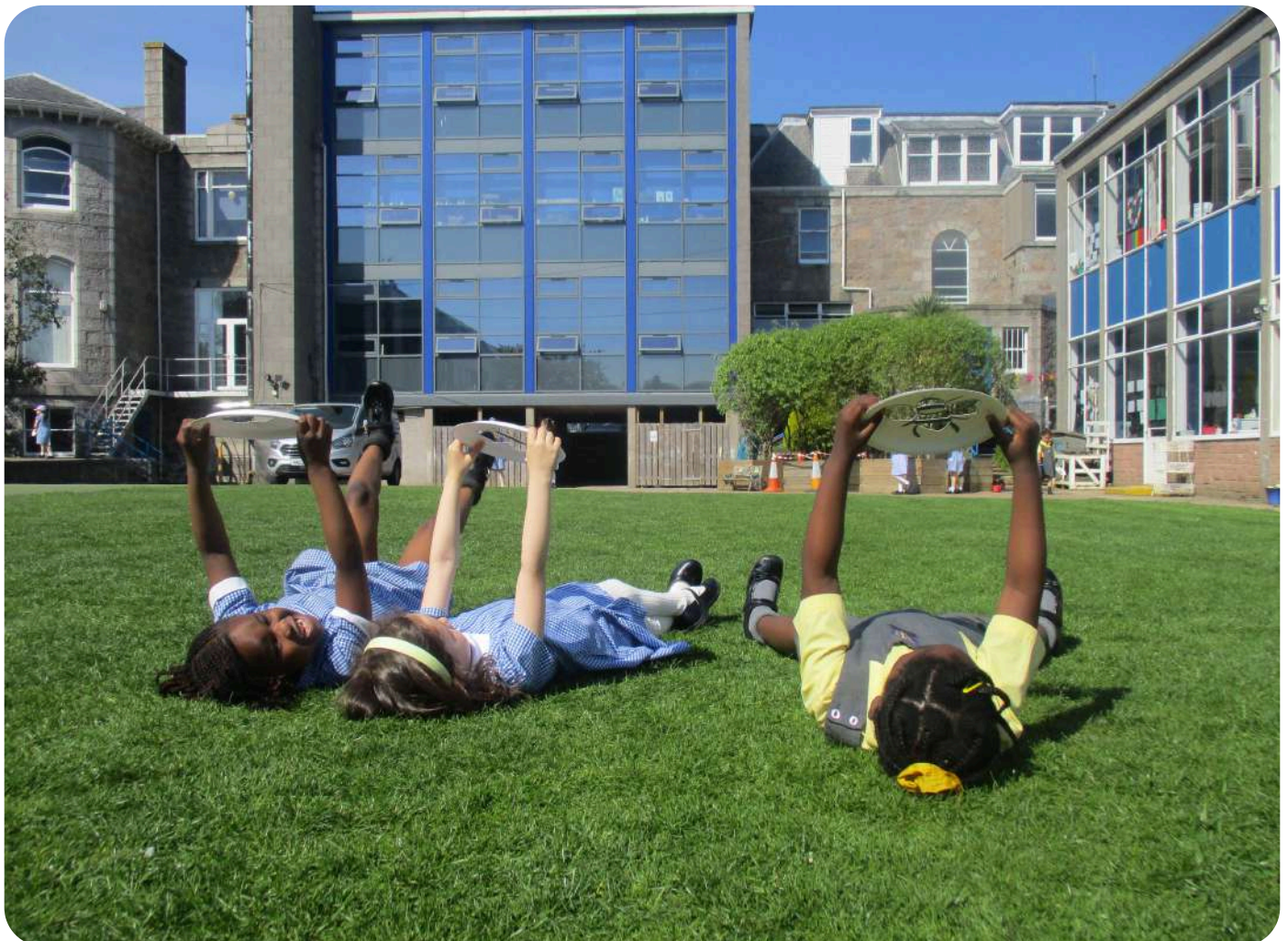
1J & 2J Making Connections & Team Building

Mrs Nesbitt



Mrs Nesbitt snapped this wonderful picture of some of the girls from 1J and 2J taking their learning outside. The girls were doing some outdoor learning together with a focus on making connections and team building. The girls were looking at textures and colours in the environment through a picture template.

What the girls were also learning is that here at St Margaret's, **the sky is the limit**. To find out more, click [here](#).

