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Our S1-S3 Netball team, SSP Finalists 2017/18





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FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter.

Please read on to hear about the many successes we have enjoyed this term.

In the past couple of weeks both pupils and staff in our creative and aesthetic department have enjoyed particular success. Five of our pupils Rachel, Scott, Ross, Ryan and Emma, are part of the Whitburn Heartlands Brass Band who finished 2nd at the Scottish Band Championships on 10th March. Congratulations also go to our Faculty Head, Ms Heather McMillan, who plays in Whitburn Brass Band. Not only did they win the Scottish Championship for the 2nd year running but Ms McMillan also won the best percussion section. Last weekend also saw our school Wind Band take part in the Scottish Concert Band Festival in Perth where they won a Silver Plus Award. Well done to all of you!

On Thursday 15th March Rachel Mann, S3, won the Schuh challenge, a competition in which pupils from all West Lothian secondary schools compete. Rachel's winning shoe design has netted her a new pair of shoes from Schuh every month for one year! Congratulations Rachel!

Our charities committee have done a wonderful job in demonstrating our school value of compassion this year by raising £2872 for charity to date. The charities to have benefitted so far from their efforts have been Nil By Mouth, West Lothian Food Bank and Jakis Den.

On Wednesday evening, several groups of S3 pupils took part in the final of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative in which they compete to win £3000 for a local charity of their choice. In the end Bethany Swan, Milli Swan, Johnny Hartley, John Moore and Emma MacMillan were the worthy winners netting this outstanding prize for their chosen charity Circle West Lothian.

Of course it's not just about contributing to the wider life of the school. This time of year also brings us to Ö. EXAMS! This term our senior pupils have been working hard on assignments, folios and practical exams. With all of these internal assessments almost all but complete our seniors now need to keep the momentum going as they now turn their attention to their written exams in May.

Hopefully as many pupils as possible will capitalise on the fact that many of our staff continue to show their immense dedication to our pupils by giving up some of their holiday to support them by running Easter School sessions. The timetable of classes being offered can be found on the school website. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their unwavering commitment and dedication to our pupils, which ensures they are given every possible chance to achieve their potential.

Finally, I would like to wish staff, pupils and parents/carers a restful and relaxing spring break.

Tracey Loudon

Head Teacher,
Whitburn Academy



SIGN LANGUAGE ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Leona, one of our Senior pupils, who has achieved a higher distinction in Level 4 British Sign Language.



Leona has been working hard in her own personal time to achieve this excellent award.

Well Done
Leona!



YPI INITIATIVE

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative is an innovative way to financially support local, grassroots charities while engaging young people in a hands-on active citizenship experience.

For the second year in a row, the school has been given the opportunity to take part in this exciting initiative. On 9th January, all pupils from S3 took part in a launch event.

The pupils will undertake a 12 week programme within their English class, where they will research their then create a presentation about their chosen charity. A shortlist of around 6 presentations will progress to the final, which will take place on Wednesday 21st March at 6pm.

The charity which, the winning presentation at the final is promoting, will receive £3000!!!

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENT

On Friday 26th January, eight S3 pupils attended West Lothian Council's annual Holocaust Memorial Event at Howden Park Centre.

The event featured screenings of feature films on the Holocaust, readings about those affected by the Holocaust and contributions from West Lothian secondary school pupils.

The ceremony ended with pupils laying a stone at a memorial tree which is planted at Howden Park Centre. The pupils found it very interesting that a stone is laid as a sign of remembrance.



