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Mrs Flora Smith  
née McMurtrie  
Class of 1927

**Flora met Flora ...**  
when 300 Former Pupils celebrated  
the 100th anniversary of Kingarth Street.

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# Welcome from the Rector

This summer term has been unusual, with a very different rhythm at the beginning due to the awkward timing of the Easter weekend and the term's stop-start nature due to various Friday and Monday holidays. Nevertheless, as I stood in the Beaton Road foyer on Friday 13 May looking into the faces of our S5 pupils who were waiting to go into the Assembly Hall to sit their first Higher – English, of course – I felt sure that despite all the different routines, some things remain unchanged and unchangeable.

Higher English will always be a tough test for any pupil, no matter how well-read and well-prepared they are. It is perhaps the slight element of uncertainty over which questions will come up in the paper, and that it comes right at the start of the exam period, that raises the tension for everyone. So it tends to be an occasion which sticks in the memory, long into later life, I'm sure many of you will agree. Once this exam is over, we generally find that pupils are more settled and focused, and able to tackle their remaining exams with less tension and stress. We wish them well, and hope that they all achieve their predicted grades or better than, as so many do.

Another difference this term has been the gradual development of the new Drama Studios, which will form an imposing new anchor on the right hand side of the entrance to the School from Beaton Road. Although the work is slightly behind schedule due to the winter weather, we hope it will be open and functioning after the October mid-term break next session. In December, we will hold an official opening ceremony, to which we intend to invite back many of the FPs who have contributed to Drama productions over the years, and who have been instrumental in giving the department its excellent reputation nationally.

Alongside the final stages of the build, we are giving FPs, parents, pupils and friends of the

school an opportunity to have their own donations recognised within the building. This is not a hard sell to raise money for the build, more a way of allowing the community to have a stake in the new beginnings for Drama, and to associate their names with it forever. You can find more information about how to donate on p.11. The money raised will go towards adding extra value to the facilities when they are finished, and making sure that future Drama productions are well resourced and supported. This is an important moment for a hard-working team of teachers and many pupils will benefit, so I hope that many of you will feel willing to help.

This edition of the Hutchie Herald, like all 17 issues which go before it, is the work of Karin Woods, our Communications & Marketing Manager – it was her idea to renew the existing publication in this format, and she takes all the credit for its success it has been over the years. I am therefore very sorry to report that this will be the final edition prepared and edited by Karin, as she leaves us at the end of this term to begin an exciting new chapter of family life in Seattle, with her husband Simon and their two children Barnaby and Isabel, both currently at Hutchesons'. We all have cause to thank Karin for her work here, not just for this excellent magazine which is so widely read and appreciated, but for her creation and maintenance of our website – also seen as one of the best school websites in the country – the prospectus, the parent handbook and many, many other publications.

The end of term will soon be upon us, with all its hectic events and celebrations, and beyond that I wish everyone a calm and very pleasant summer holiday.

*Ken Greig*

## A Civic Celebration for Comenius at Hutchesons'

Staff and pupils from Hutchesons' were invited to a civic reception in Glasgow's City Chambers on Friday 3 June, along with their Comenius Partnership counterparts from Germany and Poland. Hosted by the Lord Provost, Bob Winter, the reception celebrated the two-year schools partnership.



The Lord Provost and Dr Tomasz Trafas, Polish Consul General for Scotland, look on as Deputy Rector Jim McDougall talks about the partnership.



Susan Breckenridge, Head of Art, shows the Lord Provost the brochure she created to commemorate the partnership.

See p.5 for more on the Comenius Partnership.

# Road Runners



The victorious Boys 11 (in white) and gallant losers (Auld Yins) in red.

## Hutchie Footballers join forces with Youthbuild to win Charity Match at Auldhouse.

S4 football stars Tom McMurtrie, Angus McKeowan, Conor Fitzpatrick, Gregor Davidson, Paul Smith and Jonathan Thompson teamed up with boys from Action for Children's flagship Youthbuild programme to take part in the inaugural Charity Cup Launch Match. The main aim of the match was to bring young people from different backgrounds together to work as a team. The Hutchie boys trained with Youthbuild for four weeks ahead of the match, and were rewarded by winning 5-1 against an Action for Children Select made up of local community workers, politicians and our own top footballer, Pete Russell of the PE department.

The match was held in ideal conditions on a pitch at Auldhouse and was watched by a loyal band of supporters. Along with a good family atmosphere, lots of delicious home baking, the match was proof that teamwork and sport really can make a difference to the lives of young people.

Lisa Montford, Area Fundraiser for Action for Children, said: "Thanks to Hutchesons' for the great facilities at the playing field and to PE staff Ross Dewar and Pete Russell for helping to organise the occasion. It was all the better for being a lovely sunny day. Thanks also to our sponsor, Football Savers and to Alan Wardrop for taking part."

Jim McDougall said he was "delighted that Hutchie was involved in this important aspect of Action for Children's work. He added: "YouthBuild offers one-on-one support to young people between the ages of 9 - 25 who are experiencing difficulties in their life, at home, at school or with social problems like drug abuse or crime. Whatever the boys' background, they played well together and had obviously gelled as a team. We certainly intend to continue this fixture, as part of our commitment to community action."



Twelve members of staff ran the Ladies 10K in May to raise funds for Action for Children. Valerie Goff, Judith Russell, Katherine Bergin, Heather Dempster, Rhona MacKay and Alison Martin from Kingarth Street spearheaded a 'Guess the Collective Time' competition. They were joined by Beaton Road staff PE teachers Rhona Simpson and Helen McNaught, Head of Art Susan Breckenridge, S5 Year Tutor Irene Munro and Annie Hall, IT User Services Manager. Their collective time was nine hours, 44 minutes and 56 seconds and raised almost £500. "We all really enjoyed ourselves, in spite of the terrible weather!" says P1 teacher Heather Dempster.

## Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah



Not to be outdone, primary teachers Elaine Johnston and Mary Crawford, along with Head of Primary Christine Haughney, braved the heights for a zipslide across the Clyde to raise funds for Action for Children. "What a good laugh we had," says Mrs Haughney. "I was only scared for an instant just before stepping off the platform, but it was over before you knew it." They raised £800 for Action for Children.

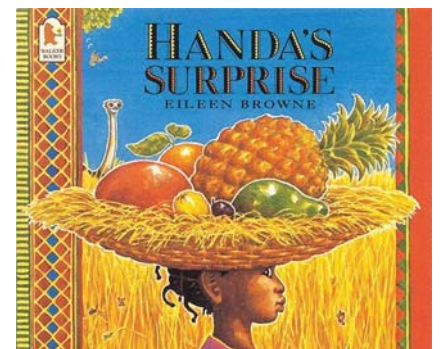
## Sports Kit to Eastern Europe

Hutchie PE kit will be winging its way to far-off lands, thanks to two pupils in S3. Holly-Beth Gourlay and Alex Bain headed an appeal for donations of the current PE kit, which will become redundant at the end of the session. They have donated the kit to Blythswood Care, who will deliver it to Eastern Europe on one of their regular runs. The aim is to encourage young people to get involved in sports. Hutchie families also donated clothing and toiletries to St Rollox Asylum Seekers Centre in Springburn.



## Handa's Surprise

Kingarth Street will celebrate the children's book *Handa's Surprise* on 8 June, with a day of foreign languages and fun, in aid of Action for Children. Following a special assembly with presentations of the Africa-set book in different languages, pupils will organise lunchtime stalls and competitions.



