



Weekly News 2nd November 2018



From the Head

To mark the 50th anniversary of the first female crew on RNLI lifeboats, St Margaret's pupils and staff were fortunate to hear both an assembly talk by two local crew members, Susan and Kirsty, and to visit the RNLI lifeboat station at Aberdeen docks. They learnt much about this life saving charity which has a particularly strong place in the hearts of maritime communities such as Aberdeen. It was inspiring to hear of the commitment by the many volunteers doing not just sea faring jobs, but others in support roles. At the station there was some 'hands on' time looking around both the smaller inshore lifeboat and the larger all weather lifeboat, and it provided an excellent insight into the harsh conditions endured by crew when it's necessary to set out to sea in bad weather. We were particularly grateful to Susan, Kirsty, Bill, Terry and Hannah for 'showing us the ropes'. Our collection at St Margaret's Day Service on 16th November will be for RNLI.



This weekend will see hockey matches versus RGC, the exhibition of the Democracy Poster Award and, of course, further show rehearsals. Tickets for Cinderella are available to purchase at: www.aberdeenperformingarts.com. We are all in for a treat!



North of Scotland Schools Debating Competition

Sarah Mackay and Jess McClure came first in Round 3 of the North of Scotland Schools debating competition. The motion was 'This House would legalise all drugs.' Both girls gave an excellent performance and their victory was well deserved.

Mrs H. Jennings



Parking Near School

The safety of our girls and others is of paramount importance, so we need to draw parents' attention to recent complaints about hazardous parking in the vicinity of the school. City Council wardens have also asked us to remind parents to park in a safe place on public roads when dropping off and collecting children, and not on double yellow lines - where parking may result in a fine. It is also a danger to other road users and pedestrians and it causes congestion, particularly on the short stretch of Rubislaw Terrace opposite the school. Cars should otherwise park at the side of the road when dropping off or collecting children, who should always get in and out on the pavement side.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr A. Mountain
Bursar



Parent Event - 'Left to their own devices'

Care for the Family is a national charity that is dedicated to promoting strong family life and helping those who face family difficulties through events, resources and initiatives. They are regularly contacted by parents who are worried about their children's use of digital devices.

Care for the Family have designed an event to promote digital guidance and practical tips for parents of 8 to 13 year olds. An evening event '*Left To Their Own Devices?*' will be held in Aberdeen on Tuesday 6th November at Deeside Christian Fellowship on Bingham Drive.

The event will help to:

- provide parents with the tools to confidently navigate the highs and lows of the digital world;
- encourage more positive behaviour in the classroom and improve learning;
- support your online Ofsted requirements through helping to "use technology safely and respectfully".

Hosted by Katharine Hill, author of the book *Left To Their Own Devices? – Confident Parent in a World of Screens*, the event will equip parents with lots of practical tips. Topics covered will include: how to engage positively with children's digital habits; the impact of the most popular social media tools; ideas for effectively managing screen time; and ways to nurture online resilience within the family.

For further information please visit their website at: <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/>

Ms K. Schmitz



PTA Uniform Contact Details

After many years of dedication to the St Margaret's PTA Uniform sale, Mrs Lesley Streether has now handed over the reins to Mrs Gillian Corry. Gillian can be contacted at dwccorry@aol.com - please do get in touch with any uniform queries or requirements. Gillian, the PTA and the St Margaret's community would like to thank Lesley for her hard work during her tenure.

