

Leith Links

June '10

Headteacher's News

Another school year has passed and we have tried to rise to the various challenges and opportunities that have presented themselves both in the curriculum and beyond. As staff continue to work towards incorporating Curriculum for Excellence into learning and teaching, we are focusing particularly on structures and approaches for the new S1. The additional in-service day in August will allow staff the opportunity to consider the emerging assessment arrangements for CfE. (Please note that the Scottish Government has allocated yet another in-service day for CfE and although it has yet to be confirmed, it is likely that in Edinburgh, it will be Monday, 21 February 2011.) As to the opportunities that go on outside the classroom, this edition of Leith Links, like all the others, gives a flavour of the wide range of activities that pupils can enjoy and which allows them to develop further as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors. These four capacities were also on full view during the four nights (23-26 June) of the school's musical production, *Magic To Do*, when the talented cast once again rose to the occasion and entertained and impressed in equal measure.

Half-way through our 450th Anniversary, we have tied some of our Diversity celebrations to this, and have been able to highlight the changing nature of the school and the community in the 21st century. Later in the year, we will publish a

Memories of Leith book with contributions from pupils and staff, past and present, and on 7 October we will hold an Open Afternoon/Evening (4.30-7.00pm) to which we hope to attract former pupils, particularly those from before the move of the school from Duke Street in 1991. It would be particularly good if we can track down the oldest living FP and I am keen too to see how many Duxes we can get together. If you know anyone who fits these various categories and who would like to be involved, please ask them to get in touch with the school (554 0606 or admin@leith.edin.sch.uk. This looking back at our past also fits in with our recent work in raising a petition in support of the return of the Leith flag - with the Persevere shield, a variation of which appears in the school badge - to Leith. It disappeared from public view when Leith merged with Edinburgh in 1920 and there is now a move afoot to make good this loss. A group of 54 pupils did some research into the matter, presented this at assemblies and then organised for all pupils to be able to sign a petition. (They also captured some adult signatures from members of the public in the streets around the school.) The petition was presented on 16 June to the Deputy Lord Provost at the City Chambers and he will use it as part of his negotiations with the Lord Lyon King of Arms for the return of the flag.

As we approach the end of the session so, as always, we have a turnover of staff. We say farewell to a number of colleagues: Gordon Slater (Art) and Bill Gibbons (English) are retiring after 37 and 23 years' respective service to the school; Marie Claire Condie (English) has gone on



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maternity leave; Marcella Macdonald (Music) is embarking on a two-year career break in the world of musical theatre; Craig Downie (PE) has been appointed to a secondment as Principal Teacher at Craigroyston Community High School. I would want to wish all of these staff, particularly the two retirees who have made a sterling contribution to the school over the years, the very best in whatever lies ahead for them. There have been, as a result of these departures, a number of appointments made. Andrew Thomson will join the English Department from Dunbar Grammar School; Jennifer Good will replace Ms Macdonald in Music; Craig Harper, currently a

probationer in PE will fill in for Mr Downie in the first instance. There remains an appointment in Art to be concluded. We also welcome Brian Adair to Music from Wester Hailes Education Centre and I would want to thank Narayan Kundu for his work on a supply basis for the bulk of the session.

Three of our four probationers will also be moving on: Douglas Bringham (Physics), Martin Harley (History) and Fiona McKay (ML). Not all of them have yet secured something for next session, a sign of the times in which we currently live and work. I hope that they will and I wish them well in that. Our probationer cohort for 2010-11 has been confirmed and we look forward to working with: Stuart Clark and Julie Wilson (PE), Dominic Greig (ML), Pdraig Langan (History), Alice Munro and Alasdair Reid (English), and Lucy Tyler (Maths).

A new cohort of prefects has been appointed for the new session and we hope to have them fit better into our new House structure. Following consultations with pupils and staff we intend to appoint senior officebearers in the new term, both at school and House level.

