

# Leith Links

## Headteacher's News

*I was very pleased and, indeed, privileged when the school was selected as the location for the City of Edinburgh's Confucius Classroom Hub and its official launch on Friday, 22 February was a special day in the school calendar.*

*The hub is one of 12 in various local authorities across Scotland and is funded by Hanban, the cultural department of the Chinese government. It will provide us with a focus for the learning and teaching of Mandarin which is already established in school and will allow for the development of Mandarin across the city. The hub is already being used for in-school Mandarin classes, adult classes as part of our Community Programme and staff development training for teachers, especially from the primary sector. Next session, when teacher Mr Huang will be joined by a teacher from our link school, the No1 High School in Tianjin, we will be able to offer classes to interested pupils from other secondary schools and branch out into more introductory work in primary schools.*



*The launch was attended by some 60 invited guests including the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China in Scotland, Mr Li Ruiyou; the Vice-Convenor of Education, Children and Families, Cllr David Keys; and the Director of Children and Families, Mrs Gillian Tee. Mr Li unveiled the official plaque which is now situated at the entrance to the school along with a banner highlighting the new provision and which fits in well with our*



*As well as the official reception and an opportunity to see the hub in action, where some Mandarin students were able to talk about their experiences in learning the language, guests were able to take part in a calligraphy workshop and listen to the performances from Leith Academy senior pupils that had seen them compete in the national finals of the HSBC/British Council Mandarin Speaking Competition in London earlier in the year. (The quality of the pupils' pronunciation - Sadaf Ashraf, Mihaela Dolbinska, Ereen Florendo, Immaculate Kahembwe, Karolina Olaszewska and Michelle Whitelaw - was commented upon favourably by a good number of our visitors who know a thing or two about speaking Mandarin.) We were also pleased to have performances from pupils at Craigour Park and Stockbridge Primary Schools in a snake and dragon dance, marking the transition at Chinese New Year and musical contributions from pupils at the Edinburgh Chinese School, based at Liberton High School.*

*The launch was an auspicious start to what we hope to build up as a city resource in the development of Mandarin. (There was coverage on the STV news website and a small article in the Evening News.) I am grateful to all those whose imagination, determination and commitment have made it possible, both at Council level and at school level. I would also want to recognise the input of both CISS (the Confucius Institute for Scottish Schools, based at Strathclyde University) and SCEN (the Scotland China Education Network) (Head's News Continued on page 3)*



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#### Pupil Support

#### House Heads

*Mrs F Stevenson (Anderson)*

*Mr O Cook (Barton) - Acting*

*Ms J Smith (Cowan)*

*Mr G Hansen (Port)*

#### ASL Manager

*Ms C Prime*

#### Community Programme Manager

*Mrs C Carstairs*

*commitment to equality and diversity.*

## Important Dates for Your Diary!

### March

22  
25-28  
25 (-5 Apr)

### TERM ENDS

Easter Revision Programme  
Easter Sports/Arts & Crafts Camp

### April

08  
11  
15  
16 (b/b)  
22

### TERM STARTS

S2 Parent Consultation (4.30-6.30pm)

### SPRING HOLIDAY

S2>S3 coursing  
LA Council (7.00pm)  
Adult classes begin  
Health Week

Tbc

### May

06  
07 (-7June)  
10  
17  
20  
21

### MAY HOLIDAY

SQA exam period (Int 1/2, Higher, Adv Higher)  
S3 full report issued  
Primary Maths Magic Morning  
VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY  
In-Service Day

### June

01-09  
03  
04-08  
06-07  
10-14  
  
11  
14  
17-20  
19-20  
24  
26  
Tbc  
Tbc  
Tbc

S2/S3 Spanish Watersports Trip  
New timetable  
Modern Studies Trip to London & Paris  
S6 Induction  
Senior work shadowing/community experience  
S1 residential field trip to Benmore  
LA Council AGM (7.00pm)  
Adult classes end  
Modern Languages Trip to Spain  
P7 Induction  
S1/S2 Sports Day  
Evening of Celebration  
English Trip to London  
Rock Night  
S6 Walk  
TERM ENDS

## Happy Easter from the

## Community Team!

Our brochure is ready and can be sent out to anyone keen to look through our various classes. The Summer term starts from week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April and runs for 8 weeks, which is a bit longer as Easter is so early this year.