Ms Karen Schmitz

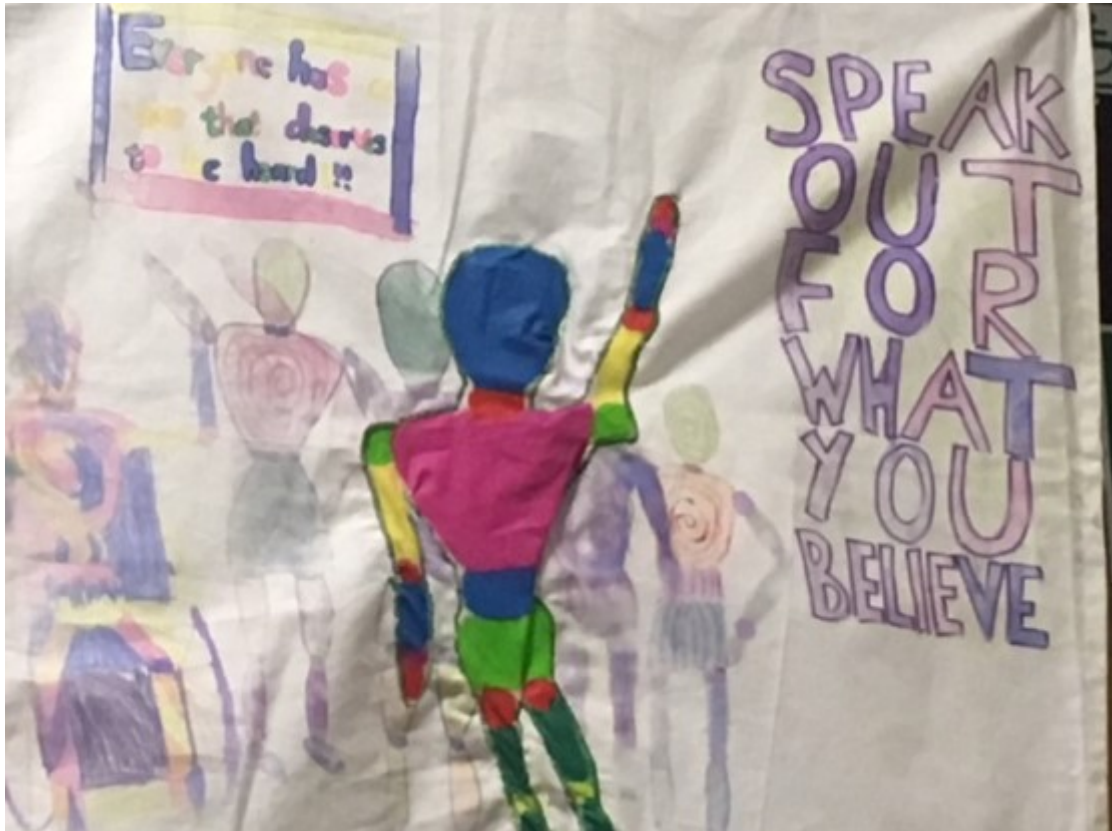


Art and Design News

It has been one hundred years since women won the right to vote, and St Margaret's ran a poster competition for Primary 5 to 7 children classes from schools in the City and Shire, with prizes being awarded this coming Saturday.

7 Junior have been looking at the exquisitely embroidered banners of the suffrage movement. The girls thought of democracy inspired slogans and made decorative drawings of figures. Using transfer crayons, the girls successfully made a collaborative modern banner for democracy.

Mrs J. Richardson



PE News

Gym Cup Competition

Last Tuesday we had just under eighty girls competing in the annual gym cup competition from 4J upwards. PE staff, along with Ms Dressel, had the hard task of deciding the winners after a very enjoyable and varied display of routines; results are on the following page.

Biathlon

Several girls competed in a Scottish Saltires biathlon event comprising running and swimming last Sunday at the Aberdeen Sports Village. We were delighted to hear the following results – fourth place Katy McKee (U9), second place Laura Durringer (U13) and first place Anel Suyerbayeva (VS). Well done to everyone who participated.

Mrs K. Norval
Head of PE



Gym Cup Results 2018 - 2019

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4 Junior

- 3rd – Fantastic Gymnastics – Elene & Rose
- 2nd – The Pirate Princesses – Melody & Millie
- 1st – The Pirate Besties – Aditi, Hannah, Katy, Stella, Bukayomi



5 Junior

- 3rd - Ellie
- 2nd – Sunshine Girls (Ruth & Daisy)
- 1st – Pirate Spirit (Eva & Yashila)

6 Junior

- 3rd – Lady MacPirates (Chloe, Erin & Emma)
- 2nd – Battle Crews (Jessica, Alex, Romy & Isla M)
- 1st – The 2 Scalleywags (Rishiga & Sarah)

7 Junior

- 3rd – Double Duo (Martha & Ife)
- 2nd – Flexible Friends (Chloe, Ruby, Anna)
- 1st – Battle of Life (Maisie, Juliet, Ellie, Rachel)