I would like to take this opportunity at the close of the school year to thank staff for their continuing commitment to the school and its pupils; parents for their continued support; and pupils, particularly those whose positive contributions, in whatever capacity, are recorded in this or previous issues of Leith Links. The annual Evening of Celebration, scheduled for Tuesday 29 June will provide a formal opportunity to recognise pupil achievement across the board.

I hope you all have a relaxing summer holiday. As ever, you should receive a mailshot from school in August with information for the new session and a request for you to provide us with updated details in a variety of areas. I thank you in advance for your assistance in this.

Important Dates for Your

Date | Event/Activity



1 July	Term Ends
August	
5	SQA results issued to pupils
16	Staff resume (In-Service Day)
17	In-Service Day
18	In-Service Day (CfE)
19	Pupils resume—8.30am
20	Advanced Higher/Higher Grade appeals deadline
23	Adult Class Enrolment begins
27	S1/S2 Sports Fair
31	LA Parent Council (7.00 pm) (all parents are welcome)

Theatre Review



A group of drama pupils had the opportunity to take part in the *Imaginate Children and Young People's Theatre Festival* in May. *Frozen Charlotte Theatre Company* took one of their shows (2 linked plays, *Nose and Skin*) to *Leith Academy* and gave a free performance, and we followed up with a trip to the *Netherbow Theatre* in the *Royal Mile* to see their second show (3 linked plays, *Eyes, Ears and Tongue*).

Jack Nixon (S4) reviews them

I recently saw a series of plays called *Sense*. *Sense* was 5 short plays about each sense. I personally enjoyed the plays a lot. The first two plays I saw in my school, and the last three in a theatre space at the *Netherbow*. The first two were stronger in my opinion. The first one, *Nose*, which was about a boy speaking to his best friend that he later killed, was my favourite for many reasons. One of them was the acting. The acting in that one was very powerful. I also liked the storyline.

The language in all of them was unusual. All of them had been translated from German. The characters narrated what they did as they did it, and also played their character at the same time. I really liked this part of all of the plays. It was different but I think it really worked. They also swapped between two different language styles. It would go from proper English into slang.

The second play was also very good. It touched upon many hard-hitting subjects but the main one was self-harm. It was about a girl who was obsessed with cleaning herself and who would scrub herself so hard she would rip her skin apart. I personally think they built the characters best in this one. The main character *Jule* was very interesting. Her character really drew me into the story; she was portrayed and acted very well by the actress.

I think the plays performed in the *Netherbow* weren't as strong as the ones that came to *Leith Academy*. The first play I saw in the *Netherbow Theatre* was the best out of the three. It was called *Eyes* and was about a blind person falling in love. I really liked the character of *Fred* (the blind boy) and I think that story was also the best.

Another thing I liked about the *Sense* plays was the way they all linked together. I think what made these plays so enjoyable was the quality of the acting and directing.

Cancer Awareness Day 2010

During an idle chat with a colleague, Lorna Simpson, in March of this year it became apparent that we were both doing a fund raising activity for Cancer Charities - Lorna by organising a team for Race for Life for Cancer Research and me doing the Moonwalk for Breast Cancer Research and Support.



We decided to pool resources and originally came up with the idea of a Dress Down Day. However this quickly escalated and before we knew it we had committed ourselves to planning a week long series of events raising awareness of cancer to all pupils.

Lorna immediately set to work with her S4 SE class who did not let her down - producing posters, organising fund raising events - Nail Painting, Guess the Teacher, baking, fun games, busking, and of course encouraging everyone to 'Think Pink' for the dress down day on Friday 11th June. Sheena Purdom very kindly agreed to organise a Bring-n-Buy book stall in the staff room which in itself raised a tidy sum - over £130 to date. Pupils used their powers of persuasion to 'borrow' nail polish; enlisted the support of staff with baking and even convinced a certain Art teacher (he who shall not be named) to dress up as Tinky Winky!



