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FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our final Newsletter of the session.

Hopefully you will enjoy reading about our many successes over what has been an action packed term, bringing to a close a very successful year.

Firstly, I would like to wish all of our senior pupils who are eagerly waiting for exam results on Tuesday 7th August the best of luck. I am confident that all your hard work in preparing for your exams will have paid off!

Of course, success is not only about achieving academically but achieving in the wider sense too. The contents of this newsletter will give you a flavour of the many activities and events that our young people have had the opportunity to participate in over the last term including a visit to Peru for 12 senior pupils, fundraising for various charities, sporting and musical successes, competitions and visits from various groups and organisations including a visit from the Science Museum Group's 'Space Decent with Tim Peake' bus for a day in May where pupils and staff were able to experience a 12 minute virtual reality descent from space!

Over the past year we have revisited and refreshed our school vision and values. We've spent a lot of time reflecting, discussing and debating what we as a school hope to achieve for every young person, and we've also spent a great deal of time considering what we want our values to be and, more importantly, why.

We know that we are sending our young people out into a rapidly changing and increasingly competitive world and we want to ensure that we give our learners every opportunity to thrive despite the ever increasing pressures and demands.

We have now agreed as a school that our vision is to;

Empower our young people to learn and achieve, allowing them to thrive now & in the future.

It is also very important to us that our culture and ethos within the school enables us to achieve our vision. For that reason we have also spent a considerable amount of time talking about our 'way of being' and why that is important to us. Again, after discussion and debate, we have agreed on just three school values, but it is three that we believe, if we can all live by, and demonstrate in action every day, then everyone in the school should feel safe, cared for and included. Our chosen values are; ***Compassion, Integrity and Respect.***

Next session, as a school, we will focus on embedding our way of being where our Vision and Values underpin everything that we do.

Finally, I would like to thank staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout the year and wish all staff, pupils and parents/carers a long, restful and relaxing summer break. Here's hoping the sun continues to shine for many weeks to come!

Tracey Loudon

Head Teacher,
Whitburn Academy



WHITDALE P7C TRANSITION



During week beginning 19th March, class P7-C from Whitdale Primary School, visited the Academy for their Transition Week.

The pupils began the week with a visit to Science to solve the mystery of the missing plant and a visit to Art, where they designed their own 'Insta Rabbits' on Monday.

Tuesday began with a visit to Spanish to solve a 'Murder Mystery', this was followed by a Drama lesson, where in groups, the pupils had to act out the plot for a famous movie from it's theme tune! The day ended with some Gymnastics at PE.

On Wednesday, there was another trip to PE to do some basketball skills, followed by an Internet Safety lesson.

Thursday was a busy day with a visit to DMG, where they designed their own key-rings. Next was a visit to the library for a Book Quiz. The day was rounded off with a visit to Home Economics, where the pupils made their own Mini Pizzas.

The week was rounded off with a showing of the many video clips and photographs taken of their visit.

CHEQUE HANDOVER

On 11th April, the N5 Retail class, which is run by the Inclusion and Wellbeing Service at West Lothian College, handed over a cheque for £186 to MacMillan Cancer Support.



Last month, the class held a Bake Sale, from which, they raised this fantastic sum of money.

Well Done to the pupils involved from Whitburn Academy and also from Linlithgow Academy and Deans Community High School, who organised the event.

POLKEMMET TRANSITION WEEK

During week beginning 9th April, Primary 7 pupils from Polkemmet 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 Ukulele.

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.

On Wednesday they had an Internet Safety lesson. Thursday began with a visit to DMG, where they designed key-rings, this was quickly followed by a visit to Art, where they drew and designed feathers. The final lesson 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.

'THE SMASHED PROJECT' VISIT

On 16th April, 'The Smashed Project' visited the Academy to put on a short play and run a workshop with our S2 pupils.

The purpose of the visit was to get the pupils to think about:

- Health and other risks associated with underage drinking
- Causes and consequences of underage drinking
- Anti-social behaviour
- Making informed choices
- Peer pressure and self-esteem

Thank you to 'The Smashed Project' for visiting and providing a thought provoking play and workshop to our pupils.



GREENRIGG TRANSITION VISIT



The Primary 7 pupils from Greenrigg Primary School were the latest group of pupils to visit the Academy for their Transition Week.

On the first day of their week with us (16th April), the pupils visited Science, where they solved the mystery of the 'Missing Venus Flytrap', then, they went to Music where they played 'I gotta feeling' by the Black Eyed Peas.

On Tuesday, the pupils visited Spanish, where they solved a 'Murder Mystery', next they went to Drama where they had to act out the plot from a film from the theme tune. The day finished with a visit to PE for some Gymnastics. Wednesday began with a visit to PE again for a game of basketball, then an Internet Safety lesson was held in the afternoon.

Thursday was an extremely busy day as they visited DMG, where they designed their own key-rings, visited art, where they designed their own feathers. The day ended with a visit to Home Economics to make Mini Pizzas.

On Friday the pupils visited Computing, where they solved the mystery of 'Who shot Mr Burns' using decryption and had a quick shot of the Arcade Machine. After a visit to the Library, it was time for the showcase, where the pupils and their parents watched a video with all the photos and video clips of all the activities the pupils had done throughout the weeks.