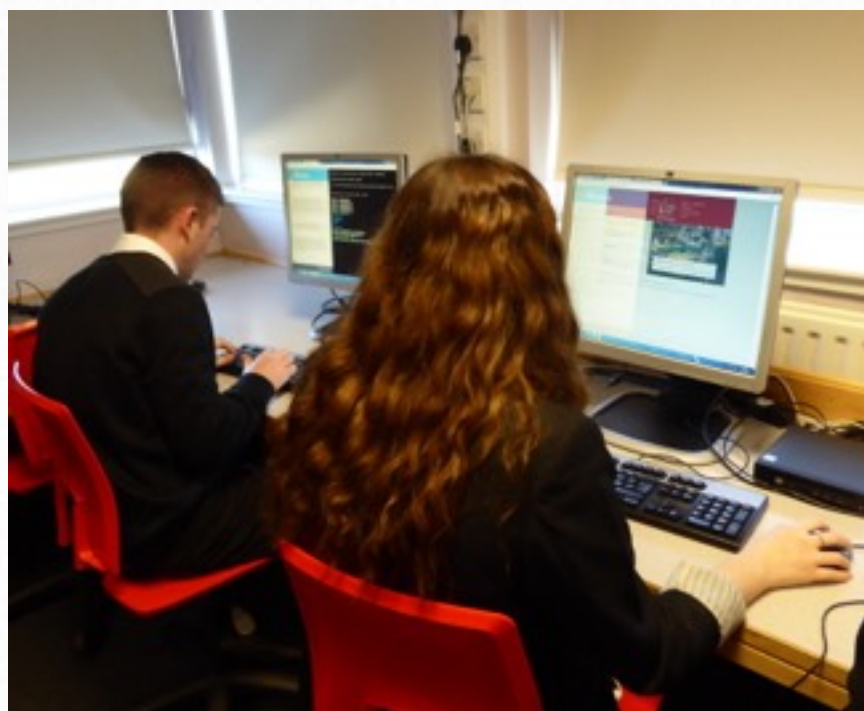
Within the Jewish faith, it is customary to leave a small stone on the grave. The visitor positions the stone on the grave using his or her left hand.

Placing a stone on the grave serves as a sign to others that someone has visited the grave. It also enables visitors to partake in the mitzvah tradition of commemorating the burial and the deceased. Stones are fitting symbols of the lasting presence of the deceased's life and memory.

CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP

On Friday 26th January, Mrs Williamson and Ms Jorgenson's Higher Computing class took part in an online Digital World Cyber Security Workshop.

The workshop, which was online from 11.30am - 12.30pm, was open to schools all across



Scotland and the task set was to rob a bank! Don't worry though, it wasn't a real bank! Following the instructions given, the pupils had to hack into the fictitious 'Strathclyde Bank' and 'steal' as much money from as many different accounts as possible. In the end over £146 million was 'stolen' from the accounts.

The purpose of the workshop was to demonstrate the implications of a hacking attempt and also to discover how a large company or financial institution could protect themselves from attack. To do this, they had to think like a hacker.

The pupils enjoyed taking part in the workshop and learned a number of valuable lessons in keeping their data safe online.

CYBERFIRST COMPETITION

During Week beginning 29th January, a group of S2 Girls took part in the Cyberfirst Girls Only Competition.

They worked really hard as a team to try and crack really some difficult problems. The aim of the competition is to try to encourage more girls to focus more on IT and break the gender inequality within the subject.

Well Done to all the girls who took part.



Fauldhouse have been visiting the Academy for some transition activities.

The pupils visited a number of different subjects all across the school and had a fun time trying out the many exciting lessons and activities that they had planned.

The week began with a visit to the Science department, where they got to do an experiment, followed by a group activity and quiz in Business Studies. On Tuesday, the pupils enjoyed a Spanish lesson, a test of their acting skills in Drama, where they had to act out the plot of a film from hearing the tune

P7 TRANSITION WEEK

During week beginning 29th January, Primary 7 pupils from Falla Hill Primary School in



before ending the day with a visit to PE to try some gymnastics. Wednesday began with a music lesson and was followed by a visit to PE to try some games and ended with a lesson on Internet Safety.

Thursday was a busy day with the Pupils decorating some keyrings in DMG, drawing feathers in Art and making mini pizzas in Home Economics. The final day of the visit involved a fun lesson on Encryption in Computing with the 'Who shot Mr Burns puzzle' and a quick shot of the Arcade Machine. Their visit finished with a film show of the highlights of their week at the Academy.

The pupils had a great time at the Academy and can't wait for their next visit to the Academy in June!

NETBALL SUCCESS

Well Done to the S1-S3 Netball team, who have qualified for the West Lothian SSP finals!