# Maths

Pupils from local primary schools attended a Primary Maths Masterclass at Hutchesons' in March. Organised by Pauline Smith, a Maths teacher at Hutchesons', the masterclass was designed to raise awareness and interest in the Royal Institution masterclasses that run throughout the UK.

The pupils enjoyed paper folding 2D and 3D shapes with Liz Meenan, University of Leeds, and learning about topological surfaces and the mobius strip with Julia Collins, from the University of Edinburgh. Pauline Smith, Mary Teresa Fyfe, Sharon Frisher and Dr Lionel Richard from the Hutchesons' Maths department organised team relays and computer maths puzzles. "The children were very enthusiastic when they came back to school," said one headteacher. "They even taught some of the activities to their own class!"



For the second year running, four pupils from Hutchesons' won the regional final of the Team Maths Challenge run by the UK Mathematical Trust in March. They go on to compete for the UKMT Team Maths Challenge trophy at the Royal Horticultural Halls, London, in June. Jack Henderson and Sreya Maddineni, both in S1, and S2 pupils Vikram Rana and Elaine Duncan won the Glasgow Regional Final held at the University of the West of Scotland after beating the opposition in a series of individual and team mathematical challenges. Maths teacher Sharon Frisher, who accompanied them to the competition, says she is 'delighted' by their effort and looks forward to working with the team in London.

# Economics



Six months of preparation and study paid off for S6 pupils from Hutchesons' as they achieved third place in the national final of the Bank of England's Target 2.0, held in March at the Bank's headquarters in Threadneedle Street, London. The Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Charles Bean, presented them a cheque for £2,000 for the School. Alastair MacMahon, David Henderson, Ross Davidson and Victor Mo won the regional heat in Scotland and the area final to secure their place as one of six finalists out of an original pool of 289 teams. At each stage the teams had to imitate the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) process, assessing the UK and global economic conditions to determine the most appropriate monetary policy to achieve the Government's 2.0% inflation target. The teams then presented their decision to a panel of judges, which comprised Charles Bean, Deputy Governor for monetary policy and member of the MPC; Spencer Dale, Chief Economist and member of the MPC; Andrew Sentance, an external member of the MPC; and Anatole Kaletsky, Editor-at-Large of 'The Times'.

## High-Flying Pupils Take to the Air



S6 pupils taking Advanced Higher Technological Studies took to the skies when they travelled to the Scottish Gliding Centre in March. Instructor Ricky Jackson, father of

former pupils Gavin (C2002) and Miranda (C2004), was confident there would be a suitable weather window between late morning and late afternoon. "He was correct," says Robert Furness, Head of Technology, "as conditions were ideal, with a wind of around 15 knots from the southwest, very good visibility with a high cloud base, and no rain." After a safety briefing, the first pupil was strapped into the front of a modern two-seater glider with the instructor behind, ready for the launch. The powerful winch, about ¾ mile away at the other end of the airfield, whisked them into the air, and at about 1200 feet the cable was released, and they were free to seek lift in the winds rising over Bishop Hill.

Each pupil had a flight of around 20 minutes, with a lot of time on the controls, apart from during the take-off and landing, and during some exciting aerobatic manoeuvres over Loch Leven.

Robert Furness was recently awarded an MSc in Architecture: Advanced Environmental Energy Studies from the Centre for Alternative Technology. He passed with distinction.



## D-Stress: Health Fair for Senior Pupils

The first "D-Stress" Health Fair for senior pupils took place at lunchtime in April. Organised by Matron Jane Johnstone, the Fair gave pupils the opportunity to let off steam in the pre-exam period and also gain valuable information about health issues in general.

Sharon Millar from Joy Works conducted "laughter clinics"; Carol Wiseman from the Sandyford Initiative gave pupils advice on sexual health issues; Castlemilk Youth Stress Centre gave pupils de-stressing hand massages; and Raymond Stewart, the Schools Catering Manager, supplied fresh fruit and smoothies to encourage healthy eating habits.

Pupils received free goody bags which included educational health leaflets and "soap bubbles" which added to the fun approach to a serious issue of coping with stress.



## Law

Pupils in S5 donned robes to take part in the Glasgow MiniTrials at Glasgow Sheriff Court.

## BBC News Report



Pupils in S2 made the news for real on 24 March, when they took part in the BBC News School Report.

## History Pupils hear Tale of Survival

S3 historians and their teachers were privileged to listen to a talk from Mrs Marion Camrass, who described her experiences during the Second World War and explained why she ended up as a proud Glaswegian. All listened with great concentration and awe as they learned of her journey from privileged childhood in a comfortable middle-class Polish household to exile in Siberia and then escape to an orphanage in Bukhara in Uzbekistan.



## Medal Success in Physics Olympiad

Three Hutchesons' pupils have been honoured with medals in the 2011 British Physics Olympiad, which attracts entries from the UK's top young physicists. S6 pupils Timothy Heelis and Scott Melville received Gold and Silver medals respectively, and Hamza Gangi received a Bronze medal for his Practical Project. The examination-based competition challenges and rewards the best physicists in British schools. The Practical Project includes an interesting problem to be investigated using common household and school equipment and then written up in the style of an academic paper.



# Educational Enrichment



During the week of from 23 to 26 May, pupils in S3 went 'off timetable'. Three groups headed abroad and around 80 pupils and numerous staff participated in 11 different activities in and around Glasgow. The activities ranged from 'discovering Glasgow' to discussing business; from watersports to photography to community action.

Despite the cancellation of a windsurfing/canoeing session due to unseasonably inclement weather, the pupils rose to the various challenges, including the creation of a mural at Action for Children's centre at Stoneside, near Auldhouse.

The week drew to a close with 'Entertainment for Erskine'. The Music and Drama departments produced a concert for local residents and guests from Erskine Hospital, with contributions from the Wind Band, Intermediate Orchestra and Choir, songs from the shows and the Pipe Band. Pupils served tea and cakes to the visitors and spoke with them; a meeting of the generations.



Keen S3 historians and their teachers enjoyed an excellent tour of Germany, visiting Munich, Dachau, Nuremberg and Berchtesgaden and learning first-hand about the consequences of Hitler's dream of a 1,000-year Reich.



## School Trips



Modern linguists studying Spanish set off for Barcelona. While also exploring the works Antoni Gaudí and Joan Miró, the boys were happy to visit the Nou Camp - home of FC Barcelona - just a few days before their Champions League victory.



Geographers headed to Morocco's Atlas Mountains, where they journeyed by mule to a remote Berber village to learn about traditional farming methods and to experience mountain life.

## Culture, Collaboration and Creativity mark Comenius Partnership

Staff and pupils from partner schools in Radomsko, Poland, and Nuremberg, Germany, spent a week in Glasgow in June, marking the end of the two-year EU-funded Comenius Partnership. Pupils shared their experiences through an exhibition of photography and film and, using 'Clyde Built' as a theme,

used Glasgow and its river as the focus for activities and discussion. "The Comenius Partnership has given pupils the opportunity to work outwith the formal curriculum," says Susan Breckenridge, Head of Art, "and experience historical, geographical, artistic and, most importantly, cultural differences, with the challenges of working in an environment which relies on cooperation, motivation and friendship. By far the most rewarding aspect has been staying with host families."



Staff have had many opportunities to exchange ideas. From left to right, Mary Teresa Fyfe, Head of Maths; Gillian Tooth, events coordinator; Elzbieta Ozga and Anna Niepszuz from Radomsko, Poland.