The Greenrigg pupils had a fantastic visit and can't wait for their next visit!

MEDICS AGAINST VIOLENCE

During week beginning 9th and 16th April, representatives from Medics Against Violence visited Whitburn Academy to talk to our S2 and S3 pupils.

The purpose of the talk and accompanying video was to make pupils think of the consequences of violent actions and violence both from the

point of view of a victim, the perpetrator and from the medical teams.

The visit was part of Medics against Violence's current initiative, where senior doctors go in to secondary schools and use their experiences in dealing with the victims of violence to try to influence attitudes to violence among Scottish youth - particularly in relation to knife carrying and gang membership.

Further information on the Medics Against Violence schools programme can be found on the Medics Against Violence website.



NETBALL CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our S1-S3 Netball team, who became the West Lothian School Sports League Champions on 20th April!

The team were fantastic, winning all their games in the finals. They began with a 7-1 win against Deans Community High School, this

was soon followed by a 6-3 win against Inveralmond, then a 9-4 win against Bathgate Academy and in the final game they won 7-2 against Linlithgow Academy.

The hard work and determination from the team has certainly paid off. Well Done to everyone involved with the team!



MUSICAL SUCCESS

Well done to Scott (S5) who has recently passed his ABRSM piano exam grade 6 and ABRSM euphonium exam.



This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work that Scott has put into learning both of these instruments! Well done, Scott!

ENHANCED TRANSITION PROGRAMME 2018

In April 2018, 21 pupils took part in a 4 day Enhanced Transition Programme at Whitburn Academy in order to make them feel more confident about making the transition in August.

The programme was run by teaching staff and pupil support workers and covered a range of topics: worries / concerns; finding your way around the school; reading timetables; meeting key people in the school and team-building activities. The experience was a great success and enjoyed by all involved.



I+2 LANGUAGES TRANSITION DAY

On Friday 27th April 2018, all of Whitburn Academy's cluster primary schools attended and participated in a I+2 Languages Transition Day at the Academy.

Throughout the year, each school had been working hard on a cluster project during which each school chose a different French-speaking country and researched information on it to display at the event. (Croftmalloch - Quebec; Falla Hill - Morocco; Greenrigg - French

Polynesian Islands; Stoneyburn - Madagascar; Polkemmet - La Martinique; Longridge - Gabon; Whitdale - Senegal)

The huge success of the event showed the immense effort from all pupils and schools involved.

The day started with an ice-breaking activity where pupils from had to find out information about pupils from the other primary schools by

carrying out short conversations with each other - all in French!

The pupils then had time to look at each other's displays to find out a range of information and complete a quiz set by each school before listening to a group of S3 pupils who wished to share their experiences of languages and discuss the benefits of speaking more than one language.

Bravo !



SCHOOL READING PROGRAMME PRESENTATION

On Tuesday 1st May, Ross, one of our S1 pupils, was invited to the Civic Centre in Livingston to deliver a presentation about our school's reading programme.



Despite the huge room, the microphones and the large number of people attending, Ross was not daunted and delivered an excellent talk. He shared with the audience the work he has been doing in reading and the positive impact this has had on him, both in terms of skills and confidence. He was a credit to the school.

MITSUBISHI CHALLENGE

In S2 Masterclass all pupils took part in the annual Mitsubishi challenge. Pupils have about 7 periods to come up with an idea, a design and a presentation of another use for a Heat Source Pump.

After all 6 Masterclasses nominated their winning group, these 6 groups presented in front of the judging panel which consisted of 2 Engineers from Mitsubishi and 2 representatives from West Lothian Chamber.

All groups performed very well and the winning group was Zoe, Emily and Chelsea, who gave a very interesting presentation on their idea - "A Heated Toilet Seat!"

The Grand Final will be held at Howden Park in June. Good luck and well done Zoe, Emily and Chelsea.



WEBSITE CREATORS

The Computing Department were approached by local charity, Answer House, to see if they would be interested in creating a website for them.



A group of S2 girls volunteered to be involved with making the website and have begun work on writing the HTML code needed to create the site.

The girls have made a fantastic start to creating the website and it is the perfect opportunity to help promote computing as a subject and a potential career choice to increase the number of females studying and working in the IT Sector.

S3 MINING MUSEUM VISIT

On 17th May fifty S3 pupils and their teachers enjoyed a trip to the National Mining Museum which is based at the Lady Victoria Colliery near Edinburgh.

We were given a tour of the pit-head and went into an underground roadway where we saw a

40 foot coal shearer . We also saw the massive winding engines which are still in working order. In the afternoon pupils enjoyed looking at the exhibitions and got the chance to dress up and join in the scenes of mining life. This was a great



opportunity to recreate the atmosphere and experiences of what it must have been like in Whitburn in the past. The pupils had a memorable day and were congratulated on their good manners and the way they embraced the whole experience.

BANNER REPLACEMENT

On Friday 18th May, three S3 pupils attended and assisted with the fitting of banners

displaying events of World War One in 1918 at Whitburn War Memorial.

