



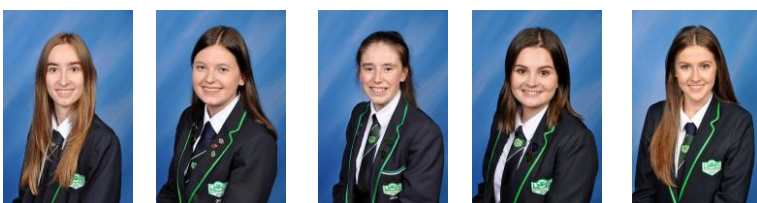
Welcome to the September Newsletter. It is difficult to believe that we will soon be approaching the October break. The first term certainly seems to be flying by and we are engaged in a wide array of activities, events, trips and visits that are enhancing the educational experiences for our pupils.

School Captains

Last week we selected our school captaincy team. This proved to be a very difficult process due to the outstanding quality of the candidates who were standing for the positions. The depth shown in their applications and the confidence and maturity demonstrated during their interviews was superb. I would like to thank all S6 pupils who put their names forward and those who succeeded will be ably supported by many excellent prefects.

Boys - Jonathan Bryce, Jaims McIntyre, Connor Gray, Arran Greig, Euan Ferguson

Girls - Holly Richmond, Beth Seggie, Kirsty Donaldson, Nina Sosna, Beth Gilmour



House Captains

At the same time as we were electing school captains our House staff were selecting House captains and again we are fortunate to have secured the services of some outstanding young people to drive forward many of our House activities,



Rebecca Morrison – Fleming House



David Thornton – Inglis House



Ben Roberts – McKay House



Jamie MacDonald – Mackintosh House

Staffing Update

Biology – I am delighted to announce that Ms Sarah Gantly has been appointed to a permanent position within the school. Ms Gantly was a probationer teacher with us two years ago and we are delighted that she will be returning to join us after the October break.

Mathematics – I am also delighted to say that Mr Mark Jarman will be returning to us after the October week having been away for nearly two years covering a secondment as Acting Principal teacher of Mathematics in St Ninian’s High School.

German Exchange

As I write this insert for the newsletter we have our German guests here as part of our exchange programme. During their visit they will attend classes and go on a number of trips. They stay with their Scottish host families and enhance their linguistic competences in English whilst making new friends. The senior German pupils take up a week's work experience in various locations around Glasgow. This is an excellent opportunity for them and makes our exchange programme unique. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of the programme and we hope that it can continue for a number of years into the future.



Visit to
Culzean Castle

Visit to Stirling



School Successes

You will see within this edition some of our excellent achievements of our young people (Emma Mahon and Valencia Wright) and also for us collectively as a school. We are one of the few schools in Scotland to have gained recognition as a Sports Scotland Gold Award school for two consecutive sessions. Many schools achieve the accolade for the two year periods but few win re-accreditation so congratulations to Mr Imrie and the PE department on this notable achievement.

We also have in this issue some of our young people who achieved the highest possible level of academic success – achieving 5As in their Higher Grade examinations in S5 so well done to the young people for such a notable achievement.



5A's students

Dine with President Obama Competition



In May of this year The Hunter Foundation offered Scottish school pupils the opportunity to 'Dine with President Obama' when he visited Edinburgh. The brief was to write a piece

entitled, "If I ruled Scotland...what would I change, and why?" The prize was a table for 10 at the dinner held in the President's honour.

The Hunter Foundation was so impressed with the standard of entries written by Scotland's talented young people that they collated the entries into an e-book. Several Lenzie Academy pupils submitted entries and Sean Thornton (2MR) has had his submission included in this book. Here is his entry:

"Scotland is an ever progressing nation known for creativity and the fabulous warmth of its people. As with all countries, a strong and stable economy is key and tourism is one of Scotland's most important assets. In terms of industry Scotland is always evolving. Key business sectors include life sciences, electronic technologies, energy and financial services. Ultimately though people make Scotland the place that it is. In employment, we are well-educated, skilled and motivated – and we are proud of inventiveness and innovation. While Scotland is a small nation it has big ambitions.

