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Welcome from the Rector

Welcome to the first Hutchie Herald of the 2012-13 School session – you will perhaps have realised that this edition is arriving a little later in the year than before. The reason for that is a change in emphasis in the magazine. For some time we have been feeling that there was not enough space for FP news within the old format and so we have expanded that section, while still giving room for the school news which is of more interest to current pupils and their parents. I hope both constituencies will feel well served by the new arrangements – and I do hope that each group will read the 'other' parts of the magazine!

I was pleased to attend a number of FP gatherings in 2012, both in Glasgow and further afield. It was very interesting to attend the latest New York reunion in October half-term, and before that to meet up with several FPs who live in California, in both the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas. My hope was to establish funding for bursaries named after these California and New York outposts of the Hutchie community, and I am delighted to say these are beginning to take shape. Donations which make it possible for a young person to come to Hutchie are life-changing gifts, and this August two lucky bursary entrants to the Secondary school will have the added glamour of being associated with these US FP groups. Who knows where that will lead them in the future?

When I meet groups of FPs I am struck by two things. Firstly, how powerfully their old school still resonates with them, even when some will freely admit that their time at Crown Street, Kingarth Street or Beaton Road was not always straightforward or even very happy. However all will admit that the school shaped them, gave them strong values and educated them with a rigour that they have often had cause to be thankful for in later life. Many have told me that it was only many years later that the realisation dawned that their own school experience was really quite different to that of most other people, that they had an attitude of self-discipline towards study and work that others often lack. That so many FPs have risen high in their chosen careers would seem to back that up. The second thing I always notice is related to that, and it is something that is as instantly recognisable in a Hutchie FP as it is in our current pupils. It is a bright jewel, is not something we tend to talk about much in British society nowadays, and yet is as fundamental to the school ethos as the symbolism embodied in the bronze heads of George and Thomas Hutcheson in the library. It is, quite simply, intelligence.

Yet again last summer the current S6 pupils distinguished themselves nationally in their Highers results, with 58% A grades overall and a pass rate of 93.5%. An unprecedented 26 pupils gained six Highers at Grade A, part of the group of 55 who gained five As. This represents a great mass of intelligence and academic excellence. Our pupils take more Highers than most other schools, and more of them include English, Mathematics, a modern language and a science subject. There are no concessions to softer options, and the quality of the leaver at the end of S6 is witnessed by the fact that last year, the average UCAS points score of the year group was 559 points, equivalent to four A*s at A Level or an IB Diploma score of 37. These results put us firmly in the highest echelons of UK schools, not just in Scotland, and I hope that pupils, parents, staff and FPs will understand that and feel proud.

With best wishes for a prosperous future in 2013 and beyond.

Ken Greig

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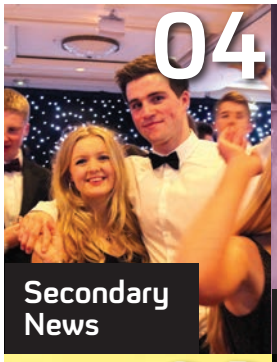
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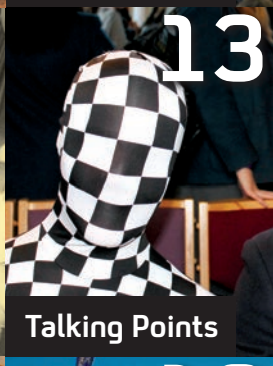
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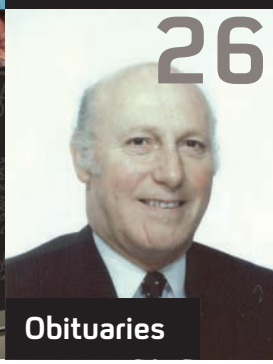
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Secondary School News

Welcome to our new pupils

The first day of term was an extra special experience for around 150 new pupils who began their Secondary education at Hutchesons' this year. Starting a new school can be daunting however the new S1 pupils embraced their first day at Beaton Road with enthusiasm. The morning was spent settling in, meeting new form tutors and classmates, being issued swipe cards, timetables, being photographed and finding their way around the School. In the afternoon a variety of activities were on offer in the Sports Hall and outside areas.

Groups of artistic, musical, sporty, thinking types spent some time getting to know each other by engaging in different tasks with friendly help and guidance from some of the S6 Buddies who will work with S1 throughout the coming year. This was just the start of an exciting and challenging year ahead for S1, and all at Beaton Road wish them well on their Hutchesons' journey.

Putting on the glitz

There was a touch of old fashioned glamour at this year's Senior Dance at the Glasgow Hilton on Wednesday the 19th December. Pupils from S5 and S6 enjoyed a sparkling Hollywood themed evening with plenty of glitz, a red carpet welcome, classic movies, fabulous cocktails (alcohol free of course!) and the chance to dance the night away with a professional ceilidh band and some fantastic performances from talented fellow pupils. A fantastic time was had by all and thanks must go to the wonderful dance committee, especially Evie Burrowes and Ansley Clark for the tremendous amount of work they put in to creating and organising such a glittering event.

Lara Tomkins and Rhona McCarte of the S4 dance committee report that the S3-S4 dance was a great success! Saying, "over 250 pupils came to the Bond themed night and everyone looked the part with boys in their smart tuxedos and girls in their glam bond girl dresses. The music was tremendous and there was such a brilliant atmosphere. The PE department did a brilliant job teaching nearly 200 pupils all the ceilidh dances which ran smoothly, as always, on the night. It was a great achievement for both years to raise approx. £400 for the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation."

Dances were also held for S1/2 in the run up to the end of term and we appreciate the time and energy of to the many staff who attended and helped out during all the evenings.

More photographs are available at www.flickr.com/hutchesonsgrammar

Pupils discover Micrography

Dr Helen Miller visited the School on the 26th of November to hold a fascinating workshop on a Jewish form of calligraphy developed in the 9th century, which has parallels in Christianity and Islam.

Dr Miller, an educationalist who has written and taught widely on a number of topics, gave staff and pupils a brief overview of Micrography. Revealing that the skill developed in response to the prohibition in the Ten Commandments on creating a 'graven image', she went on to illustrate that Micrography used letters and words to create form.

Examples ranged from a whale built with the complete text of the story of Jonah to a tree utilising French words. Pupils and Staff attendees tried it for themselves and were delighted to discover that they could produce something meaningful in a very short time.

Could you survive a week below the poverty line?

Two of our pupils, Flora Walker and Olivia Taylor, took up the challenge to survive on just one pound a day last November.
The S4 pupils are members of the j8 group and have worked hard on a thought provoking campaign to "Live Below the Line". They would like to raise awareness of extreme poverty and hunger and became interested in this global issue due to the School support for the Mary's Meals charity last year.