The pupils were involved in carrying out the necessary research by attending the local history library in Linlithgow and looking through old microfilms of the West Lothian Courier from 1918 as well as consulting a range of secondary sources. The aim of this project is to highlight the local and international impact of the war and has been part of an ongoing project between the school and local community since 2014.



NETBALL TEAM AWARDS

To celebrate the success of our Netball team during Session 2017/18, the team were treated to a pizza lunch and a prize giving ceremony at lunchtime on 23rd May.

The awards presented were as follows:

- Amy: Best Defender
- Summer: Most improved player
- Jason: Most reliable player (both on and off court)
- Rebecca: Player's Player of the Year
- Eve: Coach's Player of the Year

Well Done to all the players who won awards and everyone who has been involved with the team over the full school year.

SI FOOTBALL TEAM AWARDS

On 29th May, the PE department held an awards lunch for the pupils involved in the SI Football team.

The lunch was to celebrate their hard work and effort over the

past year.

The pupils winning awards were:

- Player's player of the year: Ben
- Top Goalscorer: Ewan
- Most improved player: Abdul
- Coaches player of the year: Cade

Well Done to all the pupils who won awards and to all the members of the team.



SPACE DESCENT WITH TIM PEAKE

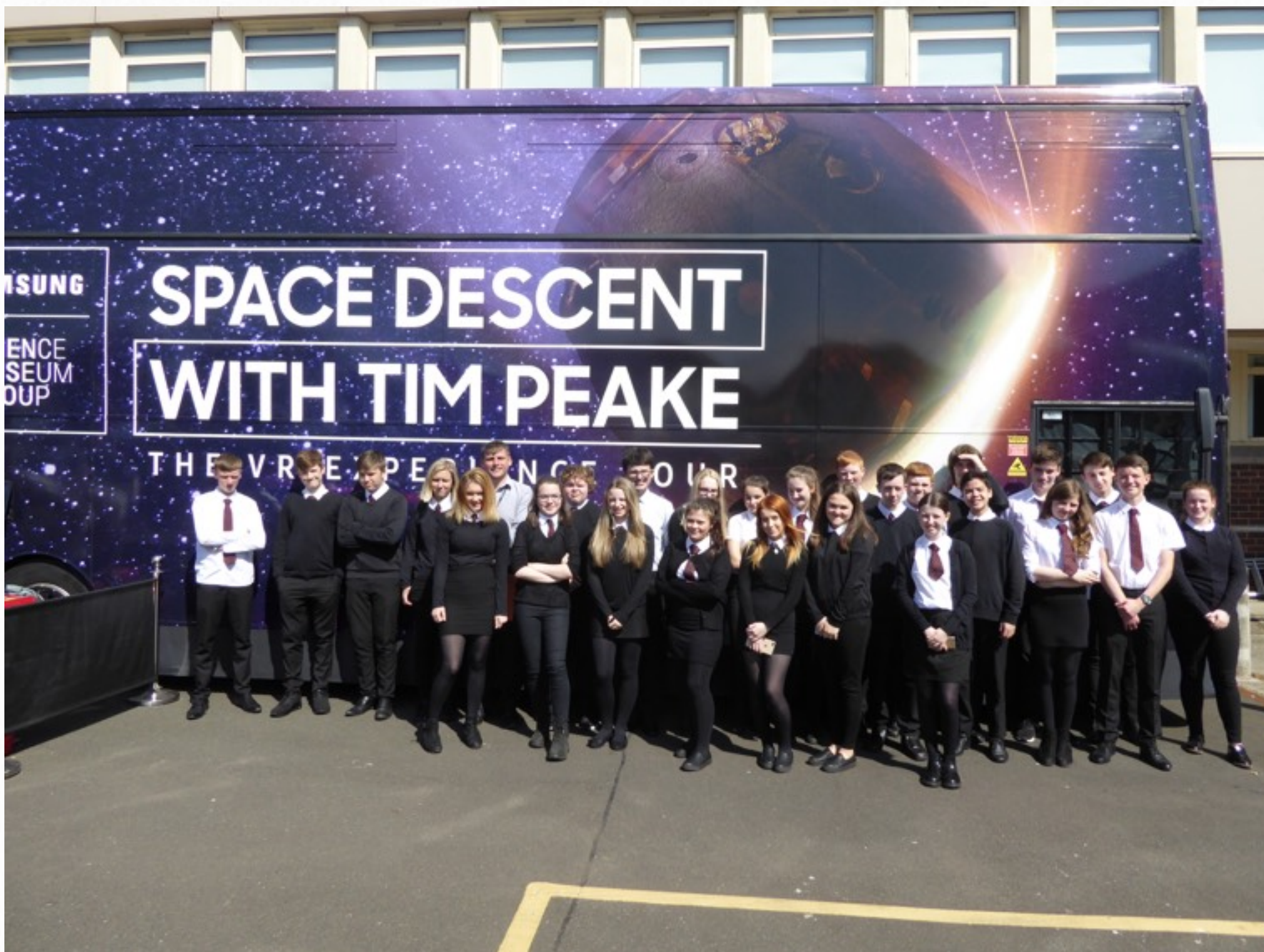
The Science Museum Group in partnership with Samsung attended the school on 23rd May to give a large number of pupils the opportunity to experience a 'Space Descent with Tim Peake.'