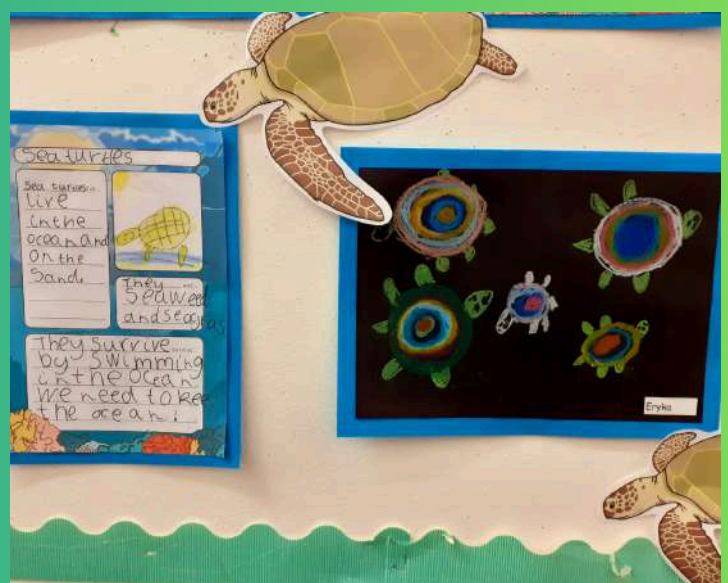


1J Sea Turtle Fact Files & Rainbow Art

Mrs Nesbitt

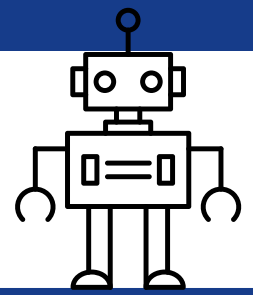


1 Junior have been busy working hard on some turtle-y awesome Fact Files about Sea Turtles! As if that wasn't cause for shell-ebriation enough, they've also made some beautiful rainbow Sea Turtle art too!



7J Robotics & AI

Mrs O'Neill



7 Junior were delighted this week to have a visit from Mr Bamford who spoke to the class about his work with Robotics and AI. The girls heard about the recent developments in robotic engineering and how in the very near future humanoid robots will become commonplace in our everyday lives. Mr Bamford explained some of his recent work to the class, which involved building a robot which can identify, lift and place avocados in packaging.

He explained to the class how the use of AI in the future could be extremely beneficial, but could also unfortunately be used in a negative way. The girls considered the many areas that AI could support us such as in medical, science and research fields as well as how it could support people with both learning and physical difficulties. The visit definitely left 7 Junior with a great deal to think about and ideas of how they could incorporate robotics into their Stemovator schools of the future.



IIS Geography Field Trip

Aberdeen Beach

Mrs Stone

On Thursday 8th May the whole of II Senior participated in a geography field trip to Aberdeen Bay. The purpose of this field trip was to consolidate the information learned in class about marine pollution, coastal erosion processes, sea defences and land use along Aberdeen's esplanade. The fieldwork results will be used to complete an assignment which will form the final grade for the coasts unit (the final unit in II Senior geography).

We started our fieldwork on the beach where the girls carried out a quality survey to determine value for money, appearance and the effectiveness of those defences. The girls then observed the process of longshore drift, while counting waves, in order to determine whether they were constructive (build beaches up) or destructive (remove materials from beaches). We also studied the effects of erosion on bedload (a process called attrition) by measuring the long axis of randomly selected pebbles. The girls used the Power's shape index to determine angularity/roundness of pebbles. The final beach task involved measuring the height of sand on either side of the groynes to determine whether they are effectively retaining sand/pebbles on the beach.



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The girls then enjoyed a well-deserved break on the esplanade, where they had the opportunity to purchase an ice cream. After this, they conducted a land use survey along the esplanade, making connections between the presence of the many businesses that provide employment and income, with the presence of the sea defences. Finally, we walked around Footdee, observing the features of this historic fishing village and recording information about the sea defences around the eastern age of the village.

The girls demonstrated a great deal of focus and interest in the work and asked many well-considered questions throughout the morning. I was extremely impressed with their enthusiasm throughout the trip.