Visiting pupils and staff enjoyed the leafy environs of Pollokshields

# Biggars Music Competition 2011



S4 pupil **Hebba Benyaghla** won the Biggars Trophy for the second consecutive year, delighting the audience with her performance of Debussy's 'Jardin sous la pluie'. Hebba recently learned that she gained the highest mark in the UK in her ABRSM Grade 8 Piano exam. **Anna Heywood [S2]** won the Grades 4-5 category, and the flute duo of **Ewan Gardner [S6]** and **Mei Lin Lee [S6]** the open ensemble class. Francis Cummings (far right), Director of Music at St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh, was guest adjudicator. He also conducted the School Sinfonia in a performance of 'Titanic: a suite from the motion picture soundtrack', by James Horner, arr. John Moss. For the past 10 years, the competition has been generously sponsored by Biggars Music, one of Glasgow's largest musical instrument and sheet music retailers.

## Winners

### Grades 4-5 Class

Winner: **Anna Heywood [S2]**, voice  
Joint 2nd: **Eleanor Crowe [S3]**, voice,  
and **Kirsty Morris [S2]**, flute

### Open Ensemble Class

**Ewan Gardner [S6]** & **Mei Lin Lee [S6]**,  
flute duo

### Grades 6-8 Class

Winner: **Hebba Benyaghla [S4]**, piano  
2nd: **Morven Bremner [S6]**, oboe



## National Certificate Drama Productions



As part of their National Certificate Drama course, S6 pupils performed Paul Rudnick's play 'Regrets Only', a cutting comedy of Manhattan manners, as well as "Dusa, Fish, Stas and Vi" by Pam Gems and "Inheritance" by Jill Woods.

## Spring Fling

Five pupils won prizes in the Strathbungo Society Children and Young People's Art Competition 2011. Using 'Spring in Strathbungo' as a starting point, pupils from both the secondary and primary schools



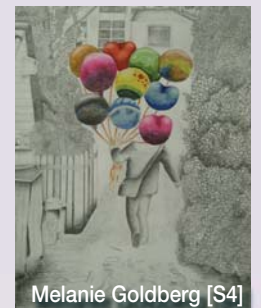
Haaris Bhatti [P7]

entered their artwork for a competition run by the Strathbungo Society.

**Haaris Bhatti [P7]**: 1st prize, 9-12 category years; **Katelin Murray [S1]**: 2nd prize, 9-12

years; **Amy Dickson [S1]**: 2nd prize in the 'line drawing category';

**Melanie Goldberg [S4]**: 1st prize, 13-16 years; and **John MacFadyen [S4]**: 3rd prize, 13-16 years. Prizes were awarded at the Annual Spring Fling event, which took place at Queen's Park Church in March.



Melanie Goldberg [S4]



**Max Milton [S6]** has won 1st equal prize in the Friends of the RSA Schools Art Award 2010-2011. His drawing, 'Work in Progress: M74', was a pencil and ink study of the ongoing construction of the new motorway on Pollokshaws Road. The work was on display at the RSA Friends' Room in March. Two further pupils, **Raphael Selby [S6]** and **Dario Ewing [S1]**, were Highly Commended.

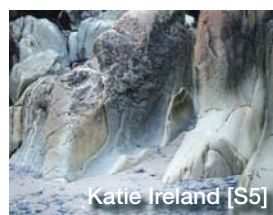
## Hutchesons' Photography Competition



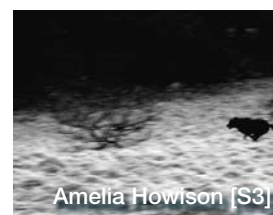
Sarah Thomson [S5]



Fraser Barnard [S2]



Katie Ireland [S5]



Amelia Howison [S3]



Eilidh McKechnie [S3]

More than 100 entries vied for the judges' attention at the 2011 Hutchesons' Photography Competition. After more than half an hour of deliberation, photographer Alan Dimmick and English teacher (and keen photographer) Cate Hamilton picked the winners:

**S1-S3 Landscape Winner - Eilidh McKechnie [S3]**

**S1-S3 Close Up Winner - Fraser Barnard [S2]**

**S4-S6 Landscape Winner - Katie Ireland [S5]**

**S4-S6 Close Up Winner - Sarah Thomson [S5]**

**Outstanding Picture - Amelia Howison [S3]**

# Tennis



The Hutchesons' Girls Tennis teams won the High School of Glasgow Invitation Tennis Tournament at Anniesland on 14 May. Eight teams were competing for the Laurel Park Trophy. S1 players **Catriona Bruce** and **Rachel Wood** lost only one game and received the silver medal. The U15 pairing of **Rosa McMillan [S3]** and **Kirsty Forgie [S3]** won all their games and were awarded the gold medal. Likewise, the Over 15 couple comprising **Captain Heather Lang [S6]** and **Paige Denholm [S4]** won all their matches. When all the games were tallied, Hutchesons' won the trophy by a clear margin of 18 games. It is the first time Hutchesons' has won this trophy since 1997. In other tennis news, both the girls' and boys' tennis teams have won through to the quarter final round of the Scottish Schools Cup, beating Jordanhill and Glasgow Academy respectively.

# Results in Brief

## Swimming

### Hutchesons' Swimming Gala

**Junior Girls:** 1st Chloe Wong [S2], 2nd Jenny Anderson [S1], 3rd Lucy Davidson [S2]

**Junior Boys:** 1st Robbie Nulty [S1], 2nd Aynsle Scott [S1], 3rd Yevgeniy Hildebrandt [S1]

## Cross-Country

### SSAA Primary Schools' Cross-Country Championships, Kirkcaldy, 23 April 2011

**P6 Boys:** Hutchesons' 1st, Josh Bicknell 3rd

**P7 Girls:** Hutchesons' 3rd

## Hutchesons' Boys take Podium spot in British Karting Finals



The Hutchesons' Grammar School team (brothers **David Wagner [S6]** and **Charles Wagner [S2]** and teammate **Kerr McEwen [S6]**) finished third in the fifth annual British Schools Karting Championship in Milton Keynes, which they won in 2010. The March event marked the culmination of a championship which was contested by more than 1,350 pupils in more than 450 teams, with schools from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland all

vying to become the British Schools Karting Champions of 2011. After winning the Scottish Regional Qualifying Event in Falkirk, the Hutchie boys won a place in the National Final, held on Daytona's challenging 1360m circuit. "Kerr, Charles and I performed very well," said David Wagner, after the final. "From the races, we had very consistent finishes. However, we were slightly unlucky with the karts we got and could not quite take a race win that would have enabled us to retain the championship. We hope that the drivers in the Hutchesons' Kart Club will keep developing into fast racing drivers and will regain the British Title in 2012!"

# Internationalists



Hockey squad and contributed to two wins over Wales in May, with Heather and Lucy both scoring. **Jenny Eadie [S4]** is in the U16 Girls Hockey squad, and **Murray Collins [S3]** and **Calum McIntosh [S4]** are in the Boys U16 Hockey squad. Murray and Calum competed for Scotland in a tournament in the Netherlands.