Therefore, if I was in the fortunate position to lead Scotland, I would wish to expand on these ambitions and focus on making Scotland a self-sufficient country in energy. Scotland is more than capable in supporting itself in terms of energy having previously achieved targets, for example in 2015 when Scotland generated 59% of its electricity usage through renewable sources, reaching the country's hefty goal of 50% renewable energy by 2015. In 2008, the Scottish Island of Eigg became the first in the world to become totally self-reliant through the use of wind, water and solar electric systems and I see no reason why this can't be the case for the whole of Scotland. As is always the case when an eager ambition is considered, one drawback is determining just how such an initiative will be funded. The easiest and fairest way would be through a basic taxation scheme on electricity. If every person/business in Scotland –

all paid a small amount towards the scheme when paying their electricity bills then the target of making Scotland self-sufficient in energy would become easily achievable. For example for an average person paying £25 a week – this would increase to around £26/27 and then when the target has then been reached and there are enough renewable sources in place, this will then aid the public in reducing the cost of electricity bills with a bill much lower but still consisting of a small tax which will be put towards the maintenance of these renewable sources.

*If successfully achieved then the initiative would then gradually begin to pay for itself and bring numerous benefits to the country and population. For example, the increase in wind, wave and solar sources of energy must be produced if Scotland is to reach its target and hence so too will employment be increased as labour must be carried out to produce and maintain these resources. At the moment there are over 58,000 jobs in the low carbon and renewable energy economy in Scotland - a number which over time would only grow. Furthermore as energy is a scientific field it will also offer the chance for both the younger and older generations to learn new skills in the production and maintenance of this initiative – which of course could be reused in other professions. A boost in employment will result in a boost in the economy, with more people benefiting from a more flexible income. The public will be spending more and the country will see both businesses and people using even more energy than before however now the prices are considerably reduced as there is no need for high prices as expensive non-renewable fossil fuels such as crude oil, coal and gas are not necessary. The methods of energy production currently in place with the exploitation of fossil fuels such as crude oil, coal and gas, all carry numerous disadvantages, unlike renewable energy sources. For example, fossil fuels are non-renewable energy resources. **Their supply is limited and they will eventually run out.** Fossil fuels do not renew themselves, whereas wind, solar and tidal power can be renewed endlessly. Furthermore, fossil fuels release carbon dioxide when they burn, which adds to the greenhouse effect and increases global warming. As wind, solar and tide energy are all natural sources of energy this is not the case for renewable energy sources. This means that if Scotland did become self-sufficient the country would be extremely ecological and would considerably benefit the environment.*

As well as benefiting the environment, energy efficiency improvement could also help resolve increasing social issues in Scotland such as poverty. If successful, the initiative to make Scotland self-reliant on energy could help reduce poverty through the

decrease in price of energy bills to many households. Also the small tax that was previously implemented would still be in place – although even smaller given that energy would be much cheaper.

Therefore my government would take advantage of the savings and available funds made here through the expansion of public sector organisations and social responsibilities. For example, money saved and put back into the economy could easily be diverted to funding the NHS to increase the number of doctors, nurses and staff as well as ground breaking new technology and drugs to treat patients. This can therefore help those in poverty who are suffering and can't afford the treatment they need.

In addition further social responsibilities can be addressed such as an ever growing population – giving that funds would already be supplied to the NHS for improved services more sheltered housing could be made available with new homes built suitable for renewable energy usage. Furthermore with ever evolving and improving technology the world now has the likes of electric cars and other transport systems which could potentially be put to use in everyday life.

These are just some of the advantageous possibilities that could come about from the introduction of renewable sources of energy – an initiative bound to act as a pull factor for people to come and visit Scotland and see it for the beautifully, progressive small but mighty country that it is.

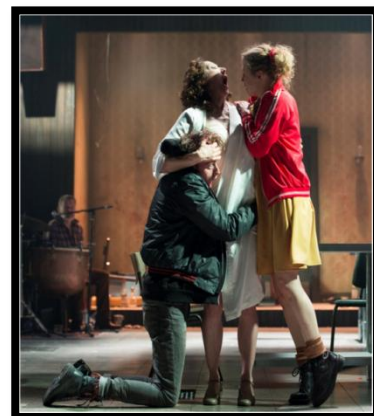
If I won, I would include on my table those who I feel could most efficiently and effectively deal with such a task of making Scotland renewable – or in other words – members of my cabinet. The table would include those such as my older brother David as he takes a great interest and is very knowledgeable in regards to politics. I would also invite my older sister Megan as she is in fact employed by British Gas and therefore has experience in the energy sector, as well as some friends – who I believe could bring some interesting ideas and could further my ambition to make Scotland as self-sufficient as possible therefore maximising it's potential."