When on board the bus, which had been converted to look like the inside of the SOYUZ TMA-19M shuttle that Tim Peake

travelled in, the pupils got the opportunity to experience

- Interactive space training and games
- 'Digital suit up' (Augmented reality)
- International Space Station observatory window replica
- 12 minute 360 degree Virtual Reality Experience.

The school would like to thank the Science Museum Group and Samsung for an awesome experience enjoyed by both staff and pupils.



SUMMER FESTIVAL 2018

On Friday 25th May, Whitburn Academy held its annual Summer Festival.

Held in glorious sunshine out on the Sports field and back playground, pupils from S1-S4 took part in a number of events including 100m, 200m and 400m sprints, the shot putt, javelin, high jump and long jump.

There was also the opportunity for the pupils to take part in some of the fun races such as

the egg and spoon, 3 legged race, wheelbarrow race, and the barrel race.

The School Band and Drama groups entertained the crowd, the Art Department did some work to the float they are creating for the gala day, Home Economics sold Fruit and Water and the Jigsaw Group did insta-selfies.

There was also a face painting stall and some visiting Birds of prey that the pupils got to handle.



GYMNASTICS BRONZE

Our Gymnastics team took place in the SSP Gymfest competition on 25th May.



After putting in an excellent performance, the team finished in 3rd place! Well done to all our pupils and their coaches on this fantastic achievement!

S6 INDUCTION DAY

On 31st May, our new S6 pupils took part in their induction day.

They participated in 3 sessions.

- Roles/responsibilities and Wider achievement



- Social Experiment - (Communication, Listening and negotiating skills)
- Live n Learn - Growth Mindsets.

Feedback has been very positive and all students worked together to build positive relationships.

S6 PROM

Our departing S6 year group held their final event as pupils at Whitburn Academy on Friday 1st June, when they attended their school prom.

After meeting at the school for their photographs to be taken, they went by bus to the Inchyra Grange Hotel near Falkirk for their prom.

The pupils had a fantastic night and all agreed that it was the perfect way to end their school career.

Well done and thank you to the Prom Committee who arranged such a fantastic night.



VINE TRUST TRIP TO PERU

After 2 years of hard work and fundraising, on 5th June it was finally time for the Vine Trust group to head on their educational visit to Peru.

The group had a fantastic experience over the fortnight they were there and will remember their visit for many years to come.

We will have a full report on their trip in the Autumn Newsletter.



Our photograph shows some of the Vine Trust group wearing their hoodies that they had made especially for the trip.

MITSUBISHI CHALLENGE WINNERS!

On 5th June, Zoe, Emily and Chelsea from S3, took part in the finals of the Mitsubishi Pump it up competition.

Their task to design a device that could be powered by a heat pump and talk about the science of how it worked, benefits, green energy and the effects on society. All S2 pupils came up with ideas in groups as well as designing their device and preparing a group presentation in their Masterclasses.

Each tutor group picked the winning group from their class and they went on to present their idea to a panel of judges in our school final. Zoe, Emily and Chelsea's group were the school winners and they were chosen



to represent the Academy at the West Lothian finals.

Zoe, Emily and Chelsea presented to a packed and distinguished audience, which included: Elaine Cook (West Lothian Council's Depute Chief Executive), Daisuke Matsunaga (the Consulate General of Japan), Angela Constance (MSP for Almond Valley and Cabinet secretary for Education and life long learning) and the president of Mitsubishi Europe. The girls put in an amazing performance and despite stiff competition from the other 10 West Lothian schools, they were announced as the Champions!.

Well Done to Zoe, Emily and Chelsea on this fantastic achievement from everyone at Whitburn Academy.

SPEEDY STEM CHALLENGE

On 7th June, our new S2 pupils took part in a Speedy STEM challenge.

The pupils got to try out some fun activities which allowed them to try different skills related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) as well as developing their teamwork and motivational skills at the same time. The different group-work activities the pupils got to try out were:

- building pyramids using only 6 skewers and 3 elastic bands, then using the pyramids to make different shapes
- designing and building a wheelbarrow to transport 3 juggling balls without dropping them during a timed race up and down the social area
- designing and building a rocket from paper to be fired from a launcher and attempt to reach a target at the other side of the assembly hall.
- designing and building a robot, using cardboard, masking tape, motorised wheels and a remote control then having a 'battle' Robot Wars style with other groups!

Thanks to Fife College's STEM team who arranged and ran the event.



P7 PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

On 11th June, the school held an information evening for the parents / carers of the P7 pupils from our cluster primaries, that will be joining us after the summer holidays.

The night was a massive success with standing room only in the Hall, where the parents /

carers and the Primary 7 pupils were shown a presentation about the different forms of support available for our pupils, they were introduced to the House Teams and the Support for Learning Team. They were also given information on the different faculties and departments within the school, the school day and promoting positive behaviour.

After the presentation, the parents/carers and pupils went to the Academy Cafe where



various departments had set up stalls to promote their extra curricular clubs, these included the Eco group, Science Club, PE, Drama Club, Book Club, some elements of the school band, the Jigsaw group, SI Crafts and Chat club, Debate Club, DMG department, Rights Respecting Schools group, Charities committee and the Computing Club.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to the staff and pupils who were involved at the event.