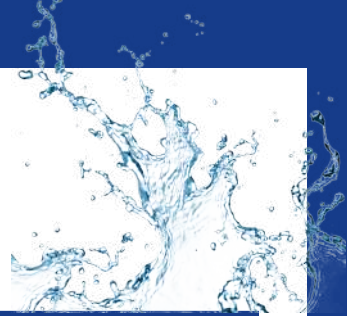


Many thanks to Miss Ghimpu, Mrs Hendry, Mrs Jennings and Mrs Reid for their help and support throughout the trip.



Pupil Pipeline Challenge

Mrs Miller



Our fundraiser is the pupil pipeline challenge and will be held on Friday 16th May.

The Pupil Pipeline is a fun and exciting challenge: the girls will work together to move 10 litres of water over 50m, in just 20 minutes, without leaving their spots and spilling as little as possible!

Globally, one in three schools have no clean water or toilets. By joining the Pupil Pipeline, we'll learn about the importance of water and help bring clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to other schools around the world.

Pupils will be asked to:

Save a washed recycled container from their lunch or from home, e.g. yoghurt pot, milk carton, takeaway container.

On the day, please bring in a voluntary donation of £2.

On the day, please bring PE kit to change into in case of spillages.

To find out more, please send me an email. You can also visit the event website at: **www.wateraid.org/uk/pupilpipeline** and learn more about WaterAid at: **www.wateraid.org**.

We really appreciate your help to make The Pupil Pipeline a huge success.

With thanks from

The Junior sustainability reps and Mrs Miller



WHAT CAN WATER BOTTLES TEACH US ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

We are taking on the Pupil Pipeline challenge

We will have 20 minutes to move 10 litres of water - anything goes and every drop counts. Donate £2 to WaterAid and help bring clean water to other children around the world.

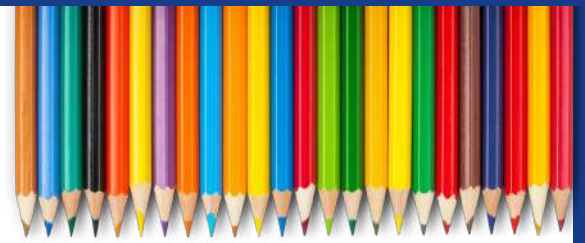


Registration numbers: England and Wales 298701, Scotland 50039479.



ART NEWS

Mrs Bedford



6 Junior Ceramics

Last week the girls had a chance to create their own monster characters using clay. These have now been biscuit fired and the girls will paint them to add colour. Here are just a few of the characters created.



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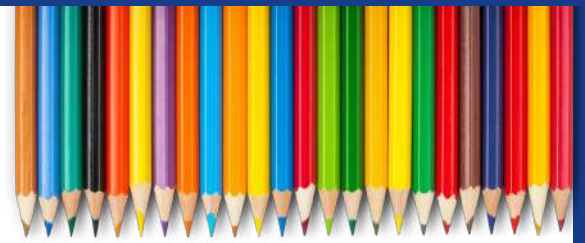
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II Senior Textiles