Personally, having witnessed a close family member benefit enormously from the support and camaraderie provided by the Maggie's Centre at the Western General, Edinburgh, I asked a member of their team to come into school and speak with the new S5's - a daunting task at the best of times. Marion Taylor rose to the challenge, however and the children were inspired and encouraged to participate in future fundraising activities. Linda Hamilton from Cancer Research UK also turned up on Friday to represent the work the charity does and offer advice to pupils. Three school nurses from local schools offered counselling for any pupil who is affected by cancer. They also brought in breast and testicle substitutes so pupils could feel for lumps and be more informed about looking for the symptoms of breast and testicular cancer.



Huge thanks also go to those members of staff who volunteered to speak to SE classes throughout the week - Nadia Emek, John Young, Enda Conneely, Sheila Ralston, Debbie Millar and Francesca Hannay. Again, an emotive topic and spoken with bravery and compassion.

Friday 11th June saw pupils and staff arriving in pink - some a little, some a lot, but all donated generously to the cause. This alone raised over £550.

We are all affected by the devastating effects of cancer at some point in our lives and we hope that by raising awareness of this awful disease, pupils will be able to make informed choices about their lifestyle, how to empathise with cancer sufferers, and participate in fundraising activities. Keep an eye out for next year's events and see how you can get involved.

Scientific Expedition to Honduras

As you read this in Leith Links, we are in Honduras at long last! After nearly two years of planning and fund-raising we left Edinburgh a few days ago and are now in the jungle of Cusuco National Park. Through supermarket bag-packing, themed nights at school, car boot sales, trusts, donations and selling cards, plants and cakes we have funded 60% of the cost of the expedition before asking parents to help with the rest. Our last event in early June, Fiesta Otra Vez, raised just over £400 and we'd like to thank everyone who has supported Operation Wallacea Leith through small sums and large donations of time, skills and money that has helped us achieve a fantastic £33,250 needed for this unusual trip.



So what are we doing in Honduras? This Central American country has fabulous rainforests and wildlife reserves threatened by development and pollution. We will be helping to collect the scientific data that will provide the local people and national Government with a sustainable management plan that will prevent the loss of these spectacular places. Working with international researchers, we will be measuring and monitoring the rainforest of north-west Honduras. We will learn techniques and skills including how to get into the canopy of the trees. Sleeping in hammocks and roughing it a bit will all be part of the learning experience in a different environment and culture with a different climate and

language from Edinburgh.



After a week in the rainforest we will transfer to a marine reserve and investigate coral reef and mangrove forest ecology. We'll need to pass our basic Scuba diving certificate first but that's all part of this expedition. New skills and ideas that will widen our horizons are part of what we are expecting will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. For the team of S5 and S6 students, this will be a series of firsts - first time in a plane or first long-haul flight, first time away without parents, first time without shampoo and straighteners, first time relying on translators and each other to achieve our task goals.



When we return to school in August we will prepare an event to share with you what we have learnt and achieved. So you are invited to an evening presentation by the Operation Wallacea Leith team to say thank-you to our parents and supporters and explain what our Expedition to Honduras meant to us. We look forward to seeing you on our return from the jungle. Hasta la vista!

Mr Robinson - Science Teacher

Ready, Steady Cook - Spanish style!



During the last two weeks in May some of our S2 Spanish pupils tried their hand at some Spanish cooking. They had all worked hard on the topic of food during class time so were keen to put the theory into practice. Here is what some of them said about their experience.

We went down to HE to make some Spanish food. We made Patatas Bravas, which is oven chips with a spicy sauce. We also made Sangria, which is a fruit drink with fizzy juice. It was really fun. Before we made the Sangria we listed all of the ingredients in Spanish. I thought the oven chips were tasty, but I didn't try the sauce. (Robyn Vick)

Last week we went down to HE and made Patatas Bravas and Sangria. It was better than doing a normal Spanish lesson and it was very nice. (Jamie Freedman)

Last Wednesday our Spanish class went down to HE to cook something to do with Spanish foods. We made Sangria (a Spanish wine). There was lots of fruit in it - strawberries, kiwis and mandarin oranges. We didn't put alcohol in it, just Cranberry juice and Appletizer. We also made chips with a chilli sauce. I enjoyed it and the food was delicious. So was the sangria. (Carrie Thomson)

LEARN 2 SAIL: Leith pupils are shown the ropes

The 'Learn 2 Sail' programme went down a storm with 54 children from Leith Academy Cluster Primary Schools taking part in the free taster sessions in April at Royal Forth Yacht Club (RFYC), Granton Harbour.