They made a video about the campaign and packed a powerful message into a short film of only 2 minutes and 20 seconds. They raised £150 which has gone towards various food related micro financing projects on **KIVA.**

Read their blog here:
www.j8belowtheline.blogspot.co.uk

Rotary Award

Congratulations to Lena McCrae (S6) who won second prize at The Rotary Club of Glasgow Schools Public Speaking Competition.

Spotlight on Art at Hutchie

2012 was a fantastic year for the Art Department, with the Annual Art Show in late June being a particular highlight.

The show was opened by Professor Elizabeth Moignard, classical archaeologist at the University of Glasgow and a collector of contemporary studio jewellery with an evening of art, design and music which was enjoyed by over 100 guests. There is a gallery of highlights from the show on the School Flickr site.

In autumn thirteen talented artists from both Primary and Secondary won awards in the Annual Schools Glasgow Art Competition. Iris Evans and Fraser Rennie (P6) received gold medals and Harry McGarvie and Rory Dick (P7) won silver and gold medals respectively. Nine other pupils were awarded commended and highly commended for their imaginative drawings and sketches.

Michael McBride (then S6) was the overall winner of a national architectural design award, in association with the Lighthouse, he won a week's placement with Page and Park Architects prior to his degree course in architecture at Edinburgh College of Art.

Finally, in December, the School launched a new Hutchesons' Calendar for 2013 which features stunning art work created by over 70 Secondary pupils. A full list of contributors can be found online.

We hope you will support this publication which celebrates a fantastic level of pupil talent and the hard work of the Art Department, the final copies are on sale at £5 from the School Office at Beaton Rd.

Next stop: Justice

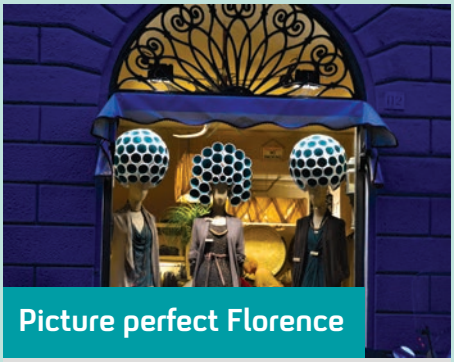
In October pupils climbed aboard the Tax Justice Bus to learn about how lost tax revenue impacts society's poorest communities and sign the 'Tick for justice' petition to call on the government for better legislation to prevent bad practice.

Emilie Naddell (S4) appreciated the importance of the tour, saying: "Awareness is vital - without it, those who are most capable of paying their taxes deny those most in need of its benefits."

International Hutchie

Hurray for Hollywood

A party of 43 Drama students, accompanied by five staff enjoyed an amazing trip to Hollywood, Los Angeles this autumn. They spent a week in the city, visiting all major attractions, including Universal Studios, the Kodak Theater, home of the Oscars and film sets at Sony Studios, and also enjoyed cycling along Venice Beach at Santa Monica. Each day began with a Drama workshop at the Stella Adler Acting School in Los Angeles. Our Drama students worked with Oscar-winning directors and young actors at the school. Head of Drama, Valerie Alderson said: "We enjoyed beautiful Californian sunshine, warm hospitality and fabulous food. It really was a trip of a lifetime! Our pupils were outstanding ambassadors for the school."



Picture perfect Florence

There was also a marvellous S5 & S6 cultural visit to Florence in October. Pupils had a fantastic time soaking up the marvellous architecture, art and atmosphere. Lucy McCracken (S5) commented, "From every viewpoint - be it the edge of the Ponte Vecchio, the roof of the Uffizi or the grassy hills of the Boboli Gardens - Florence is truly stunning. In our memories the trip to the city is a collage of beautiful architecture and banter."

Positive Exchanges

Last term pupils and staff also returned to our partner School in Nitte and Hutchesons' was delighted to welcome exchange pupils from India during October. The autumn was a fruitful time for strengthening our international links as the School also played host to German pupils from Nurnberg who once again brought traditional treats to the Winter Fair and the Victoria Schools Under 16 Rugby squad visited from Australia.

Science and Technology

Hutchesons' pair win Arkwright Scholarships

S5 pupils David Lunardi and Emma Burleigh were awarded prestigious Arkwright Scholarships at a special ceremony in Glasgow in November. The Arkwright scheme aims to inspire future leaders in engineering and related areas of design and provides support throughout A Levels and Highers studies.

The pupils underwent a rigorous selection process and will now be able to carry the title of Arkwright Engineering Scholars with them to University. In addition, through the scheme, they will have access to funding, sponsors and a unique gateway to experience in engineering and design.

An Audience with Peter Higgs

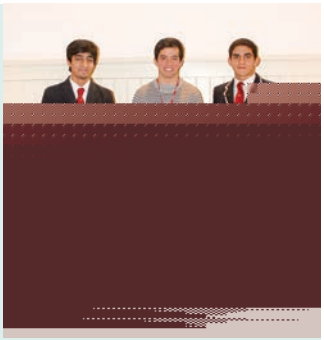
In October pupils attended a meeting of the Edinburgh University Young Scientific Researchers Association to hear Professor Peter Higgs. Prof. Higgs is a renowned theoretical physicist, famous for his 1960s proposal predicting the existence of a new particle, the Higgs Boson - which has been described as the most sought-after particle in modern physics.

John MacFadyen (S6) commented: "Professor Higgs, along with 3 other physicists, explained the basic principles behind the Higgs Boson particle and how scientists are trying to gather evidence for its existence. The lecture gave us a great insight into the world of particle physics at University level and beyond." They also got the chance to meet Prof. Higgs after the Lecture - which was a great moment for the group, pictured above.

Riding the CREST of the Wave

Andrew Crusher (S4) is completing his preparations for the British Finals of CREST to be held in London in March 2013. In June of this year, Andrew took first prize at Silver Level at the Scottish Event held at Abertay University, following first prize at Bronze last year. Mr Di Mambro of the Biology Department commented, "Andrew is remarkable young man, so mature in his scientific thinking and capable of working totally independently at a very high level."

Medical Union Update



The Medical Union is a society for like-minded individuals wishing to pursue a career in medicine. Now in its second year, the Medical Union has expanded on its already thriving sixth year community, accepting potential medics from the year below. The session began with the launch of the medical newsletter which was well received and consisted of articles written by senior members of the Society. Topics were diverse; they ranged from hand transplants to vitreoecular adhesions in the eye.

For the first time a discussion meeting took place in which hot medical topics were aired. November's guest speaker was Prof. Mathew Walters of Glasgow University, who gave invaluable interview advice to the society. Whilst January saw FP Sid Sharma, who is currently in his third year of medicine at Edinburgh, give an insight into the pressures of a medical lifestyle at University. Future plans are in place for the following term.