<http://www.thehunterfoundation.co.uk>

This Restless House

Last month the Higher Drama class went to see 'This Restless House' at The Citizen's Theatre. The story is based on the epic Greek trilogy 'The Oresteia' and is a contemporary take on an ancient drama that has survived two and a half thousand years. The story begins with a father's horrifying sacrifice of his daughter which sets in motion a cycle of bloody revenge and counter-revenge. As his family rots from the inside as a result of his brutal act, the loyalties of his surviving children are pushed to the extreme. The play lasted for over four hours with two intervals and was an immersive sensory experience from the start. The music in particular was very striking using open pianos and playing the strings to create distorted sound effects. The genre was horror/tragedy and all audience members were shocked and scared throughout the performance. At each interval all pupils were discussing the performance and comparing interpretations and many pupils stated they would be keen to see it again.



West of Scotland Physics Education Group

A team of four S5 Physics students were successful in the West of Scotland Physics Education Group (WoSPEG) Quiz in Paisley this month and they now move onto the semi finals in October.



Lessons from Auchwitz

Two S6 advanced higher history pupils, Heather Cunningham and Jenny Burr have been selected to take part in the Lessons from Auchwitz Project run by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

They will attend a Seminar in Glasgow on 27th September to meet a survivor and then travel to Auchwitz on 3rd October for the day. Heather and Jenny will then complete a follow-up seminar where they discuss ideas to share what they have learned with younger year groups. Following this they will then deliver lessons to lower school pupils and possibly primary school pupils later in the year.

Police Careers Presentation

On Tuesday 5th September PC's Ross Blain and Chris Smith of Kirkintilloch police station visited Lenzie Academy to talk about a career with Police Scotland.

The 15 S4-6 pupils were able to hear first-hand the experiences of our police officers. Learn about the recruitment process, the day to day job and of potential career paths they can take. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed being able to ask questions, seek advice from Ross and Chris and leave with a better understanding of what is required to be a police officer.



S4 Biology Trip to Edinburgh Zoo



On Tuesday 5th September, S4 Biology pupils visited Edinburgh Zoo. We were all very excited about going as we wanted to see the animals, particularly the pandas, and learn more about the work of the Zoo.

The first thing we did when we arrived was visit the Education Centre where we were split into groups to walk around the zoo. We had an interesting talk about biodiversity and conservation whilst seeing some of the animals. We then headed back to the Education Centre where we took part in a fun quiz to test how much attention we'd been paying to the talks and what we could remember. One of the groups even managed to score more points than the teachers group, but only just!

Afterwards we visited the pandas which was very exciting as, for most of us, it was the first time we had seen them. They are called Tian Tian and Yang Guang, which translates to Sweetie and Sunshine in English. Only the male panda, Yang Guang was on display as the zoo was hoping that the female, Tian Tian, was pregnant. We asked our guide if Tian Tian was pregnant but she said she wasn't allowed to tell us, even if she knew. After visiting Sunshine, we were allowed to wonder around the zoo by ourselves to look at the other animals for a wee while. During this time, we got to see many different species including the big cats, zebras and meerkats. Then it was back to the penguin enclosure for the parade. Only a few of the penguins were in the mood to parade that day so it didn't last very long which was just as well as it started to rain heavily at that point.

Overall, the trip to Edinburgh Zoo was very informative whilst also being entertaining. We learnt a lot of interesting facts from our visit about the animals and had a lot of fun wandering around the park and visiting the many different species there.

Scotland to hold first-ever Women and Girls in Sport Week.

More women and girls across Scotland are being encouraged to get involved in sport. An awareness-raising week from 1 to 8 October 2017 will build on recent success stories – such as the women’s national football team’s qualification for its first major tournament this summer – to promote the benefits of a more active lifestyle.

A Women and Girls Advisory Board - made up of key leaders from the world of women’s sport, business and media - will offer independent advice to support the Scottish Government’s work to encourage more women into sport and raise awareness of women and girls regularly taking part in sports and physical activity at all levels.

Emma Mahon, a pupil in S6, has been chosen as a member of this advisory board
Her biography on this site read:

Emma Mahon

I’m all about athletics and I run as part of my local athletics club. At school, I am a Young Ambassador and I also act as Active Schools vice captain. I also run a netball club in my community.