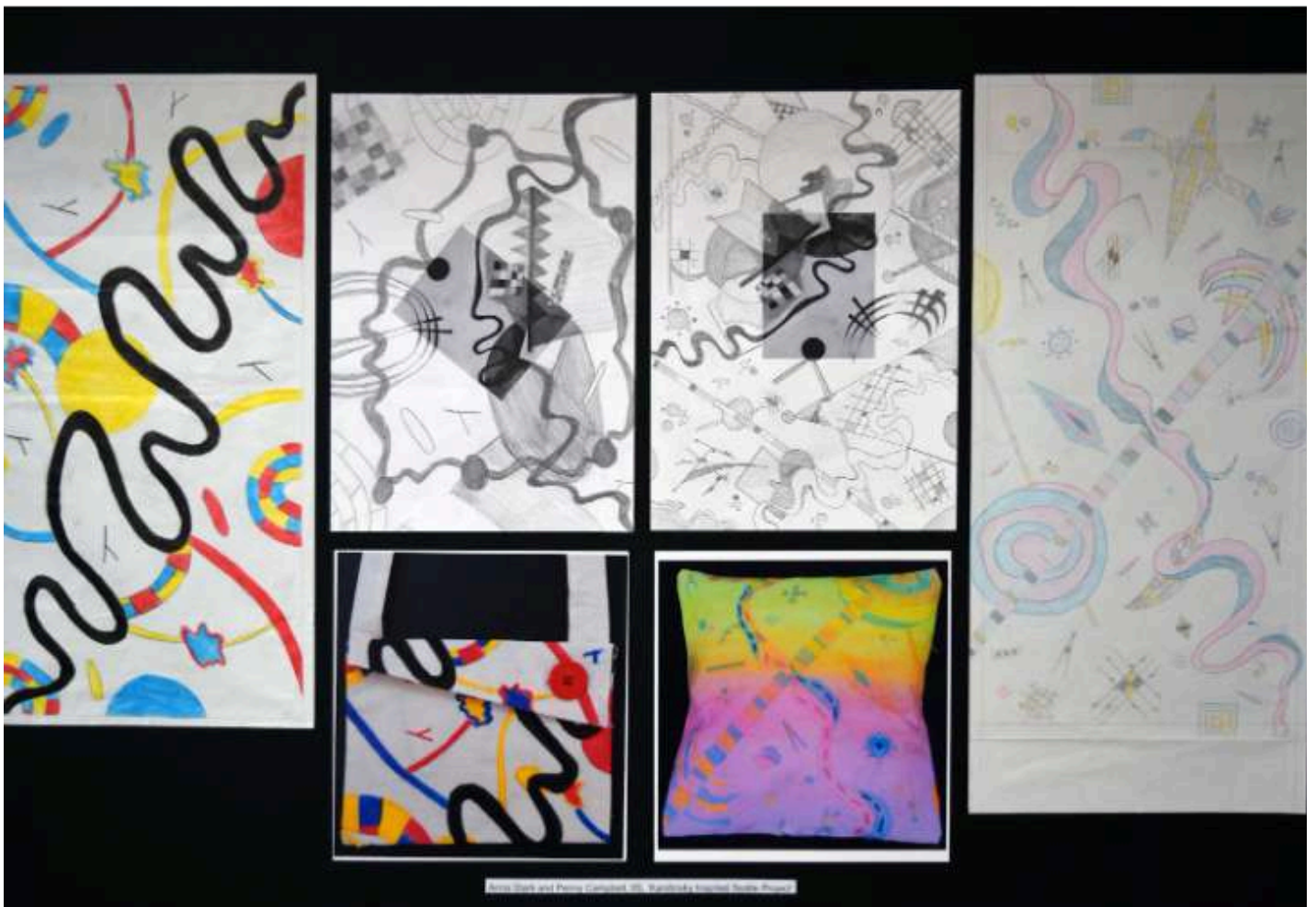
For the textile project a few of the girls decided to make a bag rather than a cushion cover. They had the option of a tote bag style or an envelope bag and they added straps and fastenings if they wished. These are just three of the bags finished this week.





Picture of the Month

This month's Picture of the Month was created by Anna Stark and Penny Campbell (IIS) and is from the Kandinsky inspired textile project.





Athletics

I am delighted we had another record breaker on Tuesday. Fern Hawkins in 7 Junior broke the high jump record - she set a new record of 126cm beating the 2019 record of 125cm.

Horse-riding

Congratulations go to Sophie O'Neill, Millie Leighton (both IIS) and Daisy Leighton (IVS) who competed against 68 other teams in the National Finals of the Pony Club Quiz in Sheffield last weekend. They had qualified for this after a local competition in February. There were a variety of age categories with our pupils competing in both the Senior and Junior/Senior teams. I am delighted to announce that in the various categories they came home with two 1st places and a 7th place. This is a fantastic achievement.