Following the free taster sessions 24 children then jumped at the opportunity to take part in the 'Learn 2 Sail' four week programme in May where children worked hard to gain their Stage 1 RYA qualification. "It was great, it was like being on Titanic" said Cameron Duncan, P5 pupil, from Leith PS when asked what he thought of the sailing programme. On the last week parents and



carers came to meet the RYFC committee members and find out how their children could continue to sail at Granton Harbour with a few participants taking the opportunity to

continue sailing there and then. "It has been such a fantastic opportunity. I would never have imagined that my child would have had the opportunity to learn how to sail, and they have just loved it" said parent, Tracey Rendall, from Craigentiny PS.

Senior pupils, teachers and adult volunteers were recruited from Leith Academy and the local community to assist the RYA sailing instructors in the delivery of the programme. All nine volunteers, having no experience in sailing went through fast track training giving the volunteers the skills and confidence they needed to carry out their roles. Volunteer, Mr Tulloch, Leith Academy teacher and keen sailor was a great help



in supporting pupils from Leith Academy in their sailing. Dylan Harcus and Marcus McCutcheon, S4 pupils, from Leith Academy enjoyed getting out on the water so much that they have joined RYFC and go sailing every Tuesday night at Granton Harbour to improve their skills.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and hope to see them again at future 'Learn 2 Sail' schemes.

Funding for the 'Learn 2 Sail' programme was granted by Awards for All. Thank you!

Do you want to 'Learn 2 Sail'? We have funding to continue this sailing programme again next year, if you would like further information about this programme or how to take up sailing in your local area please contact me at jessine.dahl@ea.edin.sch.uk or call 07884 228 020.

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Modern Languages Trip

"On the 2nd and 9th of June, S2 pupils had the opportunity to go to Tapa, which is an authentic Spanish restaurant in Leith. The pupils made the most of this opportunity to practice their Spanish by talking to the Spanish waiters and ordering food. This was a fantastic way to get a taste of real Spanish culture and of course, most importantly, Spanish cuisine. The pupils were also commended on their outstanding behaviour from the staff in the restaurant. Overall this trip was a great success and is something that the Modern Languages Department will continue to do in the future.

F McKay, Modern Languages

Here is what the pupils thought...

On Wednesday 2nd June my Spanish class went to the Tapas restaurant to help us with our Spanish speaking. We ordered our drinks in Spanish and ate a set menu which included a selection of Spanish omelettes, meatballs and potatoes. I would recommend it.

Megan Urquhart

We went to the restaurant to experience what it is like to order food in a real situation. The restaurant had very nice food, a great atmosphere and also very kind staff. If you are thinking about going I would recommend it - 9/10.

Fraser Borowski

On Wednesday 2nd of June my S2 classmates and I went to a Spanish restaurant called Tapa. When we were at the restaurant we got to try a lot of different Spanish dishes like Spanish omelette and fish. We had to speak in Spanish to the waiters who were very polite. Overall we all had a fantastic time at the restaurant and we got a chance to taste food that we had never tried before.

Paul Simpson

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<i>Asthma UK</i>	<i>£30.00</i>
<i>World Vision</i>	<i>£13.00</i>
<i>Cancer Awareness</i>	<i>£950</i>
	<i>£6,334.57</i>

As you can see from the amounts above Leith Academy pupils, parents and staff have worked very hard to donate an enormous amount of money to lots of different charities.

I'd like to thank everyone involved in the money raised so far, well done everyone!

***Mr Peat
Depute Headteacher***

Trip to the Loire Valley ... hot off the press...

40 S3 pupils and 5 staff coached it to the Loire Valley from 13th - 19th June. Based in a quaint and quirky 15th century hotel in the town of Loches, we visited châteaux at ... well; maybe I'll let the pupils tell it as they saw it!!