I really am passionate about sport. It’s been a massive part of my life and I definitely think it has given me the confidence to try new things. I really want more people to get involved in sport. When I finish a run, I get such a sense of achievement and I want other people to experience this feeling too.



You can read more about women into sport at the following link:

<https://news.gov.scot/news/encouraging-more-women-into-sport>

FOLA FUND NEW FOOTBALL STRIPS

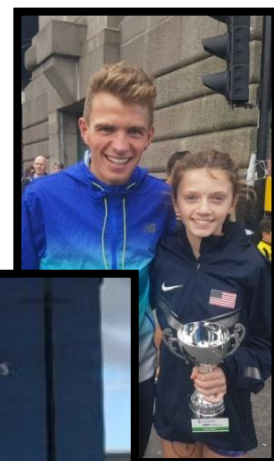
A huge thank you to 'Friends of Lenzie Academy' for recently funding a new set of U16 football strips. The cost and



fundraising required for extra-curricular equipment and kit is extremely difficult to sustain, especially with all the sports and clubs on offer in PE. The PE department and S4 football team very much appreciate the sponsorship from FOLA. We look forward to the kit arriving and the team continuing their winning start to the season. Please support FOLA by visiting fola125.co.uk. The most effective way to support FOLA is by joining FOLA 500. This a fund-raising prize draw with two prizes awarded every month!

The Simplyhealth Junior Great North Run

Valencia Wright (2MR) won the 4k Great Junior run age 11-12 category by 39 seconds in a time of 15 minutes. The run took place on 9 September in Newcastle. Valencia is pictured with Andrew Butchart who is currently Scottish record holder in the 3000 metre and 5000 metre events. Congratulations Valencia!



Gold School Sport Award

Lenzie Academy has been recognised with a prestigious national award for innovation and achievement in delivering physical education and extra-curricular sport.

The sportscotland Gold School Sport Award will be presented to staff and pupils at the school in November 2017 by SportScotland. Lenzie are among the first schools in Scotland to be recognised for the award on two consecutive occasions



The Gold School Sport Award is in recognition of the school's achievements in putting sport at the heart of your school's planning, practice and ethos.

As part of the National Lottery funded programme, the sportscotland School Sport Award is a national initiative that is designed to encourage schools to continuously improve physical education and sport. The Award also encourages sporting links between schools and the communities around them.

Stewart Harris, Chief Executive of sportscotland, said: "Congratulations to all the staff and pupils at Lenzie Academy - they should be extremely proud of this fantastic achievement. Not only have they put physical education and sport at the heart of their school and local community, but they have managed to do so in a way that encourages all pupils to engage in physical activity whilst having fun at the same time."

The sportscotland School Sport Award is supported by the Active Schools

By receiving the Sportscotland Gold School Sport Award 2017-19 our school has clearly demonstrated an on-going commitment to increase young peoples' opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership.

'A Streetcar Named Desire'

The Higher Drama class recently went to see 'A Streetcar Named Desire' at The Theatre Royal in Glasgow. As part of their written exam, pupils must write about a live production they have seen and analyse the acting, theatre arts and audience impact of the play. Set in the French Quarter of New Orleans during the restless years following World War Two, 'A Streetcar Named Desire' is the story of Blanche DuBois, a fragile and neurotic woman on a desperate prowl for someplace in the world to call her own. Set in a one bedroom apartment, the staging helped the audience to see the lack of privacy the characters have in the play. In addition to this, music featured heavily with New Orleans' Jazz and Blues being played throughout. The class enjoyed the performance but thought the play they had seen previously; 'This Restless House' was superior.



EDC Athlete Performance Programme.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected to go on the EDC Athlete's Programme:

Duncan McKinney
Ellie Lavy
Mathew Fletcher
Iain McKenzie
Matthew Young
Campbell Fletcher
Hannah Mayo
Jamie MacDonald
Catriona Brannan
Holly Kelly

The programme will run on a Monday and Wednesday morning from 7am - 8.45am at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre.



Modern Studies Department welcomes a number of visitors

The Modern Studies Department has welcomed a number of visitors to S3, S4 and Advanced Higher classes over the past few weeks.

Our first visitor was Rona Mackay, constituency MSP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden. S3 and AH pupils got to ask her questions about her work as a Member of the Scottish Parliament. S3 have been studying Democracy in Scotland so the answers Rona gave to our questions will give us good examples to include in answers to homework questions and in the S3 exam. The AH pupils received some useful information which we

will be able to use in our dissertations and in exam questions.