P7 TRANSITION WEEK AND SPORTS DAY

The Primary 7 pupils from Croftmalloch, Falla Hill, Greenrigg, Longridge, Polkemmet, Stoneyburn and Whitdale primary schools, who

will be joining us as S1 pupils in August came to the Academy from 12th June -15th June for their transition week.

The pupils were split into their tutor groups and class sets and followed some of the timetable that they will have when they arrive in August.

On Friday 15th, they had their P7 sports day, where they were split into 10 groups and got to take part in a number of sports and activities including yoga, football, rounders, athletics, fitness training, rugby, gymnastics, basketball, badminton and trying out the running machines and exercise bikes.

The pupils enjoyed their visit to the Academy and can't wait to join us as our new S1 pupils in August!



MUSICAL SUCCESS FOR ROSS

On 18th June, Ross, one of our new S2 pupils, performed at the Whitburn Brass Festival.



Ross took part in two categories: the junior section, where he played the cornet and the percussion section, where he played the xylophone.

Ross was awarded the gold award for the junior section and first place for the percussion section!

Congratulations Ross from everyone at Whitburn Academy!

JUNIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

On Wednesday 20th June, the Academy held its junior awards ceremony to celebrate and reward the many academic and extra curricular successes of our S1 - S3 pupils.

Following a brief welcome and Headteacher's address from Ms Loudon, the audience were treated to Ross Gilchrist playing 'The Carnival of Venice' by H Round on the cornet, he was accompanied by Scott Gilchrist on the piano.

Our guest speaker, former pupil and teacher, Alistair Ross, then gave an inspiring talk to the pupils.

The Academic Excellence awards were then presented followed by the Drama Group acting out an extract from 'Our House' the musical

Next the Outstanding Effort prizes were presented, followed by a presentation by the winning group from the Youth Philanthropy Initiative competition. Next was the presentation of the Wider Achievement Awards, which was followed by a video showing the school values that was made by the English, Media and Music departments.

Following awards given out to our Values Ambassadors and the presentation of our Special Awards, the evening ended with a Vote

of Thanks to everyone who was involved in the Awards Ceremony.

A copy of the programme can be downloaded from the School Website.

SI-S3 AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following pupils from SI-S3 who have received awards to recognise , celebrate and reward success both academically and for extra curricular events.

SI Academic Excellence Award Prize Winners

Name	Class	Subject
Jason Brown	IB1	Art and Design
Sam Buchanan	IW2	French
Kellie-Anne Cameron	IW1	Business, Admin and IT
Ben Denholm	IB2	Maths and Religion and Philosophy
Sarah Forrest	IB1	Science and Social Studies
Zain Ghaffar	ID2	Computing Science
Ross Gilchrist	IW2	English and Music
Sophie Kay	IB1	Graphic Communication
Scott Lamont	ID1	Design and Manufacture
Billie Ross	IW1	Physical Education
Teigan Watt	ID2	Home Economics

SI Outstanding Effort Award Winners

Name	Class	Subject
Hayleigh Brown	ID2	French
Lily Douglas	IB1	Home Economics
Fay Greens	ID1	Science



Demi Knox	1B2	Art and Design
Brandon Macrae	1W1	Music
Brook McIvor	1W2	Physical Education
Abbie Moonie	1D1	English
Ahmed Mursal	1B2	Social Studies
Finlay Robinson	1B1	Computing Science
Billie Ross	1W1	Business, Admin and IT, Graphic Communication and Religion and Philosophy
Nadia Ruszkiewicz	1D1	Design and Manufacture
John Watson	1W2	Maths

S2 Academic Excellence Award Prize Winners

Name	Class	Subject
Emma Ballantyne	2D1	Design and Manufacture
Ellie Clark	2W1	Maths
Erin Cruickshank	2D1	English, Home Economics and Music
Lucy Halliday	2W2	Art and Design
Kelan Halliday	2W2	French and Graphic Communication
Callum Marshall	2W2	Computing Science
Zoe Murray	2B2	Physical Education
Claire Reekie	2W1	Religion and Philosophy
Danielle Thompson	2W2	Science
Chloe Wood	2W1	Social Studies

S2 Outstanding Effort Award Winners

Name	Class	Subject
Erin Cruickshank	2D1	Maths
Kyle Easton	2D2	Computing Science
Kayleigh Galloway	2D2	Design and Manufacture
Morgan Hearty	2B2	French
Summer Innes	2W2	Graphic Communication and Physical Education
David Jenkins	2D1	Music
Kieran Kerr	2D1	Science
Steven Lambie	2B1	Art and Design
Jessica McCord	2B1	Religion and Philosophy
Emily Mitchell	2B2	English
Taylor Sanderson	2W1	Social Subjects
John Strachan	2D2	Home Economics

S3 Academic Excellence Award Winners

Name	Class	Subject
Adam Ashworth	3W1	Music
Emma Clark	3D2	History
Ben Cochrane	3W2	Business, Admin and IT