We have some new courses such as **Write a Short Film Script** with a rising talent in the film world (but still very enthusiastic, entertaining and encouraging) and he can help you find your voice in expressing your film ideas, to help you write a workable script.

And **Coastal Walks**, where you will receive a certificate once you have walked the whole way from Leith to North Berwick (over the 8 weeks), following beautiful coastal routes in a friendly group with an experienced and welcoming tutor.

We are also offering language conversation classes in **French, Spanish and Mandarin**. Great opportunity to brush up on your speaking skills before holidays or to help the kids with their language learning.

There are quite a few one day courses, fitted in between all the holiday weekends, on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April or 12<sup>th</sup> May - with opportunities to

learn some tasty **French Cuisine** cookery or how to make delicious **Macaroons** with a former Savoy Hotel chef, **Japanese Cookery**, **Bead Jewellery and Clasp Purses**, **Cushions and Purse Workshop**, **Digital Photography** -and a **Reiki** weekend.

We are already enrolling so ring us on 553 2810 or come in to book a place - some good fitness options for preparing yourself for the summer beaches, including **Tap Dancing** and **Belly Dancing** and **Boxercise** - and some great courses such as **Meditation** (on Sundays to relax you for the weekend) and **Silver or Resin Jewellery**, **Swarovski Crystal Jewellery** and design, **Write a Book in 8 Weeks** and **Oil Painting** or **Life Drawing** to help you develop artistic skills and maybe even a portfolio.

Hope there is something here that appeals to you or look online at the full programme

[www.leith.edin.sch.uk](http://www.leith.edin.sch.uk)

All the best - The Community Team

# Maths Careers Fair

The Leith Academy Maths Careers Fair was held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Every pupil studying maths from S3 through to S6 were given the opportunity during their maths lesson to meet with employers and universities to discuss the importance of maths for future career paths.

The morning consisted of presentations and a fair and all pupils engaged very well by asking relevant questions and receiving important information about course choices.

RBS, Selex, Edinburgh College, the University of Edinburgh, Barnardos, and Scottish Widows were amongst some of the companies being represented at the fair. One of our S6 pupils made such a good impression that she has been given a job with RBS!

The event proved very insightful and informative to all our pupils and it gives them a great opportunity to find out about other people's jobs and the qualifications they received at school.

## Some of the feedback from pupils:

'Very interesting people with good personalities'

'The information was useful and it was good to hear about others' experiences'

'I didn't know you needed maths in every job'

'That was inspiring; I learned that it takes hard work to go far'

## Feedback from our representatives:

'There was great enthusiasm in the maths department and from the young people'

(STEM)

Being able to give a presentation to S5/6 pupils meant we could give specific advice'

(Edinburgh University)

'There were a lot of pupils we spoke to who seemed generally interested in an actuarial career and what the work would involve'

(Scottish Widows)

Andrea Campbell & Ross Taylor - Maths Dept



## Headteacher's News continued ...

which is offering opportunities to our pupils, some of which are referred to in articles in this newsletter. I myself will be taking part in a visit for Scottish headteachers to Beijing and Tianjin at the beginning of April and will take the opportunity to try and consolidate links which will ultimately benefit the school.



This has been a particularly busy term in all sorts of ways, made more so by its relatively short duration. Staff and senior pupils have been especially engaged in meeting deadlines for the SQA in connection with exams which will begin in May. Our Easter Revision Programme is once again being offered during the holiday period and pupils will be able to take advantage of this additional support in their study and revision.

We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality as their being in school, and on time, has a direct impact on what pupils can hope to achieve ultimately. While the vast majority of pupils are punctual and give of their best, there are still those for whom a commitment to timekeeping is an issue. We will therefore be revising our approaches to late-coming and, as from the start of the new session, pupils who arrive to school after the end of morning registration will be expected to attend a same-day, after-school detention which will be supervised by House Heads. This should give an opportunity to discuss pupils' timekeeping habits and suggest ways to improve them. I am grateful for parental support both in ensuring your child's regular attendance and punctuality and in emphasising at home, where needed, the importance of timekeeping as a good habit for life.

I wish you all a good Easter break. School will resume for the new term at the usual time on Monday 8 April.

## Nursery Worker Needed @ Leith Academy Community Nursery

We are looking for a temporary qualified nursery worker to work initially up to 20 hours per week during term time in our busy but friendly nursery. Applicants must have experience of working in a childcare setting, be qualified up to SVQ Level 3 in Childcare and Education (or equivalent) and be available to work flexible hours and definitely on a Friday. Working hours are between 7.30 am and 5.30 pm.