By society co-founders, Usman Abdul-Quayum and Mazen Allam

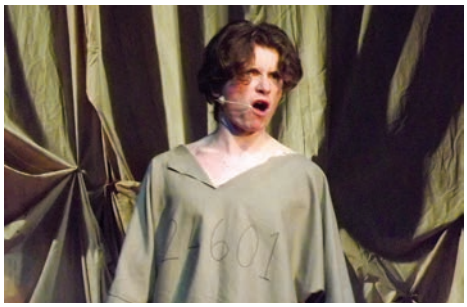
Showtime!

Variety is the spice of life!

The S1 and S2 Drama Club presented an exuberant 'Variety Showcase' this November. The show took audiences on a journey into the world of variety theatre, with music dance and drama and gave visitors an opportunity to view a performance in the new Studio Theatre at Beaton Road.

Joy of Les Misérables

The summer senior show was the timeless musical Les Misérables by Alain Boubil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, adapted and licensed by Josef Weinberger Limited for school use. Performed entirely by pupils and featuring a dual cast, the show provided an incredible finish to the School year. Audiences were impressed by the young performers and the ambitious stage setting with many leaving the Assembly Hall visibly moved by the uplifting finale.



Classics, Jazz and Seasonal Greetings

December's Senior School Concert – "Classics, Jazz and Seasonal Greetings" featured 12 of the school's senior ensembles and involved over 150 pupils. The Jazz Band, Concert Band and Jazz Collective presented music by Cole Porter, Billy Strayhorn and a jazzed up version of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite". More intimate classics, including Errol Garner's "Misty", were given cool treatment by the Clarinet and Saxophone Ensembles.

The evening opened with the String Orchestra, under head of strings Tim Ewart, mixing Haydn's graceful 18th century "Serenade" with Lennon & McCartney's "Eleanor Rigby". There were similarly contrasting sets from the Intermediate Choir, Intermediate Wind Band and the Senior Choir, whose funky version of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" soon dispelled the quiet reverence of Fauré's "Cantique de Jean Racine".

No less challenging were dynamic performances by the Percussion Ensemble of Jonny Cabassa's "Cool Stix" and Frank Mallet's "Drum Call"; and the Guitar Ensemble's captivating interpretation of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies' "Farewell to Stromness". The evening ended on a festive note with a performance by the Sinfonia of Leroy Anderson's fun-packed "Sleigh Ride".

Sports Update - Results in Brief

School Cross Country Championships and Charity Runs

The Cross Country Championships and Charity runs which took place at Auldhouse the week before half term produced some very good team and individual performances. The effort and determination of all those involved was excellent and all the competitors involved deserve a great deal of congratulations for contributing to this major charity event.

The individual championships trophies and medals were presented to :-

	S1 Boys		S1 Girls
1st	Harry Nimmo	1st	Megan Kane
2nd	Ben Bicknell	2nd	Annie Gould
3rd	Josh Bicknell	3rd	Eleanor Downie

	S2 Boys		S2 Girls
1st	Cameron Carney	1st	Sarah Eunson
2nd	George Baird	2nd	Sophie Highet
3rd	Calum Milliken	3rd	Eleanor Downie

	S3 Boys		S3 Girls
1st	Chris Hyde	1st	Hollie McLelland
2nd	Callum McLeod	2nd	Eilidh Cook
3rd	Ben O'Neill	3rd	Jessica Boyle

	P6 Boys		P6 Girls
1st	Charlie Miller	1st	Ele Sylvester
2nd	Alex Marshall	2nd	Francesca Davidson
3rd	Struan Walker	3rd	Anna MacKenzie

	P7 Boys		P7 Girls
1st	Finlay Mathers	1st	Molly Bambrough
2nd	Kai Bedi	2nd	Robyn Alexander
3rd	Matthew Conroy	3rd	Roop Dhami

Golden Moment for Carys

Athletics plays a huge part in the life of Carys McMonagle (S2) and helps her keep fit and well despite suffering from cystic fibrosis. After hearing about her commitment and achievement at Hutchesons' from mother Michelle, Sky Sports sprung an incredible surprise on her.

Olympic long jump champion Greg Rutherford (who won gold at London 2012) gave Carys an unexpected call at school, and invited her to Lee Valley Training Centre in London.

Greg helped Carys improve her long jump skills and gave her the chance to hold an Olympic Gold Medal, commenting that she could have one of her own one day.

She was delighted with the trip saying: 'It was the best day of my life, although I was extremely nervous! Greg is an inspiration to me, and I definitely want to be an Olympian now and to stand on the podium myself one day. It was a day I will never forget.'

Her experience was shown to millions of Sky Sports viewers on New Year's Day - watch the footage on a link at www.hutchesons.org/specialday

Show-jumping Report from Rachael-Ann Clarke (S3)

I went down to the Amateur and Veterans National Championships at Aintree Equestrian Centre in Liverpool. It ran from the 15th to the 18th of November.

I had qualified to compete in the 90cm and 1m, out of thousands of people, with a final 100 who reached the show. Out of that 100 only 30 qualified for the finals in which I competed. I finished 13th in the 90cm final with my horse The Best of Times, and I was 14th in the 1m final on Tiffany the Third. It was a British championship so these are my national positions for those heights.

Reid ready for the big boys despite Scottish Junior exit

Scottish squash prospect Adam Reid (S1) is 3rd in the European rankings and looking to the future after a battling performance against England's number 1 at the Scottish Junior Open Under 13 semi-final. He finished the tournament in Heriot Watt University in 3rd position saying: "I am a little disappointed to not make it to the final but I have to be happy to make it to the last four. Nick Wall was just the better player on the day." John Dunlop, Chief Executive of Scottish Squash and Racketball, said: "The Scottish Junior Open is world-renowned and has hosted some fantastic talent over the years and this year has been no exception." Adam was 13 in January and now moves up to the under 15s, but is not fazed by the prospect of facing older opposition, and we wish him well in his next challenge.

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Primary School News

P4 deliver a show with bite!

November saw Primary 4 pupils present their very own show, a unique musical performance of Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf. Based on Roald Dahl's version of the classic tale, the wolf gets more than he bargained for when he goes up against the feisty pistol toting Red Riding Hood and her pet dog, Sniffy. The young cast was excellent and ably supported by a fantastic chorus. The darkly humorous show was a great hit with parents and children alike. Highlights included a no-nonsense grannie, the big bad wolf settling down to read the Hutchesonian and a very peculiar posse of pigs!