Daniel Cook	3B1	Graphic Communication
Emma Currie	3D2	Design and Manufacture and Geography
Millie Denholm	3B1	Maths and Modern Studies
Alyssa Hilditch	3W1	Chemistry
Lewis Keenan	3W2	Physical Education
Rachael Mann	3B1	Art and Design
Alexander Macrae	3W2	Physics
David McCutcheon	3W1	Practical Woodwork
Emma-Jane McKay	3D1	English, Religion and Philosophy and Spanish
Mara Prentice	3D1	Biology, Computing Science and French
Jenny Rarity	3W2	Home Economics

S3 Outstanding Effort Award Winners

Name	Class	Subject
Melissa Campbell	3D1	English
Emma Currie	3D2	Art and Design
Casey Frew	3W2	Biology
Daniel Harris	3W2	Chemistry and Practical Woodwork
Alyssa Hilditch	3W1	Graphic Communication
Emma-Jane McKay	3D1	Maths
Emma MacMillan	3B1	Geography
Ellie McDougall	3W1	History, Home Economics, Music and Religion and Philosophy
Eve Neally	3D1	Business, Admin and IT, Design and Manufacture and French
Melanie Pollock	3W2	Modern Studies
Jenny Rarity	3W2	Spanish
Emma Russell	3B1	Computing Science
Alex Scott	3D1	Physics
Hannah Steedman	3W2	Physical Education

Wider Achievement Awards

West Lothian Schools Sporting Partnership Netball Competition Winners

Name	Class
Amy Boni	1W1
Rebecca Brown	2W2
Lucy Halliday	2W2
Amber Haskell	1W1
Summer Innes	2W2
Sophie Kay	1B1
Zoe Murray	2B2
Eve Neally	3D1

For gaining Silver Plus rating with Wind Band

Name	Class
Tori Doherty	2B2
Ross Gilchrist	1W2
Fraser Gill	3B1
Eilidh Gourlay	2D1
Alyssa Hilditch	3W1
Alexandria MacLeod	3W1
Brandon MacRae	1W1
Abbey McCormack	2D1
Ellie McDougall	3W1
Cameron McDougall	1D2
Ross McDougall	1D2
Zak Phillip	1B1
Callum Plenderleith	1D2
Josh Roy	3W1
Emma Russell	3B1
Taylor Sanderson	2W1
Mary Stewart	2D2
Zack Taylor	3W1
Ryan Walker	1W1

Youth Philanthropy Initiative winning group

Name	Class
Emma MacMillan	3B1
John Moore	3B2
Bethany Swan	3W1
Milli Swan	3B2

Outstanding contribution and participation in the Eco club

Name	Class
Alyssa Hilditch	3W1

Mitsubishi Challenge Winners

Name	Class
Emily Mitchell	2B2
Chelsea Murdoch	2B2
Zoe Murray	2B2

Outstanding contribution and participation in Home Economics Events

Name	Class
Kayly Sutherland	3B2

Values Ambassadors

Value	Name	Class
Respect	Abdul Saleem	1B1
Respect	Callum Marshal	2W2
Respect	Alyssa Hilditch	3W1
Compassion	Scott Munden	1W2
Compassion	Cole Loughins	2B2
Compassion	Eve Neally	3D1
Integrity	Brooke Mclvor	1W2
Integrity	Ellie Mowbray	2D1
Integrity	Alex Scott	3D1

Special Awards

Whitburn and District Probus Club Shield

Best academic performance across all subjects in S1:

SCOTT GILCHRIST

Margaret Lumsden Memorial Shield

Best academic performance across all subjects in S2:

ERIN CRUICKSHANK

Junior Physical Education Award

Outstanding contribution to PE, curricular and extra curricular:

EVE NEALLY

Junior Music Award

Commitment to their own improvement through their learning both in and out of school

ZAK PHILLIP

Junior Creative Writing Award

Outstanding talent for creative writing:

EMILY MITCHELL**Dux Award**

Junior Dux 2018

EMMA-JANE MCKAY

GALA DAY FLOAT

For the first time in many years, Whitburn Academy decorated a float to take part in procession at Whitburn Gala Day on Saturday 23rd June.

The float, which was designed by pupils and staff from the Art Department, featured a large birthday cake and large number 50 containing a large montage of photographs of a large number of current pupils and staff to celebrate the school's 50th Anniversary year.

The float won 3rd prize in the 'Decorated Floats - Local Youth' category at the Gala Day. Well Done to all the pupils and staff involved in decorating the float.



ANSWER WEBSITE PROJECT

Well done to Charlie, Dawn, Emma and Jessica for their involvement in designing and partly creating a website for a local charity called Answer.

It was a massive project, however the girls have shown great commitment and dedication, often working during their lunch breaks and after school to complete the website.

The girls have been in regular contact with Robert, one of the committee members at

Answer to both discuss their requirements for the project and for Robert to view their progress with the project.

We are extremely proud of the efforts that the girls have put into this exciting project over the past few months.

The Computing Science department are enthusiastic in promoting computing both as a subject and as a potential career choice for girls and to increase the number of females studying and working in the IT Sector.



WHITBURN'S DEFIBRILLATOR

In recent weeks, a defibrillator has been installed in a disused telephone box at Whitburn Cross.

Pupils from Whitburn Academy designed the logo, which is placed on all four sides of the

telephone box. The Charity Committee made a donation to the local community to allow them to purchase the vinyl material, which covers the outside of the box and on which the logo is printed.