On 2nd February, they took part in the qualifying stage of the competition at St Margaret's Academy, winning all four of their games, with excellent 10-0, 9-1, 8-1 and 11-6 victories over the opposition. Well done to everyone in the team!



SI SOUND AND VIDEO

Our S1 Computing Science pupils have been working extremely hard since January, creating videos as part of the Sound and Video unit of their course.

Pupils in each of the 9 S1 classes have been split into groups of between 2 and 5 pupils and each group (approximately 45 groups) are allocated a story. The choices are: Room on the Broom, A Squash and a Squeeze, The Gruffalo's Child, The Gruffalo and Superworm.

Each group then prepares a script for their allocated story and allocate parts to each pupil. Once they have done this, each group goes into the Computing Base where Mr Hawthorn, the IT/AV Technician records each



group reading their script on the Radio Station equipment.

The pupils then edit the sound file using Audacity, taking out any mistakes and adding in Sound effects. Once the sound file is complete, the pupils use Serif Movieplus to create their video.

The pupils insert graphics into their video, with some also adding in some animations and then they line these up with the relevant part of the

story. They will then add in their end credits, giving them a finished video.

VINE TRUST BAG PACK

On Saturday 3rd February, the Vine Trust group did a bag pack in Tesco, Bathgate to raise funds for their trip to Peru this summer.

The pupils raised the fantastic total of £1400! Well Done to the pupils involved and the staff who volunteered to help them.



This is something we have organised as a school for the past few years as part of our delivery of Health and Wellbeing across the school and it is something we hope to continue to provide in years to come.

Many thanks to Jayne for taking the time to come in and deliver the talk.



TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

On 16th February, Jayne Easson from the Teenage Cancer Trust visited Whitburn Academy to deliver a cancer awareness talk to our S2 pupils.

This valuable talk, giving information, advice and tips about cancer and keeping healthy, had the pupils engrossed by the talk. They were also given an information leaflet in PSE with lots of appropriate links to answer any of their questions.

S4 DEMOCRACY CHALLENGE

On 22nd February, our S4 pupils took part in a Democracy Challenge.

The aim of the Democracy Challenge is to help young people understand how politics and decision-making impacts on their lives, highlighting the importance of being registered to vote so they can be able to choose to take part in elections.

The pupils enjoyed taking part in the challenge which aimed to help them understand more about the democratic process and how it affects their lives.

The Democracy Challenge was delivered by former pupil and current MYSP: John Walker, West Lothian Council's Community Learning and Development Youth Services in partnership with the Electoral Registration Office.



STONEYBURN TRANSITION VISIT

During week beginning 19th February, Primary 7 pupils from Stoneyburn have been visiting the Academy for some transition activities.

The pupils visited a number of different subjects all across the

school and had a fun time trying out the many exciting lessons and activities that they had planned.

The week began with a visit to the Science department, where they got to do an experiment, followed by a music lesson, where the pupils learned to play part of 'I gotta feeling' by the Black Eyed Peas. On Tuesday, the pupils had great fun at Drama, where they had to act out the plot of a film after hearing the tune. They finished the day with a visit to PE to try some gymnastics. Wednesday began with another visit to PE to try some games and ended with a lesson on Internet Safety.

Thursday was a very busy day with the Pupils visiting Business Studies, drawing feathers in Art and making mini pizzas in Home Economics. The final day of the visit involved a fun lesson on Encryption in Computing with the 'Who shot Mr Burns puzzle' and a quick shot of the Arcade Machine. Their visit finished with a film show of the highlights of their week at the Academy.



The pupils had a great time at the Academy and can't wait for their next visit to the Academy in June!

CROFTMALLOCH TRANSITION

On 26th and 27th February, Primary 7 pupils from Croftmalloch Primary school attended the Academy as part of their transition week.

The pupils visited a number of different subjects all across the school and had a fun time trying out the many exciting lessons and activities that they had planned.

The week began with a visit to the Science department, where they got to do an experiment, followed by a music lesson, where the pupils learned to play part of 'I gotta feeling' by the Black Eyed Peas on the keyboard and Xylophone.

On Tuesday, the pupils had great fun at Drama, where they had to act out the plot of a film after hearing the tune. They finished the day with a visit to PE to try some gymnastics.