S4 pupils have had visits from a representative from the Children's Hearing system and Police Scotland. We have recently been studying the N5 unit Crime and the Law so the information we got from Jim about Children's Hearings and from PCs Ross and Chris from Police Scotland will be very useful for homework practice questions, our assignments and in exams.

We found our visitors very informative and it was very helpful to have people who have first-hand experience in the areas we are studying, share their knowledge and insight with us. We thank them for giving of their time to come to Lenzie Academy to answer our questions.

Swimming

Congratulations to Greg Lawrie (2SL) who recently won three golds at the Scottish Army Cadet Force Swimming Championships for breaststroke, butterfly and individual medley.

Greg has been selected to represent Scotland Army Cadets at the British Army Cadet National Swimming Championships in Altershot on Saturday 7 October.

Good Luck Greg!

House News

Fleming DM/MC



Hi I'm Rebecca Morrison and I'm the new house captain for Fleming this year. I work alongside three House prefects; Meg Tomkins, Ellie Cook and Robyn Morrison. This year for Fleming we aim to make everyone feel included in the house system and try our best to win as many points as possible. We hope to be an approachable house team and make all the pupils in the school, especially those in the Fleming House, feel comfortable coming to us with any enquiries or problems regarding the House system. Upcoming events that Fleming is involved in are the S1 European Sports Day on Thursday 29th September and the Lip Sync Battle on the 12th October. We look forward to seeing everyone involved in winning the House trophy this year!

Inglis MR/MB



For 2017-18, the Inglis house team is made up David Thornton (house captain), Catherine MacDonald, Ellie Lavy, Colm Lim and most importantly YOU!

Over the course of this year, we are aiming to come first overall in terms of house points. However, this can only be achieved through a collective involvement from everyone at Inglis, whether it is from coming into school on time to competing against other houses in the house activities. We are looking forward to see everyone working together to achieve this common goal.

McKay MH/CN



Our House Captain this year is Ben Roberts. Throughout the year his role is to be responsible for leading our house and collaborating with prefects from the other houses, including McKay, to organise house events and charity events. Ben will also ensure that all tasks and deadlines will be met by our team and like any good leader, will be focused and driven to ensure great achievements and a fantastic year for McKay house.

The Liaison member of the team this year is Kyle McPhee. His role is to liaise with the house representatives from each of the guidance groups to pass on information and gather their thoughts and views. Kyle's role is vital with regards to communication throughout the house system as he must pass on information concerning house events. He will also be involved in organising a charity event for McKay.

The Prefect responsible for the written communications this year is Lauryn Pepper. Her role is to produce an article per month for the school newsletter regarding house news and information. She is also responsible for using Twitter to communicate house news. So, make sure you follow Lenzie Academy on Twitter! Lauryn will also be working with the prefect in charge visual communication Sam, to produce new slides with house updates for the large screens throughout the school to advertise our events efficiently. She will also be involved in organising a charity event for McKay and working with other house prefects to organise various house events.

The House Prefect in charge of the visual communication is Sam Findlay. He will be taking photographs and videos of house events and assemblies and arrange for these to go on the big screens around the school. Sam will also be responsible for updating the house boards on a monthly basis to ensure that our information is being thoroughly communicated. He will be involved in advertising for house events through making posters and sending out communications to every class so that all students are informed. He was also work with our Captain to organise a charity event. Sam will be involved in organising a charity event for McKay and working with other house prefects to organise house events with the other 4 McKay prefects.