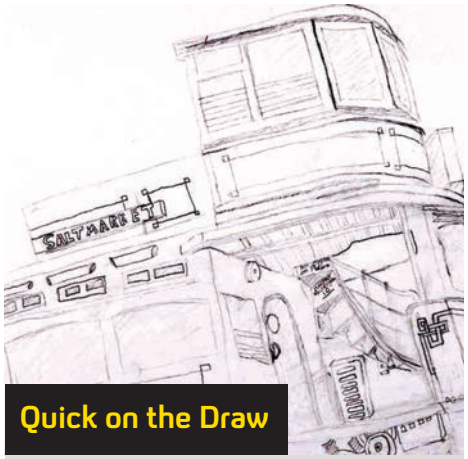
Photographs can be seen at www.flickr.com/hutchesonsgrammar

Our Bodies and Our Senses

P2 has been learning about senses and has enjoyed many interesting visitors. Hutchie parent Dr Phillips taught pupils about the largest and smallest of the 206 bones in their bodies, the leg and the ear bones. The pupils also tried body experiments showing how their lungs, kidneys and hearts work. Mrs MacQuien, optician and parent, came in to School to explain all the different parts of the eye and what causes long or short sightedness. P2 classes also enjoyed a visit from Margaret and her hearing dog, Denis who alerts her when her doorbell rings or her morning alarm clock is going off. The children practised lip reading and also learnt some sign language, including the rhyme Old MacDonald had a farm.

Commonwealth Gold Winning Visitor

On Friday 9 November, Steve Frew visited the Primary School and gave an inspirational talk at Assembly. Steve represented Scotland in 5 Commonwealth Games in Gymnastics and is our only ever medallist - Gold on the rings. He shared how hard he had to practise, how often he trained (30 hours every week) and talked about the people who helped him achieve success. We had a Question and Answer session afterwards and he even did a handstand on the stage for us! He spoke to the House Captains who were invited to a Gymnastics session for P4, and demonstrated his skills on the Pommel Horse and then, using the trampette to do spins, completed 1 and a half turns! Alexander Eltringham of P4G said, 'It's just as good as Christmas morning!' The children and staff enjoyed his visit immensely.



Quick on the Draw

Congratulations to last year's Primary Kelvingrove Children's Art competition winners. An awards ceremony was held on Wednesday 10th October at Kelvingrove Art Galleries. Distinguished guests such as Jimmy McGregor handed out the medals to the very proud winners. After the ceremony all winners and their families and friends enjoyed a wonderful buffet in the Kelvingrove function room suite. Fraser Rennie (now P7) and Iris Evans (now P6) were awarded Gold, Harry McGarvie (now P6), Silver and Rory Dick (now P7), Bronze.

Spot the fundraisers

On Friday 16th November, pupils at Kingarth Street showed their spots for Children in Need by coming to school covered in all things spotty. A host of spotty hats, jumpers, tights, shoes and faces was on show.

Primary Seven pupils organised fund raising activities and at lunch-time the hall and playground were bustling with stalls including home baking, tombolas, face painting and the ever-popular "Sponge the Teacher". At the end of a fun-filled day a magnificent £1416 was raised for Pudsey.

Groovy baby!

The Primary school stepped back in time on 7th December as P7 relived the 'Swinging Sixties'. Pupils and teachers transformed themselves into 'celebrities' from that decade, coming to school dressed as their alter-egos. Each pupil gave a talk about his or her chosen star and some even performed songs and dances for their classmates' entertainment. A whole host of personalities turned up, including Marilyn Monroe, Neil Armstrong, Peter Sellers, Audrey Hepburn, Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men and Mary Quant to name but a few. As part of the celebration of the 1960s, the annual 'Twist-off' championship took place with the infant hall being turned into a mass of superstars dancing the twist. The competition was fierce but after an exhausting contest, Inspector Clouseau (Fraser Rennie) and Marianne Faithful (Frances Colin) were declared the 2012 champions!

Winter Warmer for P3

P3 was treated to a fun and educational visit from Mrs Green, Home Economics teacher at Beaton Road, who dropped in to make some tasty pumpkin soup. The children sat mesmerised as she cooked and chatted. They were delighted when they had the chance to taste the soup, commenting that 'it's delicious - even better than Heinz!' Pupils learnt about food groups, nutrients and food hygiene and took a copy of the recipe. All were keen to try their hand at soup making at home.

Eco success is in the bag!

The Kingarth Street Eco School Committee has been contributing fresh ideas to help make the school a greener place. Their recent RAG BAG collection in support of ethical trading has proven to be a great success. Pupils across the Primary brought in old clothes, shoes and linens from home to be counted, weighed and distributed at a fair price within developing countries. The money raised will be used for special items for the playground and the Secret Garden. A whopping 578 kilos of rag bags were gathered and, at a rate of 50p per kilo, raised a fantastic total of £289. The house competition to see who brought in the most bags was won by Argyll, with Montrose in second place. However, every house made a great effort and we would like to pass on a big thank you from the Eco-Committee to all pupils, parents and staff.

Festive Voices

The Junior Choir went carol-singing at Silverburn Shopping Centre in December to raise funds for the The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. They sang for an hour and many parents came to support them. The Junior Choir and the Beaton Road Intermediate Choir also sang at Clarkston's 'Big Christmas Fun Day' organized by Clarkston Business Initiative. The children and parents enjoyed the market stalls selling festive goods as well as singing on an open air stage. There were other independent and state school choirs, and the event was compered by Pulse FM Radio. Pupils were in fine voice and on both occasions were a credit to the School.

Spotlight on Primary 1

Representing the School

This October Hutchesons' once again opened the School gates to offer families a comprehensive view of the Primary and Secondary Schools. P1 classrooms were a favourite with the Kingarth Street visitors and the youngest pupils in the School put on a fantastic musical display, by donning colourful, creative Halloween masks and singing spooky favourites.

Once in Royal David's city

On Tuesday the 18th of December the main hall at Kingarth Street was packed with excited P1 pupils and their families in preparation for the annual Nativity Play.

The children were remarkably composed and put on a rousing performance - with a great variety of songs, more than a few laughs and some very touching moments. The professionalism of the show owed a great deal to our dedicated P1 teachers and classroom assistants and to terrific music instruction from Mrs Stevenson. The pupils were a credit to the School and it was very easy to forget that most are just five years old. There was many a teary eye in the audience of mums, dads, carers and grandparents, and the show will surely provide some great memories.

Many thanks to everyone involved in making the Nativity such a success.

Healthy bodies, active minds

P1 pupils have been learning about what food keeps their bodies healthy and how to look after themselves. Here pupils from P1D are shown making and enjoying healthy smoothies and fruit kebabs. Primary pupils have also enjoyed educational visits from a dentist and a doctor, explaining how our bodies function, the senses, digestion and discovering all about what goes on inside our mouths and how to keep our smiles bright.