"I thought overall that most of the activities were fun/good. The castles were very beautiful. The area where we stayed, 'Loches' I thought was pretty. I loved Futuroscope".
Annie Fraser-Alexander

"I enjoyed the trip! My favourite was the market, and Futuroscope! J
I have collected 5 coins ... and I would like to come back and do the above again"
Courtney Hazlett

"Overall this week I felt that the trip was fun. I would definitely recommend the trip to our pupils. The best part of the week was Futuroscope. The hotel room was very small but except for this it was a great experience." Lucy Young

"Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and had lots of fun with my friends. The most enjoyable thing was Futuroscope because it was interactive, but walking around the châteaux was also fun, seeing what had happened there." Kyle Kirkland

"I really like the trip; the castles, patisserie, Leonardo Da Vinci Parc and Futuroscope, and I like the town we stayed at. I'll be sad to leave this hotel, I don't really care about 1 or 2 stars, the staff are really nice. Hope to come here again."
Ereen Florendo

"I had a really good time and will never forget these memories. Before, I didn't really know Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Hannay. But now I know they have a sense of humour and they can scream very loud! Haha! Especially on the ride called 'Dances with Robots' at Futuroscope. I wish we could come back someday." Klaudia Tanadynska

"The trip was really good. I enjoyed: Futuroscope; sharing a room with my friends; the quiz; the weather (sometimes) and loads more." Bethany Palfrey

"My favourite bit of the trip was the day trips and where we went. I would recommend Futuroscope to people and Leonardo Da Vinci's house because there are lots of things to look at." Heather Muir

... and the staff enjoyed it too. The group were commended on several occasions for their good behaviour and manners, and kept the coach really tidy! (Grateful thanks to Sainsbury's for providing bags for rubbish.)

Morag Stuart, Modern Languages

Monitoring, Tracking and Reporting to Parents Home Learning (text messaging) Merit/De-merit Tracking System

Leith Academy has been selected to pilot a new monitoring and tracking programme on behalf of the Authority. As this will only be set up in August it may be the case that parents will not be issued with these new style reports until October at the earliest as the system will take a few months to set up and staff will require training on data input. Once these reports are up and running though they will have the capacity to report on prelims and some will also incorporate action plan/next steps comments. Both pupils and parents should find these reports useful in terms of monitoring and tracking progress throughout the session.

A new initiative we are also going to be involved in is Home Learning Text Messaging. The English Department has agreed to pilot this for the school and this will entail the PT English, Ms Ness, sending a text message to parents in relation to either non-completion of work or where a significant piece of work is required for a particular date. Hopefully parents will find this a useful tool in being able to support the school's approaches to raising the profile of home learning and supporting their child in ensuring they complete this. If a parent responds to this text the PT English will receive this. If this is deemed successful after the pilot period (August 2010- October 2010) it is intended to roll this out across all departments in the school. In order to raise the profile of the House system we are also going to embark on a merit/de-merit tracking scheme. This will involve all pupils being awarded House points for continuous good behaviour, effort, attitude, home-learning, significant pieces of work, participation in extra-curricular events and in demonstrating leadership i.e. running events at the school. Contrary to this pupils may also have points deducted for lateness, behaviour, effort, attitude and referral to pupil supervision. The aim of this system is to encourage pupils both to achieve at an individual and group level on a consistent basis. Pupils attaining the highest Merit scores will be rewarded with a trip and will be taken out as a House Group.

Sue Cook, DHT

Operation Wallacea Leith—Declaration of Scots



When we started working on this project in 2009, the Year of Homecoming, Scotland was again reasserting its historic status. This was first clearly addressed in the Declaration of Arbroath of 1320. In the form of a letter submitted to the Pope, this document set out to confirm Scotland's status as an independent, sovereign state. Sealed by fifty one magnates and nobles, it was a declaration of Scottish independence. Using the Declaration of Arbroath as our inspiration, a team of students from Leith Academy asked today's prominent Scots to help create an artwork that celebrates our national identity.