PE NEWS

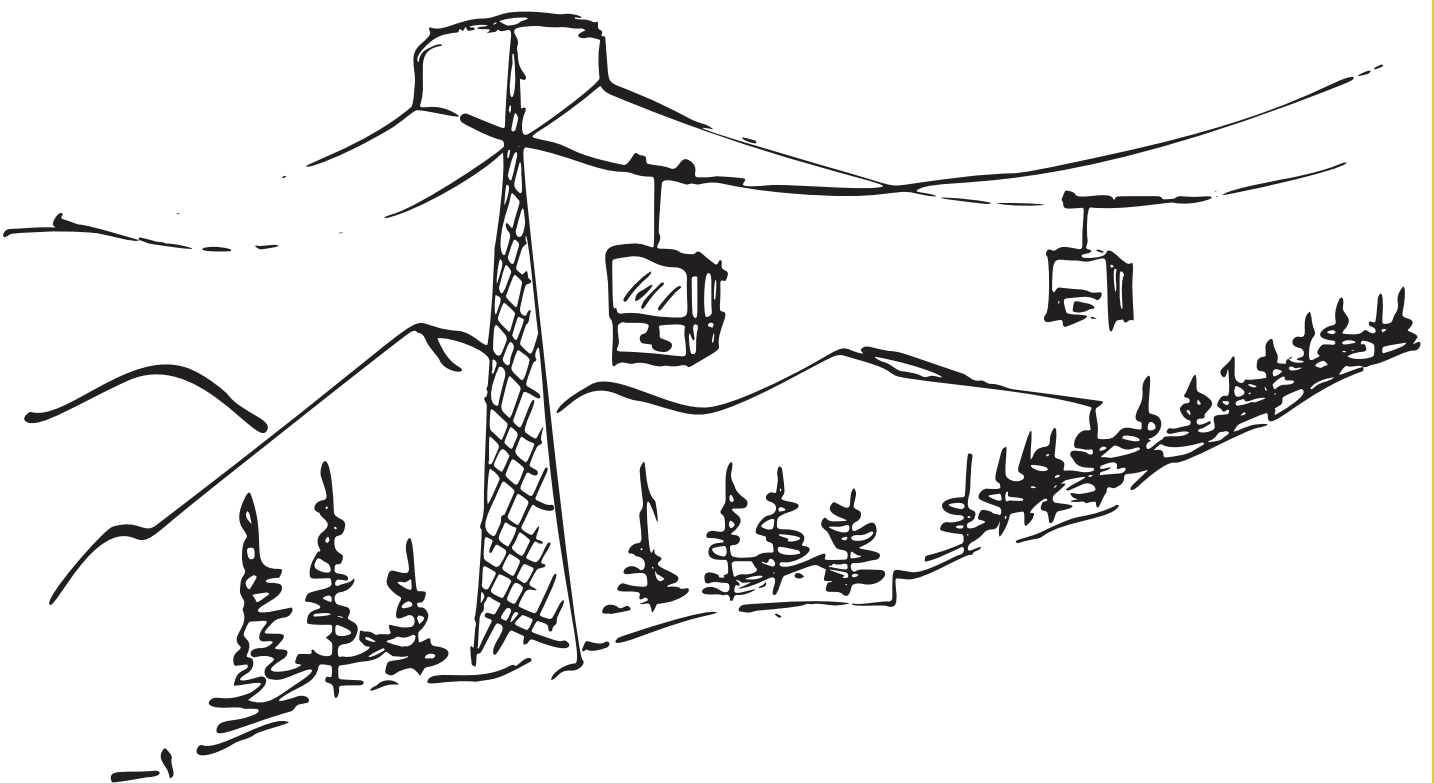
Miss Miller



On Wednesday, two of our junior pupils took part in the Scottish Primary Schools Dryslope Championships North Qualifiers. Maisie Arnott (3J) and Stephanie Heiton (5J) joined 105 other talented young skiers.

Stephanie competed in the P5-7 category, where she put in a solid performance, staying calm and composed throughout. Maisie competed in the P1-4 category and secured an impressive second place overall, earning her a spot in the finals in Edinburgh!

A huge well done to both girls, and special thanks to the parents for their support.



Nursery News

Mrs Simpson



At paired reading this week, the children listened to a story called Nurse Clementine. After listening to it, the nursery children and 3J girls made thank you cards for Nurse Millie, our school nurse.



This was a great way to promote discussions about books and link books to real life situations.



This also provided the nursery children with the opportunity to develop their pencil control and fine motor skills.