Nature study is a walk in the park

The P1 classes took a walk in a local park to look for the signs of autumn. They discovered all the vibrant colours of the season - the reds, oranges yellows and browns - and enjoyed walking through huge piles of crunchy leaves. They collected different leaves, pinecones, bark and twigs to study back in the classroom. They also looked out for squirrels and birds. A great time was had by all and pupils are now eagerly watching the trees for the first signs of the green leaves of spring.

P1 pack their trunks to celebrate diversity

On Wednesday the 26th of September Kingarth Street welcomed a rainbow hued herd of musical elephants as P1 celebrated diversity with a special parade.

The parade was inspired by the story of 'Elmer the Patchwork Elephant', which the children have been using as a base to discuss differences and create artwork in class. Music teacher, Mrs Stevenson, inspired the children with a fun filled and instructive afternoon and they enjoyed Elmer themed songs, dances and actions. Finally P1 was encouraged to create it's own special musical performance, as different groups came together using a variety of instruments to create a whole song in celebration of Elmer's story.

Enjoy photographs of P1 in action on the School Flickr: www.flickr.com/hutchesonsgrammar

Something to talk about

Talking Points is our diverse S6 lecture series, providing a unique platform to increase knowledge and stimulate thought and discussion.

This year's programme has featured a range of fascinating speakers including:

An entertaining presentation from the marketing team behind the highly successful Morph Suits range who revealed that the business was started from the premise that 'All men are stupid'. This fundamental observation sparked off the worldwide craze, and the team also illustrated the importance of Social media in building a successful youth brand. Pupils and staff enjoyed trying the suits and masks, pictured above.

Politician Jim Murphy, left, returned to the School to deliver the James Maxton Memorial Lecture on the thought provoking subject – the danger of indifference. The talk was very interesting and allowed all the pupils to reflect upon themselves and what they personally give back to society as well as having a greater knowledge of world-wide events.

Former pupil and writer Wilson Bain discussed the history of football at the Olympics, taking pupils through a journey starting in 1776 BC, with the first ever known gold medallist, describing vividly the fields where they would run the 200 metres, instead of on a circular track as we know today. Bain showed a passion for the football in the Olympics and encouraged pupils to learn more about their favourite sports and the journey it may have had to the Games.

Alexander McCall Smith, one of the world's most prolific and most popular authors, came to the School to give the Alexander Stone Memorial Lecture and shared a fascinating range of amusing anecdotes about his life and experiences in the world of publishing.

Josephine O'Boyle and Mhairi Godsman (S6) have been reviewing the Talking Points lectures, read more at: www.hutchesons.org/talkingpoints

Charity Launch

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation **announced as new school charity**

The school will be supporting The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation this session. The charity was established in October 2010 in the memory of Lauren Currie who died from Vasculitis and specifically the rare condition, Wegener's Granulomatosis (GPA). Lauren, a former pupil at Hutchie, was only 15 and highlighted that Vasculitis can strike at any age or gender. Vasculitis affects 1 in 30,000 people, with 80% of patients at risk if left undiagnosed. Not only is the disease rare, it has no known cause and currently no preventative medication - only treatments to suppress the immune system. The foundation was established by Lauren's parents shortly after her death and aims to raise awareness of vasculitis with the pupil and medical practitioners and to provide education, fund crucial research and help those affected by the condition.
We hope that you will support our range of fundraising activities throughout the School year.

Parent Power

The Winter Fair is an annual event organised by The 1957 Group, a dedicated team of parent volunteers raising funds for special projects within the School. The event raised a fantastic £5,400 and was a great way to get into the festive spirit. Special thanks must go to the committed team of volunteers, bakers and event organisers who once again worked tirelessly behind the scenes to create a fun event for all the family.

Hutchesons' hosted a national Higher Philosophy Conference for Pupils and Teachers at the Fotheringay Centre on the 6th of November. The event was attended by school groups from across the country and was a thought provoking platform for pupils studying Philosophy at Higher level. The day featured many influential speakers, including Professor Alexander Broadie from The University of Glasgow, pictured below right with organiser Dr Philip Tonner and Hutchesons' Higher Philosophy pupils.

Philosophy Conference

A School without borders

This January the High Commissioner for Malawi, Mr Bernard Sande dropped in to Hutchesons' and discussed why global access to education is so important with a group of likeminded pupils.

The High Commissioner for Malawi, Mr Bernard Sande made an official visit to Glasgow recently, accompanied by Mr Mufwa Munthali, Trade Counsellor of the Malawi High Commission, and Dr Peter West, the Hon Consul for Malawi in Scotland.

During the morning of the 21st of January, the Commissioner took a tour of Hutchesons', which has strong educational and fundraising links with his country.

Pupils, Eilidh Naismith and Billy Davidson, travelled to Malawi with ActionAid last year as Young Ambassadors for the Global Campaign for Education and in 2012 Hutchesons' raised £30K for local charity Mary's Meals, which funds school-based feeding programs in the country.

The Commissioner paused for a quick chat with a pupil action group for global equality and fairness (the J8 Group) who gave him a petition of over 900 names asking the government of Malawi to increase access to education.

The Commissioner was clearly delighted with the children's commitment and agreed to present their petition to President Joyce Banda, and joked that he would be returning to the School next year to see what else they had achieved!

Calvin Clarke of Hutchesons' Geography department thought that visit was a very positive experience saying: "The High Commissioner shares our view of the paramount importance of education in the development of all countries, including Malawi."

View more pictures of the visit at:
www.flickr.com/hutchesonsgrammar

Inspirational year for ActionAid Young Global Ambassadors

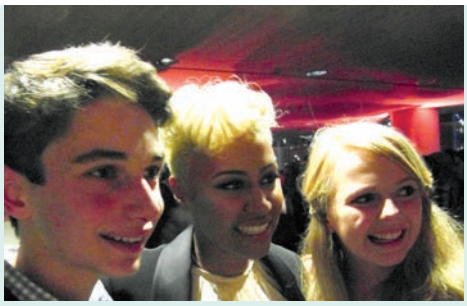
One year ago Eilidh Naismith and Billy Davidson were chosen to be the Young Ambassadors for the Global Campaign For Education. Their role has taken them to Malawi, to observe first-hand the barriers to education there and to discuss these problems and their solutions with government ministers in Lilongwe, the capital. They then presented their findings at the annual TUC Conference in Torquay and, during the summer holiday, went to London to meet with the Minister for International Development.