Unfortunately, their visit was cut short by the bad weather, which caused all school in West Lothian to be closed for the remainder of the week, however, the pupils will be coming back later in April to complete their last three days.



NIL BY MOUTH

On 5th March, James Lithgow from Nil by Mouth visited Whitburn Academy to talk to our S1 and S2 about anti-sectarianism.

The presentation was thought provoking and was well received by both year groups and the staff who attended.

"Nil by Mouth is a registered Scottish Charity (SCO 30375), existing for the sole purpose of achieving a society free from sectarianism where cultural and religious diversity is respected and celebrated by everyone.

We believe that Scotland can succeed in this goal if we unite together to tackle the problem as a nation." (Nilbymouth.org)



NIL BY MOUTH CHEQUE HANDOVER

Congratulations to the charity committee, who have raised a fantastic total of £2872 for their selected charities so far during Session 2017-18.

The money has raised for three charities and will be divided between them. The three charities are: Nil By Mouth, the West Lothian Foodbank and Jaks Den.

On 5th March, the committee handed over the first cheque to Nil by Mouth. Nil by Mouth were absolutely delighted and very grateful for the donation received.

Well Done and thank you to all the pupils and staff, who have helped us reach such an amazing amount of money for three really worthwhile causes.

Our photo shows members of the Charities Committee and Ms Watson presenting the cheque to James Lithgow from Nil by Mouth.



ALDI AND TEAM GB VISIT

Whitburn Academy were pleased to welcome Aldi and Team GB to the school on 8th March.

Students were given an inspirational talk by Team GB athlete, Polly Swann. Polly is a world

renowned rower who achieved a silver medal at the Rio Olympics.

Polly's talk illustrated how she triumphed over adversity to reach her goal and the students were given an insight into how the challenges they face in school, university and in work will be similar to her experience. Her key message



echoed that through hard work, determination and a never give up attitude you can reach your goal.

Polly was followed by Emily Hutchison, who is an Area Manager for Aldi. In Emily's talk students were shown how many of the attributes that Polly exemplifies are required for the world of work. Emily shared her knowledge of the Company and the fantastic opportunities available to our students in ALDI. (for further information on apprenticeship opportunities please contact Mrs Sutherland or Mr Durkin)

The students were then challenged to a competition to stacking tins in a pyramid against the clock and more importantly against the Olympic champion Polly.

Unfortunately, none of our students triumphed with the worse performance coming from the PE department's Miss Buchanan.

We would like to again offer our thanks to Emily and Polly for attending today and for Aldi for providing such an excellent opportunity.





STAFF V PUPILS NETBALL

On 8th March, the Staff challenged the S1-S3 Netball team to a game of Netball!

In a hard fought match, where there was a great display of skill and teamwork from both teams, the staff eventually finished as the winners in a 12-3 victory.

Well done everyone who took part.

WHITDALE TRANSITION (PART 1)

From 7th - 9th March, Primary 7 pupils from Whitdale Primary School, visited the Academy for their transition visit.

The pupils had a fantastic time visiting many different departments around the school.

On Wednesday, they visited PE, where they had a game of basketball, then in the afternoon,



they had an internet safety lesson. Thursday began with a visit to DMG, where the pupils decorated some keyrings. It was then on to Art, where the pupils drew a picture of a feather, then decorated them.

On Thursday afternoon, the pupils visited Home Economics, where they made (and decorated) mini pizzas.

Friday morning began with a visit to Computing, where they had to solve the mystery of 'Who shot Mr Burns'.

The day ended with the pupils watching a video containing photographs and video clips from their visit.

The pupils will be returning next month to complete the 2 days they missed due to the bad weather.



FOODBANK CHEQUE HANDOVER

Following their cheque handover to Nil by Mouth the previous week, members of the Charities Committee handed over a cheque to the Local Foodbank on 12th March.

The Foodbank were extremely grateful for the donation received from the school and would like to thank all the pupils and staff, who contributed towards raising a significant sum of money for this great cause who help so many people in our local community.



