

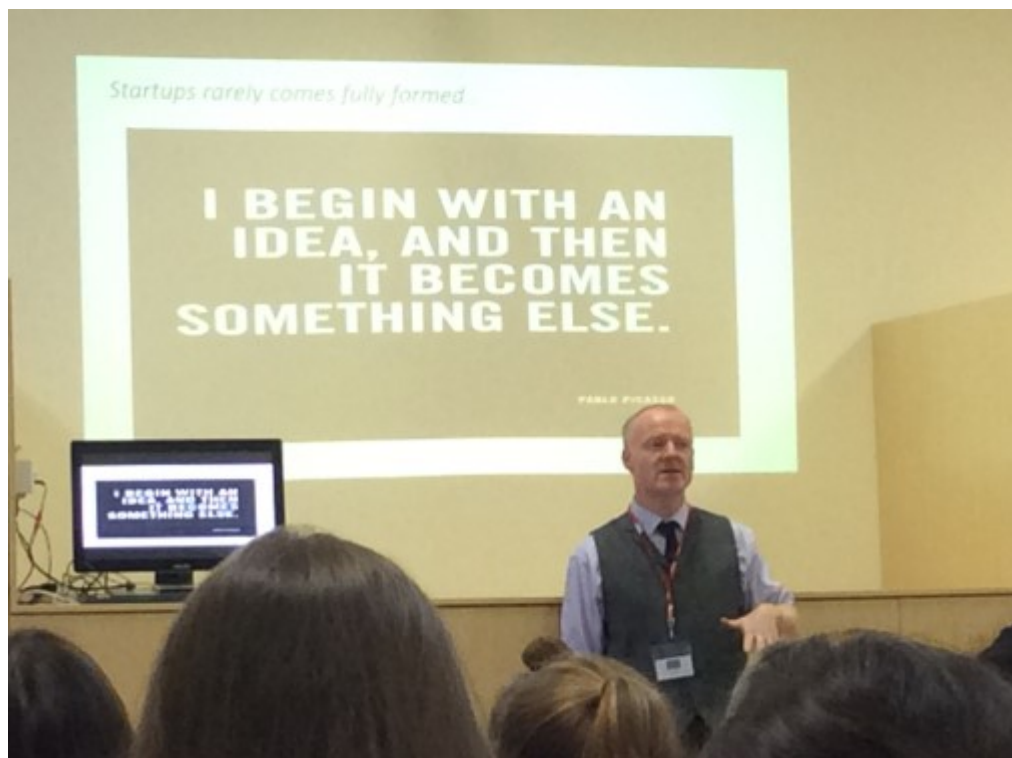
Weekly News 11th January 2019



From the Head

We have enjoyed welcoming pupils back to school this week and extend a particularly warm welcome to the new families who have joined our St Margaret's community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the generous donations to the Carol Service collection through which we raised £1002.32 for Age UK.

This morning our V and VI Senior girls have made a positive start to 2019 as they attended a lecture about innovation and the future of work, delivered by RGU's Vice-Principal, Professor Gordon McConnell. The content addressed how the next generation will work, and all the new technologies referred to as the Fourth Industrial Revolution or Second Machine age (robotics, AI, Machine Learning, Internet of Things etc.), and how this will affect the world at large. In particular Professor McConnell spoke about the skills that future graduates will need and how to prepare for employability at a time when it is predicted that within 15 years 40% of jobs currently carried out by humans will not exist. He also spoke about the importance of being ready to embrace the opportunities that we have not even imagined yet. This informative presentation has certainly fired up our imagination as we start the new term!





Winter Wonderland

At the end of last term, VI Senior held their annual Winter Wonderland charity event. The girls were treated to a lucky dip, Christmas cookie decorating, train tombola, a chocolate fountain and Santa's grotto. A few brave individuals, (including some members of the Senior Leadership Team) belted out their favourite tunes on the karaoke machine! The event was very well attended, and the girls were full of Christmas cheer. An impressive sum of £449.77 was raised for Halfpenny-Farm Animal Sanctuary.

Mrs S. Stirton



 Picture of the Month

January's picture of the month is 'Self Portrait Aspirations', and is by Megan Sekulin and Folami Olawuyi in II Senior.





Buddy Grandmas and Grandpas - Festive Fun

For our last visit of 2018 we decided to have some festive fun. Our buddy grandmas and grandpas helped us to make a Christingle whilst we taught them our dice game. We also sang the song Mrs Wiedermann had taught us, 'By the Fireside'.

Mrs E. Gibb





Buddy Grandmas and Grandpas - Festive Fun (continued)





3 Junior - A Cultural Experience

As our topic on Scotland draws to an end we had the opportunity to taste some more traditional Scottish fayre. Mrs Gerbrandy helped us bake some tattie scones; some of us used white potato and some used sweet potato. We had to sieve, mix, knead, roll and wait. Whilst we waited for them to cook we helped clean our workspace. Once they were cool we ate them along with some other famous Scottish dishes. We had haggis (or vegetarian haggis) and of course, we washed it all down with some Irn Bru!

Mrs E. Gibb





3 Junior - Sharing is Caring

Our Health and Wellbeing topic last term has been friendship and kindness. We have learned lots about what it means to be kind and the behaviours we like to see in our friends.

The winter elves visited us in December and gave us all three challenges to complete. One of the challenges we were given was to donate a toy, book or piece of clothing. We were not allowed to buy something new but had to give away something that we have enjoyed. It was hard to do but we collected our things to donate to the local PDSA shop.

Mrs E. Gibb





6 Junior - Instant Neighbour

Last term, Susan Cheyne from Instant Neighbour came in to collect the food donations 6 Junior girls collected over the month of December. Their good deeds at home and for others resulted in them earning over 150 items of food and treats for the food bank. We hope to continue to support Instant Neighbour throughout 2019.

Mrs G. Wyatt





Street Dance

Last term, the girls from Street Dance Club performed several dances to raise money for the Accord Hospice in Paisley. Gillian, our instructor, is delighted that she can hand over £246.25, which was raised from her donating her fees and a collection from staff and pupils who came to watch the performance.

Mrs K. Norval



Ballet

The girls from Ballet Club were delighted to dress up in tutus at the end of last term and perform a variety of dances to staff, friends and family. The girls danced very well, despite only starting the Club in August.

Mrs K. Norval