Many Hutchesons' pupils have been travelling across the UK and beyond, representing Scotland in Hockey, Rugby and Football. **Kirsten McIntosh, Heather Lang** and **Lucy Lanigan**, all in S6, are in the U18 Girls

# Rugby

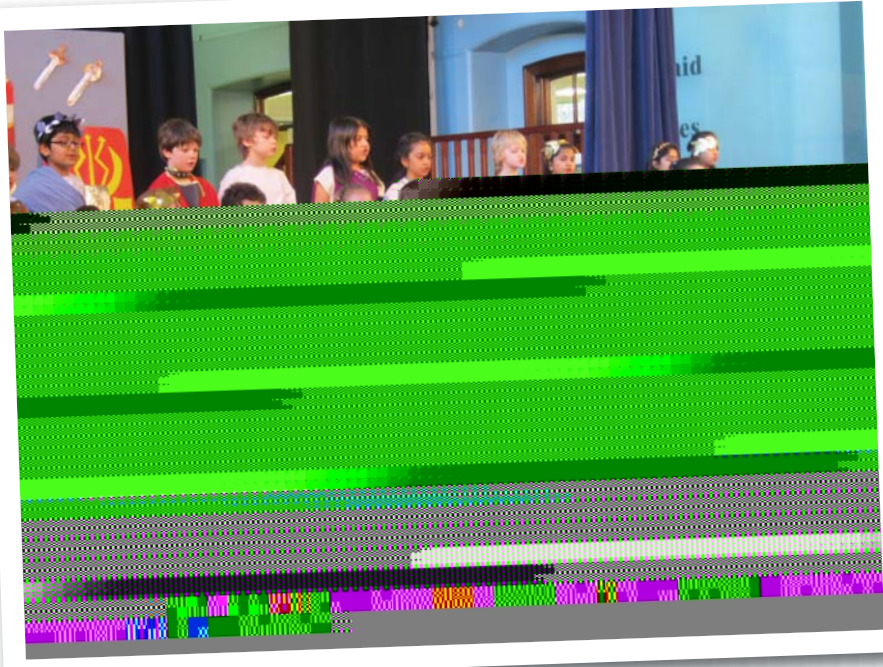
**James Malcolm [S5]** and **Josh Rutnagar [S6]** were selected for the U17 Rugby squad and took part in winning games against an England squad in May.



**Football** Five pupils were selected for the U18 Scotland Independent Schools International Challenge match on 1 May. **Fahad Ayoub** (reserve goalkeeper), **Adam Bennett, Jamie Jackson** and **Lewis Walter**, all in S5, and **Mark Davies [S6]** travelled to the City Ground, home of Nottingham Forest FC, where they lost to England 4-1.



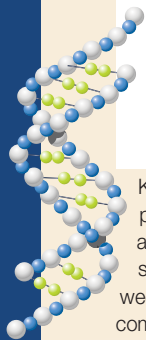
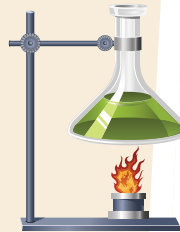
# Open up the pages of History!



Primary 3 pupils turned the clock back a couple of millennia when they staged a Roman show for their parents in March. Dressed in full Roman costume, they sang about life in Roman times (including in Latin!) and recited the many Latin words and phrases they had been learning in class with Mrs Davis and Mrs Gillies. Following the show, the children revealed that their classrooms had been turned into a Roman museum complete with swords, shields, models of Hadrian's Wall, Roman baths and the Colosseum. The children also participated in a Roman feast and they especially enjoyed lying down eating grapes and drinking Veritas Vino (Ribena).



## SCIENCE WEEK at Kingarth Street



Kingarth Street was a hive of activity during primary Science week, with experiments and presentations by pupils across the school. P3M gave an introductory Science week assembly on the theme of communication, and several parents visited to

talk about their careers as surgeons, doctors and rocket scientists. Mr MacAulay visited P1 and P2 to perform an outdoor science experiment, aided and abetted by his two children **Grace [P1]** and **Michael [P2]**, who helped set up the water experiment. The pupils enjoyed soaking the teachers on a typically dreich Glasgow day!

Pupils in Primary 2 enjoyed

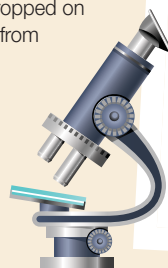
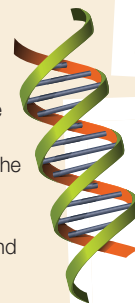
a visit from three of the secondary science teachers at Hutchesons' during which they took part in Biology, Chemistry and Physics activities.

"We went to a P3 classroom and saw some experiments," says P2 pupil Zoe Flower. "Dr McCarthy told us the biggest animal in the world is the blue whale and it has to eat hundreds of shrimp a day!"

P5 pupils have been studying the body and have examined the skeletal system, the digestive, respiratory, nervous system, circulatory system and cardiovascular systems.

They have done experiments, taken their pulse rate before and after exercise, listened to their heartbeats using stethoscopes and watched a lamb's heart being dissected, which some pupils loved (but not all!).

P6 pupils have enjoyed melting different solids and exploring flight with paper aeroplanes and parachutes dropped on unsuspecting staff and pupils from the Main Hall Balcony!







## Yo Ho Ho

Senior Maths pupils were the willing partners in crime when they helped P6 pupils to gather pirate 'bling' in return for solving mathematical puzzles. The pupils worked in teams on treasure islands and, as they solved the puzzles, they were released to collect the treasure from the central island, guarded by the Pirate Queen!



## The Pirates of Penzance

The pirate theme continued through the 2011 P7 Show, "The Pirates of Penzance". **Eve Brown [P7]** reports: There were many stars of the show. The two love-birds were Sophie Johnston as the Beautiful Mabel and Luke Macias as the handsome Frederic. These two definitely had a little spark between them. The two comedians of the nights were Jodie Knight as Pirate King and Shiraz Shafi as the Major General. The combination of the General's child-like attitude and the King's clumsy footing put a smile on everyone's face. The only one without a smile was the unloved character Ruth, played by Emily Smith. Well, next time she'll think twice before tricking a handsome man. Everyone was a part of the show. The chorus sang their hearts out, the stage crew made all



the scenery and props, and the main cast worked so hard to make this a great show. Also working just as hard were all the understudies. They had to learn double the amount that most of the cast had to learn. Now, there would be no show if there were no teachers. They were all amazing at choreographing the whole show and helping us get our costumes exactly right in every way.

## Primary 2 pupils send teddy bears to sample Island Life!

Each of the three Primary 2 classes at Hutchesons' have sent a teddy bear to a school on a Scottish island and has received an island bear in return.

"We are sending emails and photos to each other and comparing life in a city to that on an island," says teacher Caroline Ross. "The island teddies are exhausted with the pace of life in Glasgow, while the city teds are enjoying the chilled island lifestyle!"



Toby from P2R has gone to Paible School in North Uist, who sent Seonaidh the Sheep. Ted Hutchinson from P2C is visiting Eday School in Orkney, which mailed Patch, and P2H sent Thomas to Scalloway Junior High School in Shetland and are hosting Magnus in return.

## Zoolab

P1 pupils enjoyed meeting animals in their classroom during a visit from Zoolab. They also travelled back in time during a visit to Scotland Street School.



# Ladies and Gentlemen Please take

## Valerie Alderson, Head of Drama, introduces the School's latest production, the new Drama Studios.

After many years of rehearsing underneath the stage and in every nook and cranny the Drama staff could find, they will move into a dedicated facility for the teaching, development and performance of drama in October this year.

"We have survived portakabins and the old library building," says Head of Drama Valerie Alderson. "This last year we have been temporarily housed in the very warm, dry and plush Fotheringay Centre."