BRASS BAND SUCCESS

Well Done to Rachel, Scott, Ross, Ryan and Emma, who as part of the Whitburn Heartlands Brass Band, finished 2nd at the Scottish Band Championships in Perth on 10th March.

The band have qualified for the UK finals in Cheltenham later this year.

Congratulations also go to Ms McMillan and the Whitburn Brass Band, who came first in the championship section of the same competition. They will be heading to the Championship finals, which are taking place at Albert Hall later this year.



BAKE SALE

On 14th March, the Inclusion and Wellbeing Service, who are currently running an N5 Retail course for secondary school pupils at West Lothian College, held a bake sale.

The bake sale raised £130 for MacMillan Cancer Support. Well Done to the pupils involved from Whitburn Academy and also from Linlithgow Academy and Deans Community High School, who organised the event and raised this fantastic amount of money for a really good cause.



JAK'S DEN CHEQUE HANDOVER

On 15th March, Fiona Wilson visited the school during the lunch break to talk to staff about the work of the charity, Jak's Den.

Jak's Den in Livingston offers emotional, social and practical support to children and young people age 0-25 from all over Scotland who have been diagnosed with cancer, a related illness and their families and friends or who have sadly been bereaved.

The Charity Committee chose Jak's Den as one of the charities that they wanted to raise funds for during session 2017-18 and members of the committee presented Fiona with a cheque during her visit.

Fiona is pictured on the previous page with Ms Watson and members of the Charity Committee.

SCHUH CHALLENGE WINNER!

Congratulations to Rachel, one of our S3 pupils, who won the grand prize at the Schuh shoe design competition on 15th March!

Rachel beat competitors from all across the 11 West Lothian secondary schools to take home this prestigious prize.

Well Done Rachel!



LONGRIDGE TRANSITION

During week beginning 16th March, the Primary 6/7 class from Longridge Primary School visited the Academy for their transition week.

They began the week with a visit to Science, where they helped to solve the mystery of the missing plant, then onto music, where they

learned to play 'I Gotta Feeling' on the Keyboard.

Tuesday began with a Spanish 'Murder Mystery' followed by a visit to Drama, where they acted out the plot of a film from it's theme tune. They finished the day with a visit to PE for some Gymnastics.

Wednesday began with another visit to PE, this time to do some basketball skills, this was followed with an Internet Safety lesson.

Thursday began with a visit to DMG, where they designed keyrings, this was quickly followed by a visit to Art, where they drew a self portrait of themselves. The final lesson on Thursday was Home Economics, where they made mini pizzas.

On Friday they visited Computing, where they investigated 'Who Shot Mr Burns' and had a shot of the Arcade Machine. They ended their week with a film show of some of the photos and videos from their visit.



WIND BAND SUCCESS

The Wind Band travelled to Perth Concert Hall on Saturday 17th March to take part in the Scottish Concert Band Festival National Finals.

The band qualified for this after achieving a Silver Plus Award at the Regional Heats which took place at Inveralmond Community High School back in December. At the finals they



achieved a Silver Plus Award again which was a fantastic achievement! Well done to all of the pupils that took part- we are very proud of you and all of your achievements as a band this year!



INTERHOUSE BOWLING COMPETITION

At lunchtime on 21st March, the Sports Captains ran an Interhouse Bowling Competition.

Competition was fierce, with Bruce House running out the winners with 79 points. Wallace were 2nd with 70 points and Douglas finished in 3rd place with 55 points. Well done to Bruce house and to everyone who took part.

Y.P.I. FINALS

On 21st March, The Youth Philanthropy Initiative (Y.P.I.) finals took place in the Assembly Hall.

The finals were a fantastic display of all the hard work that has been going on with the whole S3 year group in the English department over the past 12 weeks.

6 groups made it through to the final after fighting off tough competition in the semi-finals. All groups that presented last night were passionate and at times very moving. They were a credit to all involved and should be very proud!