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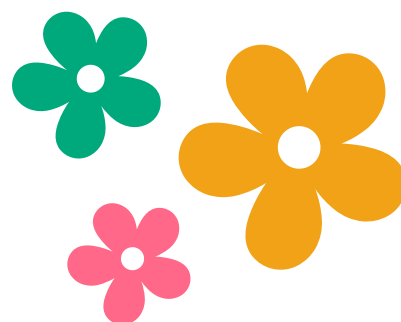
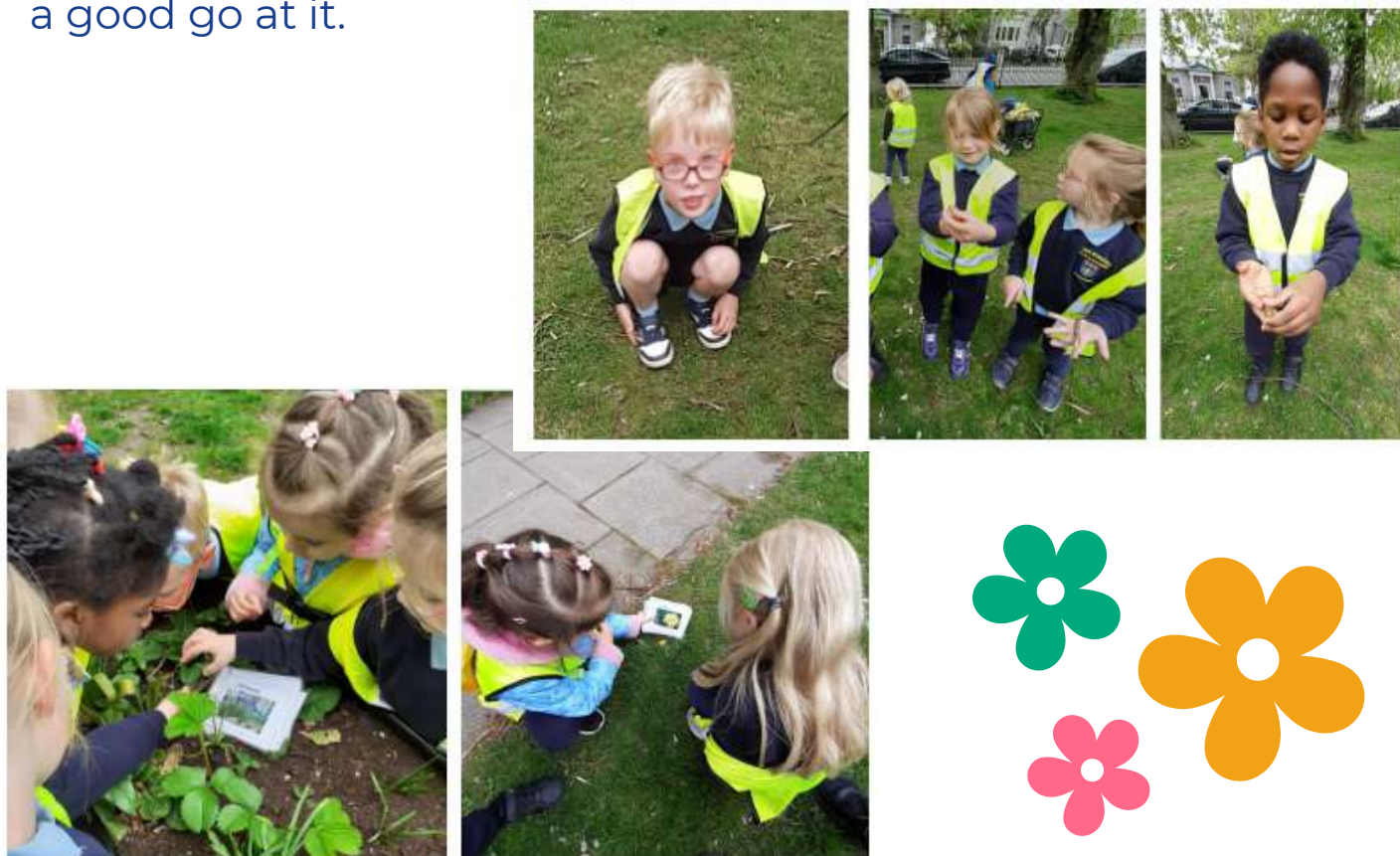
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In nursery we have been talking a lot about Spring and the changes happening outdoors. Some children suggested we make some flowers to display in the nursery.

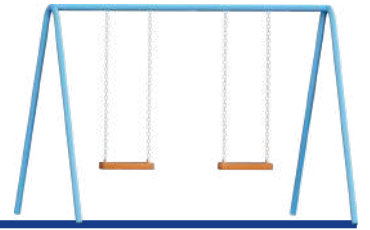


This interest was extended when out for a walk. The children were using labelled pictures to identify some of the flowers growing nearby. There were some we did not know the names of so we took photographs to research them in nursery. The children were challenged to find sticks longer than their shoe and the same size as their hand - it was tricky but everyone had a good go at it.