Pupils and audiences will concur. The Drama department has developed over the past 14 years, since Mrs Alderson assumed her position. Drama is now offered from S1-S6, with exam courses for those pupils in S3 to S6 who wish to study the subject on the curriculum. It is the extra-curricular productions, however, which have caught the imagination of the whole school, as well as the local community throughout Glasgow and beyond.

Valerie Alderson: "Musical theatre plays a large part in our programme, with two major productions each year. The junior production for pupils from S1 to S3 takes place in November, with numbers in excess of 100 regularly on stage and have included well-known shows such as 'Annie', 'Oliver!' and 'Bugsy Malone'. The senior shows are at the end of the school year, and are a wonderful, exciting finale to the school session. They are

always a tremendous challenge, as they demand commitment and a lot of hard work, but are successful because of the determination of the cast and staff to produce their very best.

Recent shows have included "*The Hot Mikado*," "*Fiddler on the Roof*," "*We Will Rock You*," "*Les Misérables*," and "*West Side Story*".

In addition to collaborations with the Music Department, the Drama department stages several dramatic events during the year. These include the S3 Drama competition, public showcases of S5 and S6 exam presentations and a number of full-scale test-based productions performed by S6 National Certificate students.

Thousands of pupils have passed through the department and have embraced the opportunity of being involved in these varied and special events which they remember well into adulthood, with friendships forged during a unique experience. Several former pupils have gone on to work in the business, including actors, musical theatre performers, teachers and those working behind the scenes in the various technical disciplines. These pupils keep in regular touch with the department; it is a very proud moment to see one of the department's protégés performing on the West End stage.

The new Drama Studios, with their highly adaptable performance space,

public foyer, drama classrooms with sprung floors, technical equipment and core spaces for the drama department will enable the department to offer new courses. Many pupils currently sit SQA exams at all levels in Drama, but the department hopes that this will naturally increase with the new facilities, as pupils have been turned away in the past due to limited space. Pupils will also be trained in operating state-of-the-art technical equipment, which will benefit their understanding of the professional theatre and the department will introduce specific technical courses up to the National Certificate level. They also hope to introduce dance classes to exam level and to include voice production workshops, including singing, and acting workshops with guest directors.

Valerie Alderson and her colleagues, Eleanor Meek and Diane Sobolewska, envisage vibrant and busy studios where Hutchesons' pupils experience the freedom to create a high standard of work. They will provide a focal point for dramatic activity for all ages throughout the School and the wider community.

"I am very proud of what we have achieved. I've watched pupils over many years develop into confident and enthusiastic performers, and have always been in awe of the work which they have produced."

# ladies and gentlemen, your seats ...



## Ladies and Gentlemen, Please take your seats ...

If you would like to be part of this exciting project, you can have your name inscribed on a tile in the crush bar or on a seat-back plaque in the studio theatre. Full details are on the enclosed form or on the website: [www.hutchesons.org/giving](http://www.hutchesons.org/giving).



# Kingarth Street Centenary Tea Party



They came on foot, by car, by train, by bus and by taxi. In some cases, they came by plane. When it was announced that Hutchesons' would hold a tea party to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Kingarth Street, the response was overwhelming, with more than 300 former pupils of Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School looking for invitations, and many more sending their apologies.

Masterminded by **Jean Lees, née McMillan (C1960)** and **Sheilagh White, née McDonald (C1966)**, the Tea Party was organised by the Development Office, who managed to seat 300 women for tea in the Hall, the Balcony, the Library and two classrooms. Further classrooms were commandeered as prep spaces for the School's catering staff. State-of-the-art communication links meant that those sitting in the Primary 3 classrooms could see and hear as well as their friends in the Hall, a far cry from their own school days.

It was an extraordinary afternoon, during which friendships, some spanning many decades, were rekindled and old friends wandered around their school with the familiarity of yesterday. The youngest left school in 1976, the oldest, **Flora Smith, née McMurtrie**, 50 years earlier. After enjoying entertainment from primary pupils, they all as one entered into a rendition of the Girls' School Song at the close of proceedings, very few needing a reminder of the words!



# Kingarth Street 1911-2011



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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Foundation Stone           | 6. Infants c1925                   |
| 2. The Lunch Room             | 7. Art at Kingarth Street          |
| 3. Science at Kingarth Street | 8. 1st XI Hockey team, 1924        |
| 4. Prizegiving 1956           | 9. Girls School 1961               |
| 5. Kingarth Street Hall 1953  | 10. 1953 Miss H Howie gym mistress |

If you have memories or memorabilia relating to Kingarth Street when it was home to the Girls' School which you'd be happy to share, please contact Louise Duncan, Development Office: tel 0141 433 4474 or [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org).



Many thanks go to Ann Laird (C1971) who has compiled a comprehensive series of photos which document the architecture of the building at 44 Kingarth Street. It is hoped that a booklet of these photos will be produced later this year.

# Class of 1991 Reunion



Euan Lees, Mark Campbell,  
Scott Dunbar

Around 80 members of the Class of 1991 cast aside their adult personas for one night and let their collective hair down for their 20th reunion.

Organised by **David McKie** at Beaton Road on 7 May, they talked and danced until the small hours enjoying the company of current and former members of staff, including former rector David Ward, who shared his first day at Beaton Road with the Class of 1991.



Stuart Lang, Martin Hay, Gary Keenan



Zara Lipsey, Jill Dickson, née Mochrie,  
Linzie Steele, née Thomson



Julie Darroch, née Cargill,  
Graham Mitchell, Greg Howitt



Julie Steele, née McQuade,  
Alistair McGhie, Dr Rona Gaffney



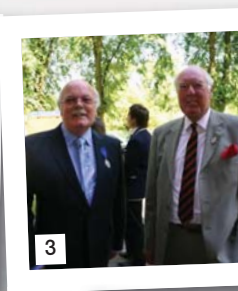
Deborah Smith, Anne Jack,  
Gillian MacKay, née Leitch

# The 1641 Society Lunch 2011

**Graham MacAllister (C1962)** said he hoped he wasn't tempting fate when promising fine weather for the 1641 Society Lunch each year. This year certainly lived up to its billing, as Friday 3 June was a gorgeous day!

This special occasion is held each year to recognise the growing number of donors and benefactors who have made, or intend to make, a gift to Hutchesons' in their will. As Honorary President of the Society, Mr MacAllister presented new member **Douglas Logan (C1963)** with a hand-crafted silver pin based on the original Hutchesons' foundation stone.

For more information about how to become a member of the 1641 Society, please call the Development Office, Tel: 0141 433 4474 or [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org).



1. Carol Abernethy, Dr Robert Abernethy (C1956), Rosemary Macphail and James Macphail (C1944)
2. Rory Morrice, Head Boy; Emma Hunter, Depute Head Girl; Margaret Corrie and Graham MacAllister (C1962)
3. Graham MacAllister (C1962), Dr Douglas Bremner (C1957)
4. Jan and David Dobson (C1964) and Anna Mae Fraser

5. Lady Stone and Graham MacAllister
6. Etta Whyte, Peter Whyte, former Rector, and Joan Fairweather
7. Kenneth and Margaret Gray, née Sime (C1953)
8. Kate Keter, Alistair Marr (C1976) and Alison Marr, née Steel (C1976)
9. Carol Biggart, née Hutchison (C1976) and Iain Keter (C1972)

10. Jean Smith (C1949) and Louise Duncan, Alumni and Development Officer
11. Christine Haughney, Head of Primary, and Anne Ritchie (C1963)



# Giving to Hutchesons'

## Aim High

At Hutchesons' we aim for the highest standards in every aspect of School life. Our pupils excel in academic achievement, in sport, music, drama and the arts, and engage in a huge range of co-curricular activities and personal development programmes at home and abroad.