The finalists were as follows:

River Kids: Kayly, Kaitlyn, Emma, Joe and Olivia

Live for Life Foundation: Mara, Fiona, Eve, Melissa, Casey and Hannah

Circle West Lothian: Bethany, Johnny, Milli, John and Emma

Whitburn Community Development Trust: Adam and Kyle

Onwards Whitburn: Lucya, Emma, Millie, Melanie and Finn

River Kids: Ryan and Aaron

After a tough deliberation by the judging panel, they chose Circle West Lothian, presented by Bethany, Milli, Johnny, John and Emma as the winners. The prize was a cheque for £3000 for their charity. Congratulations to them and all the other groups involved, they are all a credit to Whitburn Academy.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to watch and support our young people.

We'd also like to thank the following people for their assistance in making this year's event such a special occasion.

Piano and Vocal Performances: Ms McMillan, Kayly, Anna and Sam

Comperes: Andrew Carnan and Gemma Meek

Judging Panel: Mr Shankland, Rev. Robert Malloch, Sharon Cameron, Bethany McCormack and Jack Nisbet

Band Ensemble: Mrs Scobie, Abbie, Kirstie, Fraser, Alexandria, Ross, Zak, Calum, Ryan, Cameron, Eilidh, Reece and Sophie

S6 Helpers: Emma Mackie, Jay Sim and Lewis Munn

IT and Lighting: Mr Hawthorn, Mr Wood

Class Teachers: Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Thomson, Mr Durkin, Miss Reid, Mrs MacDonald, Mr Durkin and Mr Williams

Tickets and advertising: Miss Banks, Miss Skillen and Mrs McCairn



EASTER SCHOOL 2018

During the Easter Holidays, an Easter School will be available for pupils studying subjects at N5, Higher or Advanced Higher level.

Classes will run from Monday 26th March - Thursday 29th March and Tuesday 3rd April - Friday 6th April. There will be no classes on Good Friday or Easter Monday.

For a list of subjects offering classes and the times that they are taking place, please see either the table below or download the timetable from the School Website.

It is important that all pupils attending Easter School sign in and out of the building. Fire Regulations are the same as on a normal school day, and if the fire alarm sounds, pupils must remain outside until the All Clear is given by the Fire Service.

Subject	Level	Date	Time	Teacher
History	N5	26.3.18	All Day	Mr Hunter
History	Higher	26.3.18	All Day	Miss Steel
Geography	Higher	26.3.18	All Day	Mrs Whyte
French	All Levels	26.3.18	All Day	Mrs Clunie
Business Management	Higher	26.3.18	All Day	Mr Hutchison
English	N5	26.3.18	All Day	Mrs Gilchrist
Maths	N5/Higher	27.3.18	All Day	Maths Staff
Admin and IT (Theory)	Higher	28.3.18	10am - 12pm	Miss Richmond
Admin and IT	N5	28.3.18	1pm - 3pm	Miss Richmond
Art and Design / Photography	N5/Higher	28.3.18	All Day	Mr Robertson
Music	Higher	28.3.18	All Day	Miss Murray
Biology	N5	28.3.18	All Day	Mr Rhodie
English	Higher	28.3.18	All Day	Mrs Gilchrist
Health and Food Technology	Higher	29.3.18	All Day	Mrs McGurk
Hospitality	N5	29.3.18	10am - 12pm	Miss Findlay
Chemistry	N5	29.3.18	All Day	Miss Maher
RMPS	N5	29.3.18	All Day	Mrs Kelly
RMPS	Higher	29.3.18	All Day	Miss Manning
Art and Design	N5/Higher	29.3.18	All Day	Miss MacKay
Computing	N5	29.3.18	All Day	Ms Watson
Maths	Higher	29.3.18	All Day	Maths Staff
Geography	N5	3.4.18	All Day	Mrs Whyte
Physics	Higher	3.4.18	All Day	Mr Bulloch
Physics	N5	3.4.18	All Day	Mr Steven
Music	N5	3.4.18	All Day	Mr McManus
History	Advanced Higher	3.4.18	All Day	Mrs Rhind
English	Higher	3.4.18	All Day	Mrs Gilchrist
Graphics	All Levels	4.4.18	All Day	Mrs Mulrooney
PE	N5/Higher	4.4.18	All Day	Mr Stevenson
Sociology	Higher	4.4.18	All Day	Ms Carson
Media	N5	5.4.18	All Day	Miss Reid
Media	Higher	5.4.18	All Day	Miss Sword
English	N5	5.4.18	All Day	Mrs Gilchrist
Modern Studies	N5	5.4.18	All Day	Ms Carson
Modern Studies	Higher	5.4.18	All Day	Mr McNeill
Chemistry	Higher	6.4.18	All Day	Mr McDermott
Maths	N5	6.4.18	All Day	Maths Staff