In October they were invited to the Houses of Parliament to talk to MPs about the Global Campaign For Education. They shared a platform with Sarah Storey OBE,

Paralympian multiple-gold medallist, and Ade Adepitan MBE, TV presenter and former Paralympian. Next year the Global Campaign For Education is focussing on the specific barriers to education faced by disabled children all over the world. They face the greatest discrimination of all and very few receive a full education.Soon after this, Eilidh and Billy heard they had been shortlisted for the Young Person's Human Rights Award 2012, organised by

S5 Pupil 'Best Delegate' at Model UN Conference

In October three S5 pupils, Edward Campbell, Alex Peters and Eleanor Crowe, went to Glasgow Academy to take part in an annual Model United Nations (MUN) conference. There were three committees - Disarmament and International security, Economic, Financial and Environmental, and Social, Humanitarian and Cultural. They took part in debates on diverse issues like child marriage with Yemen and a North Korea space mission. Edward Campbell, above, was named Best Delegate on the day and all agreed that it was an enjoyable and rewarding trip.



the campaigning group, Liberty, under the directorship of Shami Chakrabarti.
In mid-November they attended the prestigious award ceremony at the impressive Southbank Centre along with 200 invited guests. Seven awards were made at the ceremony. Rowan Atkinson, pictured far left, made the presentation for the Young Person's category which sadly Eilidh and Billy did not win. The winner, however, was Martha Payne who was inspired to raise money for Mary's Meals by reading one of Eilidh and Billy's magazine articles on their visit to Malawi. That is why she set up the now famous blog rating her school meals. At the reception afterwards our young ambassadors were able to mingle with all the winners and candidates and with Emeli Sande, pictured left, who provided the evening's musical entertainment.
As their year comes to an end, their focus now shifts to the not insignificant matter of SQA Higher examinations. They do, however, have plans in S6 to organise a conference in Hutchesons' for teachers and pupils in Scotland specifically on the Global Campaign For Education.

Calvin Clarke, Geography Department

Go to www.hutchesons.org/news to watch their video diary from Malawi.

Hutchie wins National Green Award!

Hutchesons' is delighted to be the only Scottish school to have won a national award and £1,000 prize for our commitment to innovative environmental projects in The Co-operative's Green Schools Revolution Competition. Regular readers of our website will know that recent eco and green events at Hutchie have included a community café, Fairtrade talks, visits by local parks groups and even a bee keeper producing wildflower honey from hives in the conservation area. Pupils have also planted their own potatoes and have been busy working out classes' carbon footprint.

Gerard Hill, Regional Secretary for The Co-operative Group in Scotland, said:

"We had some amazing entries, so Hutchesons' Grammar School should be very proud of the work it is doing and I hope by winning this competition it can take its eco plans to the next level. The school is a shining example of sustainability in action that will no doubt inspire others."

Pupil becomes UK-German Youth Ambassador 2012-13

Rachel Carson, S4, has been selected as a UK-German Youth Ambassador, and joins a network of motivated young people in the UK and Germany who are passionate about the other country and keen to help promote UK-German activities and encourage other young people to get involved. They share their experiences with younger pupils in their school and local area, and help support language and intercultural learning in primary schools. Organisers the UK German Connection have commented that, "This is a real achievement for Rachel, as we had a very high number of good applications, and a limited number of places....This cultural network consists of 50 young people, 25 from the UK and 25 from Germany."

Rachel has attended the first seminar in London, and will have the opportunity to go to Berlin. Thanks must go to Mrs Fyfe for her support of this application, which arises from our work with partner school, Hans Sachs Gymnasium.

Former Pupils Reunions

Class of 1982 Reunion, 10th November

On Saturday 10th November, over 50 former pupils met at the School for their 30th Anniversary Reunion. They were joined by some of their former teachers and a fabulous night was had by all. The reunion was organised by Philip Lafferty.

C1982 Reunion

OSF 46 Reunion, 6th October

Sixth Form of 1946 met for their annual reunion at Beaton Road. They were joined by the Rector who gave an update on the life of the school in the past year.

Pictured left: R .R. Macdonald, W.G. Fyfe, Dr K Greig, R.M. Pollock, R.L.K.Colville, I.S. Hutchison, C. Edwards, M.A. Heath

Class of 1987 Reunion, 15th September

Leavers from 1986/87 met at Beaton Road to celebrate their 25th Anniversary of leaving School. Over 40 attended the reunion, saying 'it was extremely enjoyable and great to catch up with all the old classmates.' The reunion was organised by Katie Campbell née Evans.

Graham Robertson, Fiona Needleman née Thomson, Susan Drummond née McIntyre, Graeme Cook, Deborah MacDonald, Andrew Leggate

Class P5 1962 Reunion, 29th September

The Boys' Class P5 of 1962 met at Beaton Road on Saturday 29th September to mark the 50th Anniversary of starting School and entering Beaton Road for the first time. Former Pupils travelled from across the UK, Europe and from as far afield as Australia to attend a wonderful evening which included a charity auction to raise funds for The Multiple Sclerosis Society and The British Heart Foundation.

The guest of honour for the evening was Anita Manning, an outstanding auctioneer, who helped bring the final total raised for the charities to £1150. Peter Braham who organized the reunion hopes to announce another extravaganza in June 2020 which will be their 50th Anniversary since completing fifth year at school!

Peter Braham and Anita Manning

Class of 1965 Reunion, 30th November

Several members of the Boys Class of 1965 attended a reunion at Beaton Road on Friday 30th November.

They enjoyed a tour of the School, with one former pupil saying 'it was good to visit my P5 classroom in the old building'. There was lots of reminiscing and catching up with old friends. The reunion was organised by Peter Bacon, Mike Redwood and Jack Silverstone.

Forthcoming Events:

Edinburgh Drinks Reception

A drinks reception will be held at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh on Tuesday 26th March from 6.30pm until 8.30pm for all former pupils living in Edinburgh and the surrounding area.

Tickets for the event are £15 and can be purchased by completing a booking form, available from the Development Office (email **alumni@hutchesons.org**) or by phoning **0141 433 4474.**

Kingarth Street Tea Party

A Tea Party will be held at Kingarth Street on Saturday 11th May from 2pm until 4.30pm for all former pupils of Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School. There will be afternoon tea, memorabilia displays and entertainment by pupils.

Tickets for the event are £15 and can be purchased by completing a booking form, available from the Development Office, by phoning **0141 433 4474** or email **alumni@hutchesons.org**

If you would like to organise a reunion at the School, please contact **Louise Duncan** on **0141 433 4474** or email **alumni@hutchesons.org**

Former Pupils News & Events

Hutchie Bugs Abroad

Ailsa Soutar née McWiggan (C1982)

After leaving 6th year in 1982 I did a Bachelor of Accounting degree at Glasgow University and then my Chartered Accountancy exams with Arthur Andersen & Co (AA&Co). I bought my first flat in Glasgow in 1985, which in turn started an interest in property that has stayed with me ever since. I wanted to do a stint overseas, so with AA&Co I moved to London after 2 years figuring that it was a good launch pad for overseas postings.