## Annual Fund

To keep Hutchesons' at the cutting edge of education requires continual financial investment. The Annual Fund is a valuable resource which provides unrestricted, non-fee income to help finance Bursaries, which widen access to academically able pupils from all backgrounds, and helps to fund an enormous variety of projects not covered by School fees.

## Challenge 500!

We set ourselves a challenge to reach 500 donors and thanks to a great response we are over halfway there. But we still have some way to go to reach our goal. We really do need the support of everyone in our School community so please, if you are not already a donor, become one today.

## Make a gift

You can make your gift, which can be for any amount, by completing the enclosed Form and returning it in the envelope provided to the Development Office. Please make a gift and help us keep Hutchesons' at the top!

## Giving in the USA

Make a tax deductible gift to the **US Bursary Fund** by completing the American Fund for Charities form and sending it with your cheque to: Tony Green, American Friends of Hutchesons' Association, 1742 West Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60622

## Giving in Canada

Make a tax deductible gift to the **Canadian Bursary Fund** by completing the Hutchesons' Canadian Trust form and sending it with your cheque to: Dr Matt Manson, Hutchesons' Grammar School Trust, 4 Olympus Avenue, Toronto, ON M6S 1K9

# Forthcoming Events

## Events

### Thursday 18 August 2011 Gents' Golf Competition, Portpatrick Golf Club

Contact: John Dickson, tel 01776 810720 or johndickson@hotmail.co.uk (Please note this event was rescheduled from 5 May, due to poor weather.)

### Tuesday 6 September 2011 Ladies' Golf Outing, Strathaven Golf Club

Contact: Sallie Harkness, née Moodie (C1959), tel 0141 639 1166 or sallieharkness@btinternet.com

### Saturday 5 November 2011 Class of 1959 informal reunion

Contact: Chrissie Boyer, née Simison, chiff26@hotmail.com

## Reunions

### Saturday 10 September 2011 Class of 1986 reunion

Alison Marshall is organising a 25th anniversary reunion at Beaton Road.

### Friday 30 September 2011 Class of 1981 reunion

Lindsay Allen, née Dunlop, is organising a 30th anniversary reunion at Beaton Road for Fifth Form leavers 1980 and Sixth Form leavers 1981.

### Saturday 1 October 2011 OSF 46

Annual meeting of Old Sixth Form, Class of 1946.

For more information about any of these events, please contact Louise Duncan, [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org) or 0141 433 4691.



Congratulations to **Flora Smith, née McMurtrie (C1927)**, who celebrated her 102nd birthday on 21 April this year. Two S6 pupils, **Sandy Nimmo** and **Gillian Hutchison**, visited her on the day.



Two Former Pupils of Hutchesons' were elected as Members of the Scottish Parliament in the elections on 5 May. **Humza Yousaf (C2003)** was elected as an SNP Member following his inclusion on the Glasgow List.

**John Mason (C1975)**, formerly MP for Glasgow East, was elected as SNP MSP for Shettleson. Three S6 pupils were invited to take part in a live radio debate hosted by BBC Radio Scotland on Friday 6 May,

as the last of the election results rolled in. Rachel Donnachie, Lloyd Lombardi and Jamie Blackwood joined politicians, Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament, and representatives from the arts, medical and sporting communities.





# News from Former Pupils

## 1960s

**Professor Tommy MacKay (C1964)** has been selected as the inaugural winner of the national Public Engagement and Media Award from the British Psychological Society for his work in bringing psychology to a wider audience. The award was presented at a public lecture in Glasgow in May 2011 by Dr Gerry Mulhern, President of the Society.



Members of the Class of 1969 took advantage of the Centenary Tea Party to enjoy dinner together before going their separate ways.

Earlier this year, **Sheilagh White, née McDonald (C1966)** met up with **Christine Kernohan, née Nicol (C1967)** at Gladstone Wines in New Zealand, where Christine is the chief wine maker.



## 1970s



**J David Simons (C1970)** has recently had a second novel published, "The Liberation of Celia Kahn". Like his first novel, "The Credit Draper", his second is set primarily within the Glasgow Jewish community in the early 20th century. The books deal with themes of immigration, identity, socialism and feminism. For more information, go to [www.jdavidsimons.com](http://www.jdavidsimons.com)



Congratulations go to **Fiona Weir (C1970)**, Senior Lecturer at Langside College and a member of the Home Economics and Hospitality Assessment Panel, who received the SQA Partnership Star Award for her work with Sodexo catering company. The awards in this category recognise partnerships whose work has set new standards in education and training to benefit candidates.

**Karen Kurtis, née Edwards (C1979)** writes: "The March 2011 issue of the Hutchie Herald and the news item on Hutchiesons' as Tennis Scotland School of the Year brought back many wonderful, happy memories! By coincidence, I was a member of the 1976 Hutchie tennis team who last won the Scottish Schools championships and I am now living in Nairn and playing on a Nairn Club tennis team with two Nairn schoolgirls who were runners up to the winning Hutchie team in 2010! After many years living and working abroad enjoying a diverse legal career both in private practice on Wall Street with New York firm White & Case and then as in-house counsel with companies such as The Discovery Channel, Blockbuster Video, Palm Computing and Specsavers, I returned to live in Scotland in 2009 with my American husband, Walter. I have enjoyed being in touch with my former Hutchie tennis team mates from the 1976 team, **Dorothy Hart, née Smith (C1978)** and **Lisa Cohen, née Tuck (C1979)** and we are still laughing over all our shared memories!"



## 1980s

**George Galloway (C1981)** founded GeoTechInvest in The Netherlands in July 2010. His two children attend the European School, Bergen, and have been taught maths by Philip Holmes, a former teacher at Hutchiesons'. GeoTechInvest works on projects that strengthen the long term health of the oil and gas industry, promote concepts and technology to improve efficiency and continue to reduce client HSE risks.



**Lyndsey Phillips, née Greer (C1984)** started an Ayrshire-based Sales Training and Coaching Company last year. The company, Stimuli, works with local businesses to build short- and long-term goals and business strategies. She is also a Director on the board of the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## 2000s

**Craig McGinlay (C2004)** has been appointed Sports Scientist for St Mirren Football Club. Craig represented Scotland's Under 18 side in Rugby in the world cup in Italy before having to give up due to injury, and pursuing a career in sports science instead.

**Christina Knox (C2005)** is in her final year of a masters degree at the Royal Northern College of Music, where she is Leader of the RNCM Orchestra. She gave a recital at St Bride's Church, Hyndland, on 30 April, accompanied by Leslie Macleod, music teacher at Kingarth Street.



**Elliott Gold (C2007)** is in his final year of a degree in Law at Glasgow University and has just completed the European Human Rights Project, a simulation of being a human rights lawyer in Scotland. The course lasts the duration of the academic year. The group works to bring a case to the Court in Strasbourg. "I have just returned from the trip," says Elliott, "having mooted in the Chamber in front of the real judges. We brought a case on issues ranging from kettling in London (Article 5 – a deprivation of liberty); the right to a fair trial under Article 6 and the right to freedom of expression under article 10."

**Josh Fields (C2009)**, who is studying at Pembroke College, Oxford and is captain of the Oxford Boxing Team, recently led his side to a convincing 6-3 victory over Cambridge, reclaiming the Truelove Bowl at the Troxy in East London. "I am proud to have captained such an incredible team," he said. "We have trained so hard, and every performance this evening showed how prepared we were. The Truelove Bowl is back where it belongs."