A three month mutual trial period will operate for the successful candidate.

The rate of pay is £9.048 per hour plus holiday pay (10.796%).



Please contact Amy Heron, Nursery Manager or Cathy Carstairs, Community Programme Manager on 554 0606 for more information and an application form or email to [cathy.carstairs@leith.edin.sch.uk](mailto:cathy.carstairs@leith.edin.sch.uk).

Closing date: Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2013

### P7 Challenge Maths Competition

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March teams from Leith, Lorne, Hermitage Park, St Mary's RC and Leith Walk primary schools took part in the Leith Academy Challenge Maths competition. The competition is run as part of the "Gifted and Talented" programme and challenges the pupils' mathematic and problem solving abilities. There was a variety of rounds from the "Swiss round" in which individuals have ten seconds to answer questions to the "penguin investigation" in which the pupils need to work together as a team. The grand finale is the relay race which saw the pupils' fitness being put to the test as well as their maths skills!

The scores were close throughout the morning but, in the end, it was Hermitage Park who took first place and Leith who were the runners up. Well done to all the primary schools who took part and also special thanks to the 53 Leith Academy pupils who did an excellent job helping at the event.

Mr Taylor – Maths

## Back Dane Project

Over the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2012, the Back Dane Project opened its doors to nine 16 year old students and three staff from the 'Fighting for Peace' Programme. This Peace Education Programme was a pilot project, created and delivered by the International Voluntary Service, bringing



together twenty-three students from Leith Academy and Drummond Community High School to learn about topics such as peace, conflict, human rights, cultural diversity and sustainable development over 14 weeks.

Built on an ethos that volunteering can positively contribute to a culture of peace, Back Dane was a perfect destination to put IVS' theory into practice. The students joined regular Back Dane volunteers, Jonathan Steve, to help rebuild a dry stone wall on the property. This was a completely new experience for the students (and the IVS staff!) and all found it thoroughly enjoyable, especially when Jon and Steve explained the long cultural heritage of the dry stone walls. Other activities included cooking, cleaning and a very entertaining 'welly wanging' competition. The students also volunteered to create a wall mural for the Back Dane Project, to commemorate their visit and thank all involved for the experience. The mural has been left at Back Dane for future visitors to enjoy.

Both the students and the staff involved in the Fighting for Peace Programme immensely enjoyed the experience and hope it is the first of many such ventures together. In fact, the pupils are already exploring opportunities to travel abroad with IVS' international youth exchange programme, where they will work with students from other nations on similar themes.

How exciting!

Check out the video: <http://youtu.be/XB7nYnjUW2Y>

Lorna Macrae - Modern Languages Teacher

# Welcome to Leith Academy Parent Council!

We were pleased to launch the new Parent Council banner at the S2 Parents' Information Evening on 18<sup>th</sup> March. These are a few of the many languages spoken in Leith Academy and celebrate the diversity and richness of cultures within the school.

We would like to invite you to come along and talk to us at the stall during events in the school calendar, or come along to the meetings to:

- Meet other parents
- Hear about what is happening in the school
- Have your say about school issues that are important to you
- Hear about the Councils parental engagement meetings
- Support the work of staff and pupils

## Dates for future meetings:

- Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## Good quality used school uniforms:

If you have any you would like to donate please drop off to school office, or visit our stall over the next year to pick up a bargain!



Thank you to **Roslyn Gaunt** from the Parent Council, who used her professional skills in the design of the banner and for the photographs. See [www.roslyngauntphotography.co.uk](http://www.roslyngauntphotography.co.uk) for more of her work.

## Leith Academy Community Team LEISURE ATTENDANT Needed

We are looking for a temporary leisure attendant to work initially 4 hours per week to support the after school provision and lets using the sporting facilities in the school. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in the sport & leisure industry, as a keen participant or ideally be training/working in the field and have some flexibility with their working hours but should be available to work late afternoon /early evening 2 days per week.

We are looking for someone who is reliable, has excellent communication skills, able to both use their initiative and work on their own and accurately follow instructions.

A three month mutual trial period will operate for the successful candidate.

We would be particularly interested in hearing from Leith Academy ex-pupils who live locally.

The rate of pay is £9.57 per hour plus holiday pay (10.796%).