My 2 years in London were fun and in 1989, just after the Tiananmen Square uprising in Beijing, I went on holiday to visit family friends in Hong Kong. This was my first trip to Asia and I loved it – Hong Kong was different because it was Asian, but familiar because of 150 years of British rule. It struck me then that Hong Kong would be a great location to work in and explore Asia – no visa required at that time – so I went home and persuaded Price Waterhouse (PW) to employ me in Hong Kong. Initially I went to Hong Kong for 2 years but like many people who come here I forgot to go home and now 22 years on have 2 children, a home and a dog here!

Living here has been an amazing, eye-opening experience. Hong Kong is an exciting, fast-paced place, however most people are not aware that 75% is parkland and there are lots of hiking and running trails, water sports and activities.

My children (aged 17 and 14) have also seen a very different world to the one I grew up in. They both attend an International school, which in some ways – academic focus, size – is similar to Hutchie, however most of their friends are Chinese, Indian, Korean or Eurasian with their own varying cultures. I grew up with family holidays to the north of Scotland in winter or Spain or Italy for sun, they have been skiing in Japan and visited Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

Their school trips last year were to Yunnan province in China (the poorest province) and Vietnam where they assisted in building roads and teaching English. In 1993 after 2 years with PW in Hong Kong, I started work for a US Multinational (Hasbro). Hasbro was expanding its operations in Asia and as a result I was asked to travel extensively throughout Asia. The company's main focus was in China and Korea and both have changed beyond measure in the last 20 years. Since 1989 Shenzhen in South China has grown from 1M to more than 14M people. I was also witness to the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997 and have seen many changes in Hong Kong post handover – for example last year there were 28M mainland Chinese visitors to Hong Kong, which only has a population of 7M.

In May last year, after almost 20 years with Hasbro, I resigned to focus on my property interests and spend time with my kids before they leave for university. My elder child is working towards his International Baccalaureate exams and all going well will be off to the UK for university less than 2 years from now. Two years after that my younger child will also go and much as that makes me feel sad (and old!) it will be another chapter with another opportunity to explore the world. Who knows where next – India?

Steve Bell, C1955 and Sallie Harkness née Moodie, C1956 TEACHING in TOMSK!

Former Pupils Steve Bell, C1955 and Sallie Harkness née Moodie, C1956 , pictured outside the State University of Tomsk, October 2012.

In October 2012, Steve and Sallie of Storyline Scotland, had the privilege to attend the 23rd Annual International Conference 'Language and Culture' in honour of the 80th anniversary of the Department of Foreign Languages of Tomsk State University, Siberia.

If you are interested to learn more about the 'Storyline Approach to Teaching and Learning' which was first developed in the West of Scotland visit **www.storyline-scotland.com**

Brian Conway, C1981

Brian was awarded the 2012 Gary J. Bigg Champion of Justice Award by The Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (ACTLA) in October. The award goes to a member of the Alberta legal community who has championed the causes of justice thereby protecting and furthering the rights of the individual.

Robyn Joly née Hoey, C1959

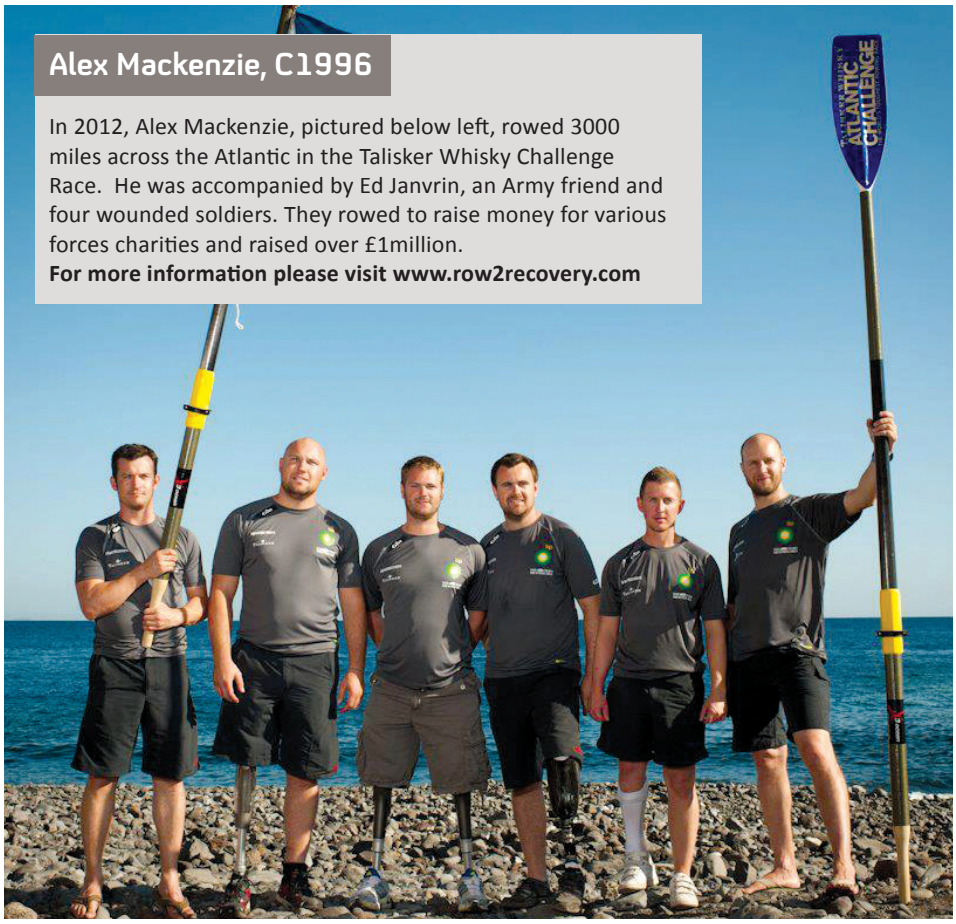
Robyn was chosen to carry the Olympic Flame on 4th July 2012 in the city of Peterborough in recognition of her tireless work to raise awareness of Mouth, Head and Neck cancers. Robyn has battled a rare form of mouth cancer for 19 years.

Ladies Class of 1955

In September 2012, eleven members of the Class of 1955 met at Lochgreen Hotel to celebrate their 75th birthdays. They have all kept in touch since leaving School and now meet for coffee at each other's house about every six weeks.

Alex Mackenzie, C1996

In 2012, Alex Mackenzie, pictured below left, rowed 3000 miles across the Atlantic in the Talisker Whisky Challenge Race. He was accompanied by Ed Janvrin, an Army friend and four wounded soldiers. They rowed to raise money for various forces charities and raised over £1million.
For more information please visit www.row2recovery.com



Dr Michael Gow, C1994

Michael won Dentist of the Year (North) at the Dental Awards at the exclusive Lancaster London Hotel in 2012.