# In Memoriam

**Muriel Allan Manson, née Renwick**  
Class of 1927, 1914-2011

**Mabel M Scott, née Black**  
Class of 1936, 1920 – 2010

**Margaret D Carswell, née Conn**  
Class of 1937, 1918-2011

**Margaret Sutherland**  
Class of 1938, 1920-2011

**Miss Maisie Brown**  
Class of 1940, 1922-2010  
Leaves sister Irene Boyd, née Brown (C1945)

**Professor Bill Wallace**  
Class of 1944, 1926-2011

**Dr James Wright**  
Class of 1944, 1925-2010

**Muir Hunter Cherry**  
Class of 1945, 1927-2010

**Alastair Currie**  
Class of 1948, 1930-2011  
(obituary to follow in December issue)

**Dr Lewis Johnman**  
Class of 1950, 1932-2011

**The Rev Dr Elizabeth Weir, née MacLeod**  
Class of 1950, 1931-2011

**Muriel Allan Manson, née Renwick**  
Class of 1927, 1914-2011

Mrs Manson was formerly a partner in Lowndes, Renwick and Manson, solicitors, having followed her father and grandfather into the legal profession. She graduated B.L. from Glasgow University in 1936. She is survived by daughter-in-law Avril Manson (C1962).

**Dr Lewis Johnman**  
Class of 1950,  
1932-2011

Dr Lewis Johnman was a popular family doctor whose experiences of National Service in the 1950s forged a lifelong bond with the Armed Services and led to a leading role in the Territorial Army Medical Service. As Brigadier, he became the highest-ranking officer in the TA Medical Service with responsibility at the time for 10,000 servicemen and women in the UK and NW Germany.



Dr Johnman was born in Carmyle in the east end of Glasgow, the son of a fireman in the mining industry. He was educated at Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School, excelling academically and on the sports field, where he played rugby. He studied medicine at Glasgow University, graduating MB, ChB in 1956. The early years of his medical career were spent in Stobhill Hospital where he was a house physician, and at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, serving there as a house surgeon.

He met his future wife, Flora Semple, and shortly before he was called up for National Service in 1957 they married. As a medical doctor, he signed on for a short-service commission with the Royal Army Medical Corps and joined the British Army of the Rhine. The couple spent the next three years in Neinberg, Germany, where Dr Johnman was Garrison Medical Officer. It was during this time that the Johnmans' first daughter, Fiona, was born.

After demob in 1961, Lewis Johnman worked briefly in obstetrics at Bellshill Maternity Hospital, Lanarkshire, before moving to Britwell, Buckinghamshire, where he spent the next 15 years in general practice. In 1976, by now with a second daughter, Nina, the family moved back to Scotland and he became a GP in Rutherglen. As well as his practice duties, Dr Johnman also became company doctor for CWS Scotland and United Biscuits.

His return north also coincided with his reconnection with the military. He joined the Territorial Army Medical Service, taking command of 205 Scottish General Hospital with the rank of Colonel.

At the time of the first Gulf War the 205 was the only TA General Hospital fully-manned with staff and specialists ready to be deployed to Kuwait. In 1989, he was promoted to Brigadier, the TA's most senior medic. He became chairman of the Territorial and Volunteer Forces Association for the Lowlands, an organisation with wide-ranging responsibility for the Volunteer Reserves of all the Armed Forces. In recognition of his work and achievements he was appointed the Queen's Honorary Physician from 1986 till 1992. He was also awarded a CBE in 1998.

His charity work reflected his interest in the Armed Forces. He was a director of the Earl Haig Fund and chairman of its west of Scotland branch. He was also chairman of the West of Scotland RAMC Association for 18 years. In the early 2000s, he devoted most of his time to care for his wife, whose health had deteriorated. Flora died in 2006.

For the last few years of his life he was the loving and devoted partner of Anna Mae Fraser, his former next door neighbour in Strathaven, whose husband had died the year after Flora.

Last year Dr Johnman, who was an accomplished pianist and church organist, was elected Deacon of the Incorporation of Tailors of the Trades House in Glasgow. Though seriously ill from cancer, he was able to chair the Incorporation's Choosing Dinner in November. He is survived by his two daughters, two teenage grandchildren, and his partner.

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**Margaret Sutherland**

Class of 1938, 1920-2011

Margaret Sutherland was one of an indefatigable breed of post-war working women who blazed a trail through academia, preparing the way for generations to follow. Recognising that her appointment as a university professor gave her an opportunity to fly the flag for those in her wake, she chose to play a full part in the governance of her university, displaying her collegial spirit and flair for administration through contributions to the senate, extensive committee responsibilities and as chair of the education panel of the Board for Collegiate Academic Awards.

But such multi-tasking was nothing new to the indomitable Miss Sutherland who had already obtained a first in her MED while teaching at various Glasgow secondary schools. The achievement followed her successes at Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School, where she was Dux in 1938, and at Glasgow University where she graduated with first class honours four years later and received the Herkless prize for the most distinguished woman graduate in arts.

She also went on to become an author and Dean of Faculty as well as being recognised by the French government for her contribution to education with an appointment as Chevalier in the Order of the Palmes Academiques.

Born the eldest of three children, to Post Office supervisor George Sutherland and his wife Janet Robertson, she was a naturally studious youngster and consistently brilliant pupil. When she went to Glasgow University to study French and German she was disappointed to be unable to complete her year abroad when the Second World War intervened. Before leaving France, however, she had befriended a young French woman, who was later killed while working for the resistance. Following the war she kept in touch with her friend's sister, nurturing what proved to be a lifelong friendship.

After training as a teacher and gaining a first in education and psychology in 1945, she moved to Queen's University, Belfast as a lecturer in education, marking the start of an association with Northern Ireland that was to last for more than 25 years.

Her academic development there was rapid.

While at Queen's she was promoted to senior lecturer and then reader but had ambitions to become a professor. In 1971 she published her first book, *Everyday Imagining and Education*, and soon afterwards was asked to apply for the Chair of Education at Leeds by the then vice-chancellor of the university, Lord Boyle.

She took up the post and the headship of the then Department of Education in 1973, delivering her inaugural lecture with elan - speaking elegantly for an hour and without the aid of notes, on various aspects of girls' education, identifying the position in the UK within the wider European context.

Following a reorganisation, she was appointed chair of the School of Education in 1975-6. Subsequently, she served as dean of the faculty from 1976 to 1978 and as chair of the board of the Faculty of

Education from 1978 to 1980. Her academic interests were wide-ranging and included aspects of educational psychology, sex differences in education and comparative education, including a comparative study of the career perceptions of female academics. She received frequent invitations to present papers at institutions and conferences in many parts of the world. At the same time, her collegial spirit disposed her readily to assume extensive committee responsibilities at Leeds.

She spent almost 13 years there, serving in various capacities. In addition to her work with the Board for Collegiate Academic Awards, nationally she served on both the Education Sub-Committee of the University Grants Committee and the University Council for the Education of Teachers. Although she threw herself into university life she maintained strong family links, returning regularly to Glasgow and enjoying many holidays in Scotland with her sister and her family.

She retired to St Andrews in 1986 but her thirst for knowledge did not wane.