Seniors

- 3rd – Romanie, Charlie, Laura
- 2nd – Jorja, Vhairi, Tiana, Ellie
- 1st – Rachel & Joanna

Best overall gymnast **Ellie Ingram 5J**





3 Junior - Meeting our Buddy Grandmas and Grandpa

3 Junior visited Rubislaw Community Centre to meet our buddy grandmas and grandpa. This new initiative allowed us to chat, play games and interact together. We walked along in the rain, full of enthusiasm, to share our favourite games. We took Connect Four, Guess Who, Ludo, Make 15, Number snap and our maths dice game with us. We were quickly introduced and partnered with our buddy. It was our responsibility to explain the games and make sure they were played fairly! We changed buddies every 15 minutes to allow us to meet as many of our new friends as possible.

"We all enjoyed it." - Arabella

"It was fun!" - Emily L.

"It was amazing." - Fatima

"Wonderful." - Liz

Mrs E. Gibb and 3 Junior





4 Junior - Visit to Blairs Museum

On Tuesday of this week 4J visited Blairs Museum as part of their study on Mary Queen of Scots. The bus picked us up outside school at 9.00 and we made the short journey to the museum.

On arrival we were met by the curators, Amy and Elinor, who were going to look after us throughout the morning. We learnt the important job the curators do, in researching about the items in the museum from Amy, then Elinor spoke to us about Mary Queen of Scots. There were two large portraits of Mary, one of her as a young woman and one of her later in life. When we looked closely at the portraits we could find out more about Mary and some of the people who played an important part in her life. The biggest portrait called 'The Memorial Portrait' also depicted a small scene showing Mary's death. Did you know it took three attempts before her head was chopped off?

After listening to the story about Mary we had a worksheet to fill out and were given time to look for the answers around the museum. There was also some time for dressing up. We thought that was fun.

Finally we were taken in to the chapel which is a Roman Catholic chapel. It was very beautiful and we were shown the items that are used for Holy Communion. Rose even got a chance to try out the organ!

We had a great morning and are looking forward to continuing our study of Mary Queen of Scots and learning more about her gruesome execution!

Ms A. Dressel





October Holiday Club

The girls had a fantastic time during the holiday club and got involved in a variety of fun activities. On Monday, the Critter Keeper came to visit with some unusual creatures. I think the favourite was Sonic the Hedgehog who could do a little trick. Victoria (2J) had to pretend to be a tree so that the chameleon would sit on her head!

We took the public bus to Stonehaven on the Tuesday and had a good time playing in the park. It was quite cold so we were glad to warm up in Scallywags soft play centre.

Wednesday's activities included baking, making iMovies and having a pampering morning. The girls thoroughly enjoyed experiencing treatments at Pretty Girl Spa.

On Thursday, we went by coach to Crathes Castle where we met Toni, the park ranger. She did some fun activities with the girls. We found some insects and put them in viewing containers so we could investigate them and then we looked for evidence of bigger animals such as squirrels and badgers. The older girls helped to set up a night-vision camera in the hope of snapping some animals. Toni will check the camera in a week and send us any photos she finds.

The Greatest Showman came into the school on Friday. The girls practised some circus skills and made a set of juggling balls. Some girls made a photo frame and used props to take funny photos of each other. Gillian visited us to teach us dance moves to some of the songs from the film. It was very energetic! It was nice for the girls to sit and watch the film in the afternoon to relax after the busy week.

The photo book will be out in ASC for parents to look at. We filled a lot into 5 days!

Miss S. Thomson





October Holiday Club (continued)