On 27th June, members of the Charity Committee paid a visit to the telephone box to



see the completed design and the defibrillator inside the box.

The defibrillator is located at Whitburn Cross outside the former Royal Bank of Scotland building and it's positioning in the heart of the community allows easy access to it if and when required, which can potentially save lives.

VACCINATION NEWS



NHS Lothian carry out a programme of vaccinations during the course of the school year:

HPV Vaccine

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for girls aged 11 to 13 years helps protect against cervical cancer. The HPV vaccine is offered to girls at secondary schools across Scotland. Millions of girls worldwide have now received the vaccine and rigorous evidence shows it to have an excellent safety profile, meeting the high safety standards required for it to be used in the UK and other European countries.

There is already evidence from Australia, Denmark, Scotland and England that the vaccine is making a difference. There has been a large drop in the rates of infection with the two main cancer-causing HPV types and the vaccine is already demonstrating longer term protection. We expect it to eventually prevent hundreds of cancer deaths every year in the UK.

A wide range of information, including leaflets, posters, videos, information packs, factsheets, Patient Information Leaflets and websites to support all aspects of the immunisation programme is available. This is to make sure that individuals, or those giving consent on their behalf, have enough information to enable them to make a decision before they give consent. This includes information about the process, benefits and risks of the immunisation(s) and ensures that the process for obtaining consent from girls (or those giving consent on their behalf) is consistent with current guidance and based on both the current legal position and standards expected of health professionals by their regulatory bodies.

Further information on HPV vaccine is available at <http://www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/vaccines-and-diseases/hpv.aspx>

Teenage Booster (Diphtheria, Polio and Tetanus)

Every year, pupils in S3 are offered the Teenage Booster to complete their life long protection, through routine immunisations, against tetanus, diphtheria and polio. Any pupils in S4 - S6 who have not yet received this vaccination will also be offered this.

Meningitis (ACWY)

In addition to the Teenage Booster vaccination, all S3 pupils are recommended to have a Meningitis Vaccine (ACWY). This protects against several strains including the W strain of meningitis which is on the increase across the UK. Any pupils in S4 - S6 who have not yet received this vaccination will also be offered this.

TIPS ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

The ITV News website contains a helpful and informative guide about keeping your children safe online.

It includes information such as talking to children about online safety, securing devices, search engines and browsers. There is also a handy guide to using privacy settings on social

media, advice for children about their online activity and warning signs for parents to look out for regarding online grooming.



Please visit <http://www.itv.com/news/2017-12-05/tips-on-how-to-keep-your-children-safe-online/> for more information.

JOB AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Each month, Skills Development Scotland release a list of all the Jobs and Training Opportunities available in the West Lothian area.



Skills
Development
Scotland

A copy of their latest bulletin is available for download from the Careers Advisor page on the School Website.

SLEEP SUPPORT



FREEPHONE 0800 138 6565

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person who has sleep problems then you can call us for advice and support.

Mon-Thu 10am-4pm

www.sleepscotland.org

8 Hope Park Square, Edinburgh EH8 9NW

Email: enquiries@sleepscotland.org

Telephone: 0131 651 1392

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10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



Calculator%
This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



Omegle
A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.



Yellow
This app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.



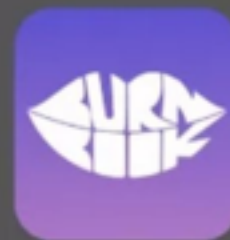
Whisper
An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.



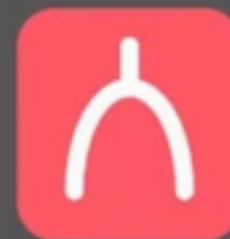
Ask.fm
Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.



Hot or Not
Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.



Burn Book
Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.



Wishbone
An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.



Kik
Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.