Please contact Cathy Carstairs, Community Programme Manager on 554 0606 for more information and an application form or email to [cathy.carstairs@leith.edin.sch.uk](mailto:cathy.carstairs@leith.edin.sch.uk).

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## Health and Wellbeing

Whilst we are aware that the vast majority of pupils in Leith Academy do not participate in risk-taking behaviour involving drugs and/or alcohol, Health and Wellbeing is a national priority within education. We therefore would like to offer you some suggestions for support should you become concerned over your child's substance misuse. Please contact the relevant House Head for further advice or access directly the following websites:

<http://knowthescore.info/>  
<http://crew2000.org.uk/>  
[www.drinksarter.org](http://www.drinksarter.org)  
[www.enjoyresponsibly.co.uk](http://www.enjoyresponsibly.co.uk)  
[www.talkaboutalcohol.com](http://www.talkaboutalcohol.com)  
<http://edinburghadp.co.uk/>

Mrs Fair (Acting DHT)

## ***Sharing Good Practice***

*At Leith Academy we value the importance of the continuing professional development of teachers. It is well documented in Education Research that the best form of professional development is for teachers to observe one another teach. This term, 75% of the teaching staff has been involved in a Peer Learning programme. Teachers from different subject areas have met in groups of three (trios) and conducted a series of class observations which were focussed on improving teaching practice. These trios were led primarily by unpromoted members of staff; as well as providing leadership opportunities this approach has ensured that the direction of change and improvement has been driven from the grass-roots. Early evaluations have shown that teachers at Leith Academy have identified clear teaching strategies that they feel will have a beneficial impact on Learning within their classrooms.*

*In creating opportunities for staff to share good practice, we have looked at the particular needs of the pupils at Leith Academy and drawn upon the knowledge and skills which exist within the teaching body. As well as implementing a programme of Peer Learning through classroom observations we have established a platform for teachers to present examples of good practice within twilight courses; these have included presentations ranging from the analysis of exam statistics to working with pupils who have additional support needs.*

*We aim to extend the range of twilight sessions and welcome the involvement of the local community including parents in the delivery of professional development within Leith Academy.*

*If you feel you have a skill, knowledge or expertise which you feel would be of value to the school and are willing to share this with us, please contact Mrs Alison Fair (Acting DHT).*

## ***Anne Frank Exhibition 7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May***

*Leith Academy is hosting an Anne Frank exhibition from 7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May. The exhibition is organised by Anne Frank Scotland Trust and is being displayed in the main street of the school. The exhibition tells the story of Anne Frank, from her birth in 1929 through to her death in Bergen-Belsen in 1945. The broader history of the Holocaust is interwoven through the exhibition, giving visitors a context in which to place the events of Anne's life. The exhibition also includes panels which deal with the issues of prejudice, fear, isolation and identity found in the lives of some of Scotland's younger generation.*



*Twenty of our S2 pupils will receive training from the Anne Frank Scotland Trust and will then give guided tours of the exhibition to our pupils. Primary 7 pupils from our cluster schools have also been invited to visit the exhibition. After the exhibition has ended, Heather Boyce, the Project Manager for Scotland, will lead workshops on 'What is Prejudice?' for our S3 pupils. There will also be an opportunity for six of the S2 guides to become 'ambassadors' and receive training to enable them to deliver a lesson about Anne Frank to the P7 pupils when they come to school for their two-day visit in June.*

*We would like to invite parents, staff and friends of Leith Academy to an **Open Evening** we are holding from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Our S2 guides will be giving guided tours of the exhibition, the final one being at about 8pm. Please feel free to drop in at any point of the evening. You will also have the opportunity to see the Holocaust Memorial 'Tree' that is being created in the main street with the help of our Art Department. This is a follow-up to the trip two of our senior pupils made to Auschwitz last October. We look forward to welcoming you to what will be a very moving and interesting exhibition. Hope you can join us!*

***Mrs Wilson — RMPS Department***

# HOST FAMILIES IN EDINBURGH DETAILS-2013

*Centro de Formación Nathalie, an English academy whose headquarters is located in Valencia, Spain, is organising an English summer course from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of July in Leith Academy, 20 Academy Park, Edinburgh, EH6 8JQ.*