After School Care

Mrs Stirling



There were some complicated marble runs being constructed this week at ASC! There were also some beautiful Hama beads being done, including an octopus & a parrot. Plenty of downtime was also enjoyed in the den. At one point though I thought a ghost had snuck into the dining room, but it was only Rebecca under a blanket - PHEW!



Rights Respecting Schools Article of the Week

Nandi Dasar IIS



Nandi's article this week sheds light on the harrowing reality of child soldiers and the devastating impact of war on children across the world.

The article references **Article 38** of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which prohibits child recruitment into armed forces and advocates for extra protection during conflicts. Despite this, children in conflict zones today still suffer greatly.

UNICEF and other humanitarian groups are actively working to support and protect children in these crisis areas. The article ends with a passionate call to action: for individuals to remain informed, use their voices to raise awareness, and contribute to building a safer, more compassionate world for children everywhere.

To read the full article, please click [here](#).

St Margaret's Way Challenge

Join us on the next stages of the St Margaret's Way Challenge on 11 May and 8 June

This term, Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Robson will continue their journey along the St Margaret's Way, the historic route from Edinburgh to St Andrews named after Queen Margaret of Scotland. We warmly invite current families and the wider St Margaret's community to join us for one or more sections of the challenge.

The next stages will be:

Earlsferry to Crail: 9.6 miles (estimated), Sunday 11 May
Crail to St Andrews: 10.5 miles (estimated), Sunday 8 June - Final Stage!

If you would like to join either stage of the walk please sign up [here](#).

For more information about the challenge and future walks please visit: <https://stmargaretsconnect.com/#stmargaret'sway>.



Aberdeen Beach Clean

Mrs Miller

Aberdeen Beach Clean Sunday 18th May 11:00-13:00

Our Senior sustainability reps have been working this year on our theme of Sustainability Development Goal 6: clean water and sanitation. They have been keen to link their work with SDG 14: Life below Water and UNCRC Article 24: health, water, food and environment and would like to encourage the school community to join the beach clean organised by Aberdeen Climate Action on Sunday 18th May.

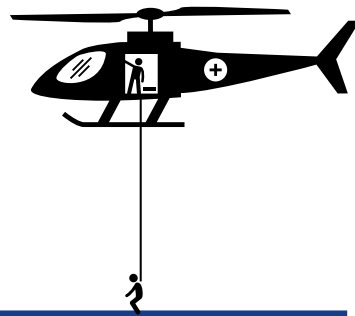
All equipment is provided, and the meeting point is at the public toilets in Footdee at 11:00 sharp.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at the [link here](#)



Fundraising for Aberdeen Mountain Rescue

Mrs Oldham



In order to raise funds for the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue, I am taking part in a challenge with my running club - the Cosmic Hillbashers.

The challenge is to gain the equivalent of 35275m of elevation as a combined effort during May. This height corresponds to the summit heights for all Munros in our patch. Elevation gained when climbing the stairs at school does not count I am afraid...

If you would like to contribute to this fundraising initiative, you can find the justgiving page [here](#).

Thank you very much!

Cosmic Hillbashers



**ABERDEEN
MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale & Summer Fair

Join us for the PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale and Summer Fair on Saturday, June 14th, from 10am to 12pm.

We need volunteers to help out on the day so if you would like to organise a stall or help on the day please get in touch. Contact us at PTA@st-margaret.uk if you can help.



PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE & SUMMER FAIR



Saturday 14th June

10.00am - 12.00pm

@ St Margaret's School for Girls



Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Parent Survey

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This is a reminder about taking part in the ELC parent and carer survey. The survey is for all parents and carers with children aged 0-6 who have not yet started school. The survey asks about your views and use of early learning and childcare in Scotland and should take around 15-20 minutes to complete. Those who complete this can enter a prize draw for a chance to win 1 of 8 £100 Love2Shop e-gift vouchers.

You can access the survey here:
<https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/ELCparents>

The survey will be available until Friday 23rd May 2025. Please feel free to share this survey with other parents or carers of children that you know (e.g. via parent / nursery WhatsApp groups).

This survey is being carried out by the Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen) on behalf of the Scottish Government. For more information about the study, please visit the study webpage: www.natcen.ac.uk/ELCparents