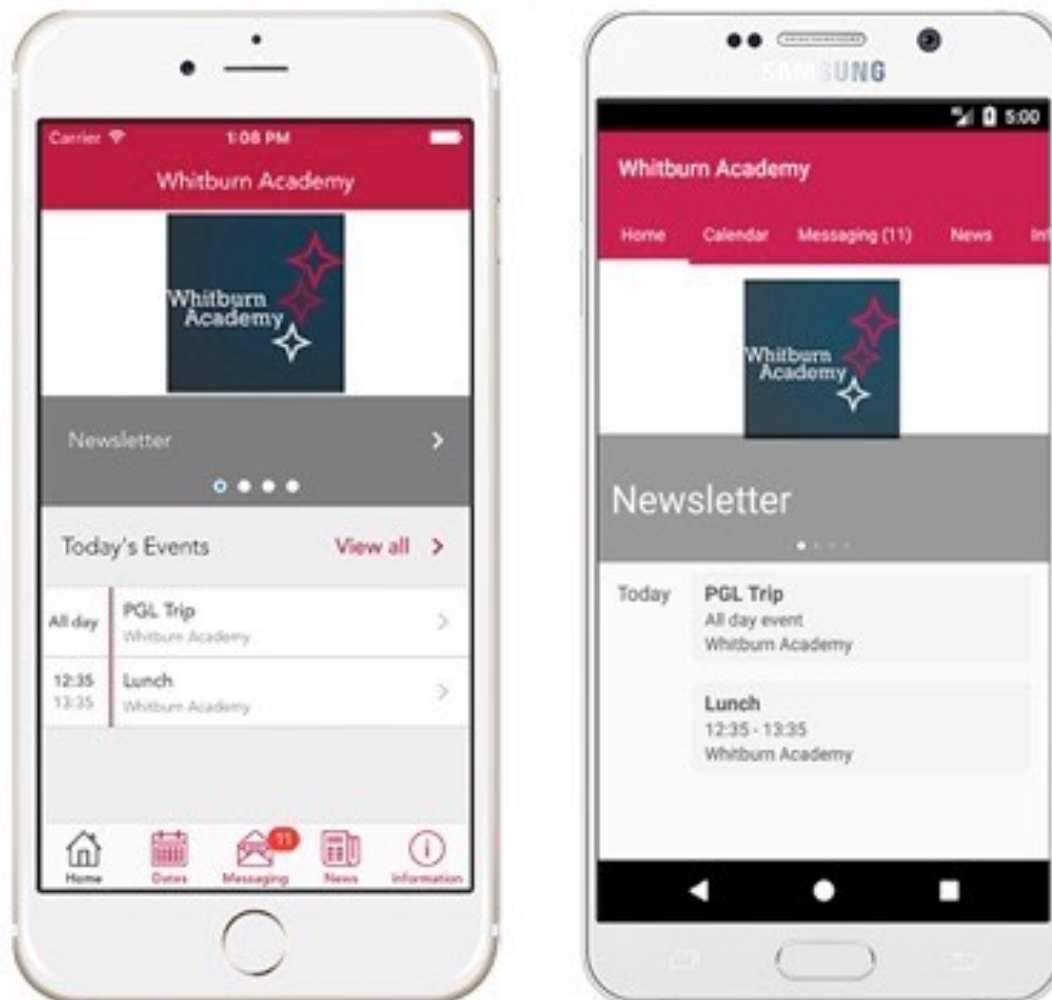


Instagram
Many kids are now creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user leaves conversation.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM

Whitburn Academy

**Our App is now live in the Apple and Google Play Stores.
You can keep in touch with our events, news
and receive important messages from us!**



**To download the app scan the QR code below or visit the
Apple or Google Play Stores and search for Whitburn Academy**





Our Expectations of All Pupils



Be Ready to Learn

- Turn up to classes on time
- Bring all materials required for learning

Uniform

- Full school uniform must be worn at all times
- Pupils must wear **school shoes**, trainers are not allowed.
- Outdoor wear and non-uniform items of clothing must be removed in class.
- School ties must be worn at all times.
- S5 and S6 pupils must wear their blazers at all times.

Mobile Phones

- Mobile phones should not be visible in class.
- They should be switched off or put on silent unless and put in their bag.
- The only exception is if the teacher instructs pupils to use their phone as part of learning.

Headphones

- Pupils are not allowed to listen to music in class (unless during learning in music department)
- Earphones should not be visible

Water / Juice

- Pupils can drink water in class, juice however, is not permitted.

Toilet

- Pupils should only ask to go to the toilet during class time in an emergency.
- Toilets are open and available for pupils to use during Break and Lunchtime.

Summer FUN CLUB



EVERY
MONDAY

+

WEDNESDAY
11AM TILL 2PM

Venue-Whitburn Community Education Centre

PARENTS CHILL-OUT CAFE WITH FREE REFRESHMENTS

FREE Fun activities



arts/crafts & games!

EARLY REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED.
FORMS AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL.

FUN
+
LUNCH
+
FREE!

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ACTIVE FUN ACTIVE FEET



The 'Active Fun Active Feet' Summer Holiday Programme is taking place over the Summer Holidays at various schools across West Lothian for all pupils currently in P1 to P7.

Camps take place on the dates and schools listed below

- 17th and 18th July: Linlithgow Academy
- 18th and 19th July: Whitburn Academy
- 25th and 26th July: Deans Community High School
- 1st and 2nd August: Inveralmond Community High School

Camps will start at 9am and finish at 3pm on each day. Access to the camps will not be permitted prior to 9am on each day.

Pupils will take part in a wide range of activities including Athletics, Basketball, Football,

MultiSport activities, Parachute Games, Playground Games and much more

Active Fun Active Feet is supported by West Lothian Council Accredited Sports clubs working in partnership with the Active Schools and Community Sport Team.

Cost and Payment Options

The cost for the camps are as follows:

- £25 for the 2 day camp
- £15 for 1 day at individual camps

Payment can be made online and is the best way to secure your booking.

Please visit the [Active Schools Eventbrite Page](#) for further information and to book online. If you would prefer to pay on the first day of camp by cheque or cash, please contact Ben Boatman at ben.boatman@westlothian.gov.uk to complete your booking.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Whitburn Academy will be closed for the Summer Holidays from 12.20pm on Friday 29th June until Friday 17th August. Staff return for an In Service Day on Monday 20th August, with pupils returning on Tuesday 21st August.

The Headteacher, Staff and Pupils at Whitburn Academy wish you all a fun, safe and relaxing Summer Holiday.

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