*Currently we are looking for families in Edinburgh who may be interested in collaborating with us hosting Spanish students from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2013. We wish to give our students the opportunity to improve their English language skills and get to know the culture by staying with a local family. Students will have English lessons in the mornings and in the afternoons they will participate in different social and sport activities.*

*We need families who have time and space in their house to accommodate a student for the above mentioned period of time. All we require of you is to give to the Spanish student a taste of the Scottish life by talking to him/her in English and having dinner together. They will also require breakfast and a packed lunch to go to school. In this instance host families will be paid a weekly amount of £105 (x4 weeks) per student.*

*If you are interested in hosting one or two students and would like to receive further information regarding the selection process, please do not hesitate to contact me to the following email address: [eva\\_e\\_cs@hotmail.com](mailto:eva_e_cs@hotmail.com).*

*Eva Escuder*

## SCEN Ambassadors

### Lead 2014

*Eight S3 pupils attended a National conference in March based on developing leadership skills through the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014. The event was hosted and ran by Edinburgh University PE students and Sportscotland. The pupils worked with other young leaders from*



*across Scotland taking part in various team building games and leadership challenges. The aim of the S3 Lead2014 group is to use their now learned leadership skills and host a festival in order to promote the Glasgow 2014 Games to younger pupils. The pupils are now in the stages of planning their festival, which will take place at the end of the summer term.*

**Mrs Dewar — PE Teacher**

*On February 25<sup>th</sup> we (Mihaela Dolbinska, Immaculate Kahembwe, Kristie Mitchell, Karolina Olszewska, Vivien Shek and Michelle Whitelaw) went to a Chinese Ambassadors Meeting with Mrs Whitelaw. We took part in a discussion about what could be done in order to expand the knowledge about Chinese language and culture. The meeting was organised by SCEN - Scotland China Education Network- which is the organisation that funded our trips to Newcastle and London for the Chinese Speaking competition.*

*We really enjoyed it as we met and worked with a lot of new people from other schools and universities. We were able to express our thoughts on how the Chinese culture could become more well known amongst people in Scotland. The experience was valuable to us because it gave us an idea of what it would be like to be an ambassador.*

**Mihaela Dolbinska (S5) and Karolina Olzewska (S6)**

*On February 25<sup>th</sup> 2013 we (went to SCEN (Scotland China Education Network) ambassadors meeting with hopes to become SCEN ambassadors. When we arrived at The Royal Society of Edinburgh we saw that we were the first of many people to arrive. This meant that we were the only people in the large room all spaced out on different tables. When nearly everyone had arrived lunch was served which created conversation for those of us who do not talk to others easily. While we were eating we began to talk to the guests sitting beside us. I met some people whose school did not offer Mandarin but were going to China and were SCEN ambassadors so their school would take steps to change this.*

*When the meeting started we discussed how we could influence more people to study Chinese and how it was helpful to learn Chinese. We had short talks by business employers, university lecturers and others telling us how it is helpful to know Chinese in businesses and it looks on your CV. At the end of the meeting I met another person that entered the HSBC speaking competition. I thoroughly enjoyed the SCEN ambassador's meeting and we all hope to become SCEN ambassadors very soon.*

**Michelle Whitelaw (S4)**

## **Online French competition - vive la francophonie**

*On Wednesday 6th March we took part in an online French competition. It was during lunch and period 5. We started at 1.07pm in the IT suite.*

*We were separated into two teams "les indestructibles" and "les intouchables". There were at least seven people in each team and at least 25 questions, all in French. To get bonus points, we had to answer in French. There was a wide range of topics including London 2012 Olympics, history, geography, music and culture. We finished at 1.45pm without any of the teachers helping us. We will be told on 20<sup>th</sup> March how we got on. Fingers crossed.*

*Before we started, we were feeling excited and nervous because we had no idea what the questions were about. During the quiz, we learnt a lot of new French words and phrases. All of us in S3 and S4 helped each other to get the quiz done as fast as we could. We all felt proud that we had taken part in such a great teamwork event. We would like to thank Mrs Boal who helped with the resources, Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Liesse for giving us this opportunity to take part in this event.*

***Claire, Sean, Muneeba, Kiran and Luna (S3)***

*The quiz was composed of many different categories such as language, geography, sport, culture and history. There were many schools participating in this competition but only one team can win and hopefully it will be one of ours. We remain positive until March 20<sup>th</sup> when we have the results.*