Starting with descendants of the original signatories we asked dukes, clan chiefs, bishops and religious leaders for their signature on small flags. Each one has been sewn together with those from sport, entertainment, the Arts, education, politics and heritage to create a banner. Chancellors, captains, presidents, directors, professors, Olympic medallists and football teams together represent modern Scotland. The Declaration of Arbroath stated

that "as long as but a hundred of us remain" so we have one hundred signed flags in our "Declaration of Scots". Who are the "hundred of us" who signed a flag? You can find out at <http://www.leith.edin.sch.uk/wallacea/>



At nearly 4.9m long and 1.8m tall the Declaration of Scots has already helped us achieve our particular goal by supporting our fund-raising. Operation Wallacea Trust, UK-registered charity number 1078362, is offering the chance for our students to join a scientific expedition to Honduras in Central America in June 2010. We have included this exciting opportunity as we celebrate 450 years of education and service as a school in our local community in 2010. We have worked together across two years to raise the £33,250 needed for this

expedition and hope to sell the Declaration of Scots as part of our fund-raising. You can see the completed banner on display this summer in Leith Library

Mr Robinson — Biology Teacher

Gymnastics Club

Earlier this year the LA Gymnastics Club applied to the Enterprise Fund and was granted money to fund the attendance of Kellie Lynch, one of our S6 helpers, at a Learn to Coach Gymnastics course. The course specifically aimed at teenagers, was held over two days at the Jack Kane Centre. The first part of the course covered child protection guidelines to ensure that all new coaches are aware of and comply with the current practices. Most of the youngsters including Kellie found this part quite daunting and thought provoking.

The second day was much more fun as the trainee coaches were shown how to break down basic gymnastic moves into manageable bits. They used various progressions which would help the beginner gymnast to achieve the skills. Kellie really enjoyed this part as they were working with young children who were very keen to learn new skills and so coaches and gymnasts learned together.

Kellie passed with flying colours and the feedback received from the tutors was very positive. We congratulate Kellie and look forward to her coming back to coach at Leith after the summer holidays.

J Edwards—Gymnastics Coach

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LEITH ACADEMY SPORTS NEWS

BAA GAMES - Flying Efforts

Thirty-five young people from Leith Academy took part in the BAA Youth Games this year, representing their school in girls' hockey, boys' hockey, boys' basketball and gymnastics.

Super Heroes was the theme of the day with guest performances from Scottish Rocks Cheerleading, Random Aspects and Boogie at the opening and closing ceremonies.



The Gymnastics Team scored 78.4 and came an outstanding third. The Boys' Hockey Team scored 10pts as did the Girls' Hockey Team.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS LEITH ACADEMY TEAM

For the first time pupils at Leith Academy represented their school in the Regional Athletics Disability Sport event held at Saltersgate School on 12 May 2010.



David Crawford, Jay Tough, Jules Lawrie, Lee Hill and Lewis Murray all competed for Leith Academy in several track and field events. All pupils performed exceptionally well with great results from Jay Tough coming a superb 2nd in the 200m run and Jules Lawrie also getting a great result of 2nd in the 60m run.

We are looking for more young people to participate in this event, if you are interested in taking part in the future please contact me (your Active Schools Coordinator) by email at jessine.dahl@ea.edin.sch.uk. We will also look to organising some training sessions in preparation for the event.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 10/11!

Leith Academy is next year yet again offering a fantastic range of after school activities.

- Hockey
- Swimming (all abilities)
- Swimming for non/weak swimmers
- Girls' multi-cultural swimming for non/weak swimmers
- Athletics (for pupils with a physical/ learning disability)
- Football
- Rugby
- Just for Girls
- Hip Hop
- Golf
- Basketball

All pupils who have taken part in these clubs had a great time and have made some good friends.

These clubs are also a great way to stay fit and healthy!

All after school clubs will be beginning the week commencing 30th August.

Jessine Dahl
Active Schools Co-ordinator