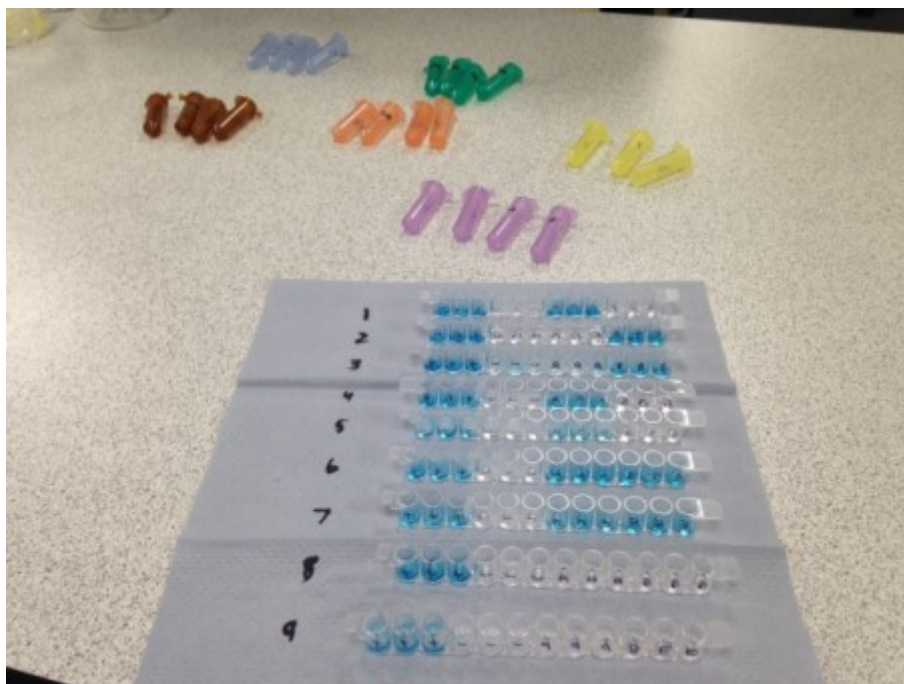


Biology Post Halloween Zombie Apocalypse

A post-Hallowe'en zombie apocalypse hit the biology department on Thursday.

One unsuspecting Advanced Higher pupil had caught a zombie virus and it rapidly spread through the class. We performed ELISA experiments (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) using our knowledge of protein-antibody interactions to diagnose who the infected pupils were, then traced back who they had encountered during the lesson to try to surmise the source of the outbreak. This simulated an epidemiology investigation into the source of disease outbreaks, and will feed into our work on parasitology and immunology later in the course.

Mrs A. Miller





Masterclass network



Mathematics Masterclasses



Who?

Enthusiastic and mathematically keen S2 pupils!

What?

Interactive classes delivered by a wide range of Mathematics professionals?

Where?

University of Aberdeen and Robert Gordon University

When?

Saturday mornings every few weeks from November 2018 to March 2019
Starting Saturday 17th November

Why?

The Masterclasses provide a great opportunity to explore different mathematical topics in hands-on workshops from professionals who use mathematics on a daily basis.

For more information please speak to your Maths Teacher



St Margaret's School for Girls
presents

Rodgers and Hammerstein's
Cinderella

Music By
Richard Rodgers

Book and Lyrics by
Oscar Hammerstein II



ABERDEEN ARTS CENTRE
Thursday 8th and Friday 9th at 7pm.
Saturday 10th November at 5pm.
Tickets available from Aberdeen box office:
www.aberdeenperformingarts.com

An amateur production by arrangement with R&H Theatricals Europe
From the teleplay by Robert L. Freedman Adapted for the stage by Tom Briggs

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Marine Conservation Society Beach Clean

Please come along to the following Beach Clean as part of the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch programme:

10th November 2018 at 10:00 (Saturday) at Donmouth, Aberdeen

Meeting point: Donmouth Road public car park on North side of Don river (AB23 8DR), for 2 hrs or so (no litter survey this time).

The Marine Conservation Society Beachwatch programme is the biggest and most influential project in the fight against marine litter pollution in the UK and takes place on around 400 beaches around the country.

I hope you can attend what is, as a consequence of your efforts, now one of the UK's most actively adopted coastal areas.

We have been doing this quarterly now for over 16 years and its one one the best surveyed beaches in the UK, with the best quality data, thanks to you

Please spread the word to friends, family, colleagues, noticeboards, Facebook etc. Thanks. If you can advise me in advance that you are coming then that helps planning, also Thanks. No previous experience necessary. Equipment provided. Children under 18 must be supervised by a legally responsible guardian. Please remember to bring dry and warm clothes.

The Marine Conservation Society

ABERDEEN BEACHCLEANS
Volunteer to help your local environment

 **Marine Conservation Society**

Nov 10th 10:00 (Sat.) – Don Mouth North



Details / RSVP: Iain House
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