***Naomi Bouch S4***

***Do you have a child with Autism who is attending a mainstream secondary school?***

*Would you like advice and support?*

*We run an ASD Parent Support Group at Leith Academy once a term. Next date is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 6-7.30pm in the Sfl Base. You are welcome to drop in.*

***C Prime, Support for Learning Leader***

## **Multilingual Debate Heriot Watt University**

*Pupils from our school's languages department travelled to Heriot-Watt University on March 13<sup>th</sup> to see a multilingual debate. We voted at the start and at the end to see if we had changed our mind. I really liked the debate and found it interesting. The people who translated it were really good considering that they needed to translate it as the speakers were talking and needed to keep up with them. Overall I had a really good time and would want to go back there again next year.*

***Martyna Szer S4***

*After a seriously long bus journey we reached Heriot-Watt University. After taking our seats in the conference centre the debate "Has the cult of celebrities gone too far?" began. There were many more languages than I expected and I found it very interesting how students could translate from other languages not only into English but Spanish, Chinese, French and sign language.*

***Lisa Riddell S6***

## **Mathématiques Sans Frontières**

*On March 14<sup>th</sup> S4 and S5 took part in Mathématiques Sans Frontières challenge. This morning was amazing, fun and brilliant. In our small groups of four or five we diligently worked our way through ten questions answering each with precision and care. It was a great experience of both maths and French. We worked together with friends and had a laugh. We came up with the best team name of the Ross Laing Appreciation Society. All of the questions were problem solving maths (in French or English) and all of them were difficult, some of them more than others.*

***Ross Laing (S4)***

# THE BACK PAGE

## LEITH ACADEMY SPORTS NEWS EASTER 2013

Hi all!

Firstly I would like to introduce myself as Craig Renwick, Leith Academy's new Active Schools Co-ordinator. I look forward to getting to meet everyone over the next few months. Looking into the summer term there will be an action packed after schools activities programme on offer FOR ALL!! Keep your eyes peeled for the letters that will be handed out shortly! If you currently take part in after school activities or if it's something you have thought about but haven't quite got round to it, moving into the Scottish summer is the best time to get involved and get active!



Will be great to meet you all soon.

**Craig Renwick - Active Schools Co-ordinator**

### FA Cup Trip

Following on from the recent success of our first trip to St James' Park to watch Newcastle United play Manchester United in the Premier League 45 pupils from Leith Academy travelled to the Etihad Stadium in February to watch Manchester City play Leeds United in the FA Cup. It was a great opportunity for all of those involved to watch some of the best footballers in the world show off their skills. Manchester City eased to a 4-0 victory which delighted the Manchester City fans among us. A great experience was had by all involved.



### Harlem Shake

Leith Academy did something for money!

Pupils took part in a mass Harlem Shake to raise money for comic relief. This was a great success and fun was had all round. We managed to raise £65 towards the comic relief fund! Well done to all who took part, particularly Mr O'Hagen!



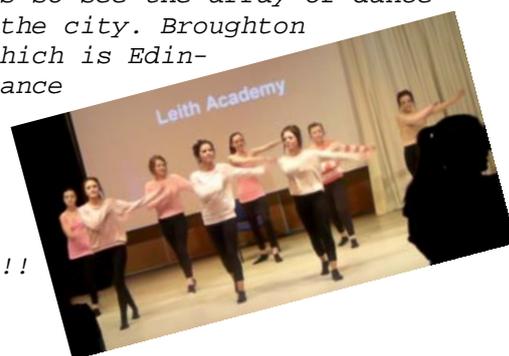
### U14 Basketball

Congratulations to both Leith Academy U14 Basketball teams who made it to the final of the North Edinburgh Neighbourhood Basketball Festival to play each other. The final was a very close game with Leith 2 looking like they were going to claim the win leading 10-8 with seconds to go before Alexander Ferguson of Leith 1 scored an outstanding 3-pointer on the buzzer to win 11-10.

**Mr Mackay - PE Teacher**

### Edinburgh City Schools Dance Competition 2013

On Friday 15th of March the annual Edinburgh City School Dance Competition was held at Forrester High School. 28 pupils, both boys and girls, from Leith Academy took part and displayed their talent. They performed jive, hip hop and break dance. It was a massive success and was great experience for pupils so see the array of dance talent across the city. Broughton High School, which is Edinburgh City's Dance Academy, won both the junior and senior sections. Well done again to all performers!!



**Miss Anderson - PE Teacher**