She developed many friendships and new interests - including an enthusiasm for Gaelic and Northern Studies - continued her educational research and remained active in the Association Francophone d'Education Comparee. She was also a prominent member of the Dundee and St Andrews branch of the British Federation of Women Graduates, serving with distinction as chair of its charitable foundation, and was president of the St Andrews branch of the Franco-Scottish Society.

After her late sister, Helen, was widowed the siblings formed an even closer bond. Helen had also been Dux, the holder of a first-class degree and honoured by the French government. One of the few regarded by her sister as her intellectual equal, the pair enjoyed vigorous debates on the merits of various authors and novels. A woman of tenacity and perseverance, Sutherland leaves a towering academic record of achievement in education, recognised by the flying of the flag at half mast in her memory, over the building housing Leeds University's language centre, on the day of her funeral.

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### Professor Bill Wallace

Class of 1944, 1926-2011



Bill Wallace, who has died aged 84, was a Glasgow-born academic and commentator on East European and Sino-Soviet affairs whose influence was global. As Director of the

Institute of Soviet and East European Studies at Glasgow University his views on world events were eagerly sought and his voice heard regularly on radio broadcasts including Radio Scotland and the Radio 4 Today programme.

He wrote prolifically on events as they happened for The Herald and other publications – a collection of his features is to be published soon – provided analysis and consultancy to private companies including BP and became one of the UK's most knowledgeable and highly-respected commentators

Asked by the Chinese to help them improve their knowledge of their estranged Russian neighbours, he and his staff established close contacts with several of China's most influential academic centres. Later he was a key mover behind the twinning of Glasgow with Rostov on Don in 1986 and Dalian in China in 1997.

Born in Glasgow, the son of a shipping clerk, he grew up in Rutherglen, winning a scholarship to Hutchesons' Grammar where he was Dux of the school and came top of the bursary competition for Glasgow University. However, he joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in 1944, serving during and after the war on mine-sweeping operations in Malta, Ceylon and Singapore. He left the service after three years "conscious that the world was much bigger than I had realised and that it might be useful to something just a bit different".

It was the early post-war period and the Soviet Union was playing a new role on the world stage.

As a history student at Glasgow University, he learned Russian and began to travel to Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, recounting with delight how the locals came out to stare at the young man in the kilt. He then took an MA in Czechoslovak Regional Studies at the University of London and in 1953 he married Gulli Fyfe, with whom he went on to have two sons and a daughter.

The University of Pittsburgh in the United States was where he first took a position as lecturer, teaching contemporary East European History. Appointments at the universities of London, Aberdeen and Durham followed and, in 1967, he was appointed as one of the first professors at the New University of Ulster in Coleraine. He had the opportunity to build not only his own department but a growing and ground-breaking university.

In 1979 he was appointed Director of the Institute of Soviet and East European Studies at Glasgow University which thrived under his leadership and where he followed and commented on the opening up of the Eastern Bloc and the emerging reforms in China. In 1991 he received the Lord Provost's medal for services to education in Glasgow while serving as Dean of Social Sciences at Glasgow from 1989-92. He was also chairman of the Scottish branch of the Council of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, a vice president of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, a long-standing member of the Scottish Committee of the British Council and a foreign member of the Russian Academy of Technological Sciences.

His busy retirement included a great deal of travel, a visiting professorship at Sunderland University and, above all, time for his family. He is survived by his wife Gulli, their three children Ron, Patrick and Moira and three grandchildren Lindsay, Calum and Henry.

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*Andrew Baillie has sent Hutchesons' an obituary of his aunt, Marion Baillie, an English teacher at Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School during the 1950s.*

### Marion Baillie, 1922-2010

Teacher of English,

Marion was born in Bridgeton in 1922 and had that "needle like quality of intellect" from a very early age. Despite having an incapacitated mother and running the family home from an early age, Marion won a Glasgow University bursary place and graduated with an MA in English Language and Literature. She passed her Teaching Certificate and found her vocation for life. She taught in John Street School in Bridgeton and then at Govan High before moving to Hutchesons' Grammar School. Isabella McIver was principal of the Girls' School from 1948 to 1973 and was instrumental in bringing Marion to Hutchesons', where she remained for many years. In that time she became a member of the School Library Association and was a special reader for the New Collins Dictionary. She left to join the staff at Jordanhill College of Education.

Marion was happiest when she was teaching. She seemed to inspire her pupils and one person who only knew her as a university lecturer said of Marion "She is the most gifted educator in the teaching profession I have known. Her articulation, sense of humour and great understanding of things past and present, British and foreign, have touched the lives of many students in Britain, America, China and around the world." Many of her former Hutchie pupils would agree with the summary and that facial expression that would cast a withering glower at any pupil!

In 1965 Marion was appointed as Head Mistress of Morrison's Academy in what was to be a happy six years at the school. It was not only the development of Morrison's infrastructure but also the School's academic achievement as, in 1968, Morrison's won its first English bursary to the University of Edinburgh. In 1971 she left Morrison's and returned to Jordanhill College of Education as Dean of Women but on leaving she still remained in contact with a number of the staff and went on to serve as Governor of the school for many years.

Whilst she was still at Morrison's she served on the Scottish Education Department (SED) Consultative Committee on the curriculum undertaking a full programme of research and development into teaching English to school pupils. This committee had a formative impact on how even today English is taught in Scottish schools.

After retiring, Marion went to lecture English at the International Studies University of Shanghai in China and completed a university lecture tour to the USA in 1993. She was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. We will remember Marion as a lady of strength and spirit with a very keen brain and as one who was unstinting in the time she gave to the benefit of others. As John Buchan wrote, "To live for a time close to great minds is the best kind of education." All who have known Marion have been beneficiaries of that knowledge and that education!

# Around, Hutchesons'



Pupils in Primary 1 braved the elements to measure the large playground at Kingarth Street.



S2 historians enjoyed a whistlestop tour of Europe when Mr Bob Kutner spoke about his experiences during the Second World War as a refugee; as a junior spy and then as an interrogator of Nazi war criminals. They were fascinated by his story and eager to look at his published autobiography, 'Over my Shoulder'.



Just before exams began, members of the Class of 2011 enjoyed a sunny morning interval in the 'Secret Garden', normally out of bounds to pupils.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 5 September

- Choral Society, First Rehearsal, 7.30 pm, Georgeson Room

### Tuesday 6 September

- Kingarth Street: Meet the Teacher Evening for all parents

### Thursday 15 September

- 1957 Group Quiz Night, 7.30 pm, Assembly Hall, Beaton Road

### Saturday 17 September

- Glasgow Building Preservation Trust Doors Open Day at Kingarth Street, 10 am – 4 pm

### Tuesday 25 October

- S1 "Getting to Know You" Parents' Evening

### Wednesday 2 November

- Open Morning, Kingarth Street

### Saturday 5 November

- Open Morning, Beaton Road

### Saturday 19 November

- 1957 Group Winter Fair, Beaton Road

### Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 November

- Kingarth Street Parents' Evenings

### Sunday 27 November

- Choral Society Concert

### Monday 12 December

- S1/2 Dance

### Tuesday 13 December

- S3/4 Dance

### Wednesday 14 December

- P7 Dance

### Friday 16 December

- Senior Dance

## Term Dates

### Wednesday 24 August

Pupils return for Autumn Term

### Friday 23 – Monday 26 September

Holiday Weekend

### Monday 17 – Friday 21 October

Mid-Term Holiday

### Friday 16 December

School closes at 12 noon

### Thursday 5 January 2012

Pupils return for Spring Term

More information can be found at [www.hutchesons.org/calendar](http://www.hutchesons.org/calendar)