Easter Eggtravaganza

Saturday 24 March 2018, Blaeberry Wood
11:30am, 12noon and 12:30pm
£2.00 per child

Meet at East Whitburn Community Centre, Hens Nest Road.
Can your egg survive the assault course?

Bring your boiled egg then take it through the woodland obstacles. If you make it to the end you can collect a chocolate one!

To BOOK your place: Call 0330 333 5302

Visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/events/

Email centralevents@woodlandtrust.org.uk



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SATURDAY 31 MARCH
11AM TILL 3PM**



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Whitburn and District Community Council and
WLC's Countryside Ranger Service.



PARENT TRANSITION COURSE



SIGNPOST



For young people with additional support needs or disabilities moving into adulthood

to be held at

**Sycamore House,
Quarrywood Court, Livingston, EH54 6AX**

Thursdays - 3, 10, 17 and 24 May 2018

9.30 am - 12.30 pm

The parent transition course is for parents/carers who have young people with a disability or additional support needs who are getting ready to leave school and moving into adulthood.

If you would like to attend this free course or would like further information please contact Elizabeth at Signpost or Caroline at Carers of West Lothian, they would be delighted to hear from you!

Elizabeth - 01506 431133 or enquiries@signpost-online.co.uk

Caroline - 01506 448003 or caroline@carers-westlothian.com



WHITBURN ACADEMY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Whitburn Academy are in the process of organising a few events between now and the Summer Holidays to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

We would like to invite as many former pupils and staff as possible to take part in these events. If you are an ex pupil or former member of staff or if you know of anyone who might want to come along to help us to celebrate this significant anniversary in our history, please contact the school via our email address: whitburnacademy@gmail.com

ACT FOR YOUTH

Police Scotland is supporting Counter Terrorism Policing's ACT For Youth Campaign.

ACT (Action for Terrorism) for Youth's key message is to inform young people, particularly those aged 11 to 16, that in the event of a firearms, weapons or terrorism attack to RUN TELL HIDE until the police turn up.

ACT have created an animated video entitled 'What to do in a weapons attack'. The video is aimed specifically at young people caught in potential terrorist situation and what they

should do if they come across any suspicious behaviour.



More information can be found on the : News page on the Police Scotland website

CONDUIT BATHGATE

Conduit in Bathgate offer Fast, fair and flexible loans up to £1000.

They are a non-profit organisation who sit on the West Lothian Council Anti-Poverty

Development Group. They offer low interest loans at a lower rate than many of the companies that provide short term emergency loans.



If you need any further information or advice, please visit www.conduitscotland.com or call 0300 111 0559. Alternatively, you can call in to Conduit Bathgate's offices at 79 South Bridge, Bathgate, EH48 1TJ.

WHITBURN ACADEMY APP

Whitburn Academy's App is now live!

The app is available for download from the Apple and Google Play stores. You can keep in touch with our events, news and receive important messages from us!

WHITBURN ACADEMY'S TWITTER PAGE

Did you know that Whitburn Academy is on Twitter?

Follow us by searching for @WhitburnAC to get live updates and information about the school and any events taking place.

WEST LOTHIAN FOODBANK

Would you like to help feed some hungry people who live in West Lothian?

Whitburn Academy is now a collection point for the Food Bank which is based in Whitburn. Food Banks rely on the support of local communities. If you would like to contribute to the collections basket you can find it in the House Base. The box will be taken to the Food Bank every Friday afternoon.

For more information on the West Lothian Food Bank, please visit the West Lothian Foodbank website.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Whitburn Academy is on holiday from Monday 26th March until Friday 6th April. The school reopens for Pupils and Staff on Monday 9th April.



Have a fun, safe and relaxing Easter Holiday.