Mackintosh RA/SL

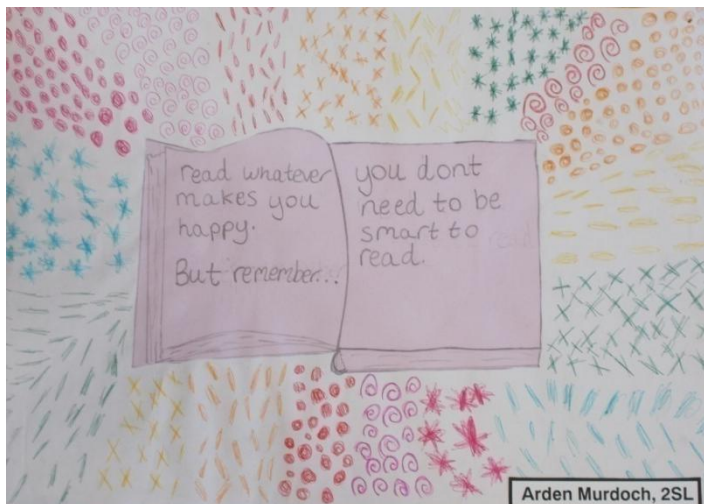
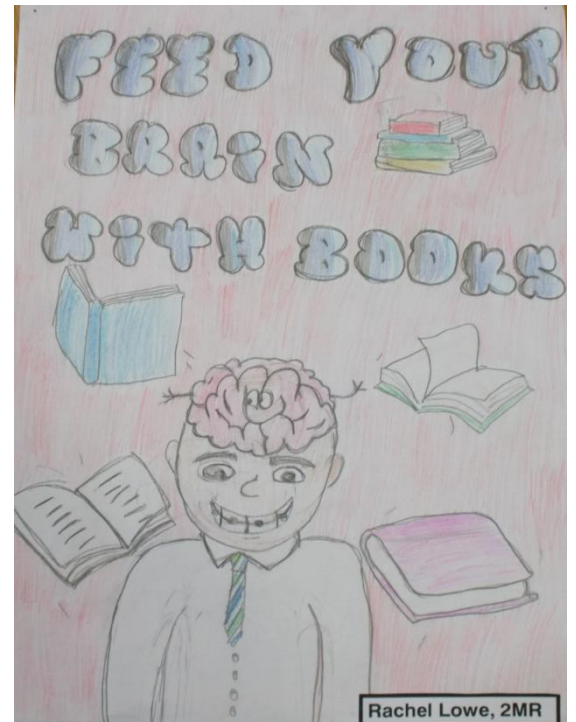
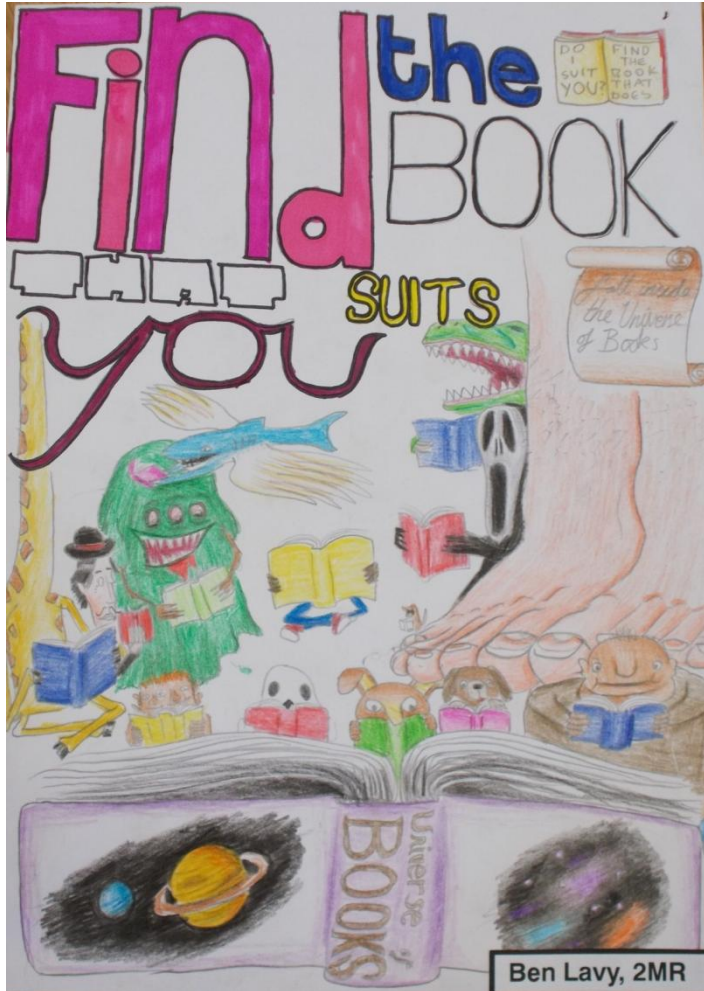


We will have updates from Mackintosh House Captain - Jamie MacDonald in November's newsletter

Library competition

Our Librarian ran a competition to design a Reading Targets Poster for pupil in S2.

The competition was won by Ben Lavy 2MR with Arden Murdoch 2SL in 2nd place and Rachel Lowe 2MR in 3rd well done to everyone who took part.



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