He also won Outstanding Individual of The Year at the Dentistry Scotland Awards and the Berkeley Clinic where he works was highly commended for 'Best Community or Charity Project'.

Conrad Cohen, C2009

Conrad graduated from the University of Nottingham with a BSc Hons in Mathematics. He performed at the Edinburgh Fringe last year in 'The Hand-Me-Down People' by Adam H Wells and has been accepted into the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, the oldest drama school in the English speaking world, to attend a 2-year course in New York.

Two Weddings and a baby!

Andrew Kerr, C2002 and Gillian Kerr née Logan, C2002

Gillian Logan and Andrew Kerr married on the 5th July 2012. They met on Gillian's first day at Hutchesons' as they were both in the same form class. Robbie Kerr, C2005 was best man and Caroline Logan C2009 was chief bridesmaid.

Maureen Sinclair Cairncross née Thomson, C1961

On 16th October 2012, Maureen married Ronald Cairncross a former pupil of Harris Academy. Ronald's children attended Hutchie: Dr Sandra Cairncross C1980, Jackie van der Meer-Cairncross C1989 and Brian Cairncross C1983.

Fazny Zavahir, C1998

On 22nd November 2012, Fazny and Ilse became proud parents of Danyal Zavahir. Danyal was born at USP Hospital, Marbella.

Lost and Found

Allan Highet would like to trace Allan Silver, Class of 1966 who attended Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School from 1957-1965. We believe Allan moved to the London area in the 1970's and worked in the Civil Service.

Sheilagh White née McDonald would like to trace, Elspeth Brown, who was the Head Girl in 1966.

If you have any information on Allan Silver or Elspeth Brown, please contact the Development Office on 0141 433 4474 or email alumni@hutchesons.org

Former Pupils LinkedIn

We now have nearly 400 members on the Hutchesons' Grammar School Alumni group on LinkedIn. Join today and network with fellow Hutchesonians, such as Ricky ,Yvonne and Chris in professional careers across the globe!

Ricky McCracken (C1991)

After graduating with a law degree from the University of Glasgow, Ricky joined Dundas and Wilson. Following stints with the Clydesdale Bank, Bank of Ireland and Capita Group plc, Ricky is currently Head of Risk and Compliance with Kwik Fit Financial Services in Glasgow.

Yvonne Crolla née McBride (C1994)

Yvonne studied Mass Media and Comms at Glasgow Caledonian University. She has worked in the motor industry for the past twelve years, in both sales and marketing roles for brands such as Toyota, Alfa Romeo and SsangYong. She also ran her own freelance marketing consultancy for four years, whilst being a full time mum of twins. Yvonne is presently Marketing Manager with Portal Business Centres in Warrington, Cheshire.

Spotlight on Chris Irvine (2003),

Assistant Foreign Editor of the Daily Telegraph

What led you to pursuing a career in journalism?

My dad was a journalist when I was young so I've always been exposed to newspapers from an early age and it's something that stuck with me. Modern Studies was my favourite subject at Hutchie and as a result I wanted to do something related to politics. I liked the idea of scrutinising from the sidelines and so I chose journalism as I was graduating.

Where was your first job?

I was lucky enough to get on The Daily Telegraph's graduate training scheme when I graduated from university so I've been with the same company since 2007. We were taught by the Press Association so I spent the first year travelling round Yorkshire, Glasgow and London. The first part of the scheme was in PA's Glasgow office, which was in the Daily Record building.

What does your current role involve?

I have been Assistant Foreign Editor since April 2010. It's quite wide ranging but in short, I commission, edit, write, pitch and publish stories from our team of correspondents around the world. I divide my time between our website, for which I'm responsible for keeping up to date and as interactive as we can; and our paper, where we cherry pick the best stories of the day, and put our pages together. It's quite a small team so it's nice to be part of the collaborative process.

Any particular memorable events you have covered?

2010 and 2011 have been some of the busiest years I can remember for foreign news, but my highlight, which stems back to Modern Studies, was covering last year's US election race. The buzz of Barack Obama winning was infectious. Plus Mitt Romney's visit to London was particularly memorable for other reasons! The Chilean miner rescue, the death of Osama Bin Laden and Felix Baumgartner's space jump are also ones that stand out for me.

What is the most enjoyable aspect of your job?

My current role allows me the luxury of being involved in the thick of the action all the time. While my initial interest in politics got me into journalism, I've grown to love being involved in world events. Every story we cover is interesting as it's the best story for each country every day. It never gets boring.

Do you have any advice for fellow Hutchesonians who wish to pursue a career in journalism?

Do as much writing and reporting as you can if you want to get involved in a newspaper, but also consider different forms. Join a student radio or TV station and do a lot of work experience. Or start a blog. It's all about getting as much early experience as you can.

"Do as much writing and reporting as you can if you want to get involved in a newspaper"

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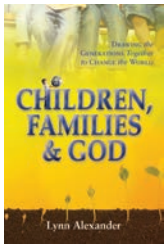
Former Pupils news

Prof Donald J M Gillies, C1978

After just six years in Higher Education, Donald has been promoted to Professor of Education at York St John University.

Lynn Alexander née Martin, C1986

Lynn had her first book published in June 2012 called "Children, Families and God". It examines children's spirituality and looks at evidence from both the Old and New Testaments and highlights the role of faith communities in the nurture and development of children and young people.



Madeleine and Stephanie Barratt, C2008

The twins both received first class honours degrees at Edinburgh University in the summer.

Madeleine studied Psychology and Sociology and Stephanie studied International Relations. Both are now studying law at Edinburgh University.

Hutchie Memories

Former Pupil Richard Worsley (C1973) recalls some of his Hutchie memories at Beaton Road.

In 1964 my parents announced that I would be put forward for the entrance exam at Hutchesons'. I was rather flattered by their view that I might be up to it. That summer I injured my arm in a garden prank so I went to Hutchie with my arm in a sling. At the gate waiting for me was Alastair Smith whose father was one of my father's customers, who said he would look out for me.

Being at Hutchie was like being in a top regiment. I found the teaching staff either formidable or merely eccentric, the latter no less effective. I have since never met an FP who can suffer fools! I played rugby regularly, ran for the school in cross country events when it was too bad for rugby, and became a prefect. My days ended with a successful set of Highers to read Geography and Economic History at Glasgow University.

When my mother died in 2011, it was gratifying to see so many members of the Hutchie family at her funeral including Alastair Smith and mother Flo (C1927), Gordon Black (C1972) who flew back from New York to attend.

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Kevin Sneader (C1984) Chairman of the London FP Club, kindly hosted another reception in the Piccadilly offices of McKinsey & Company on the 11th September 2012, where he is Managing Partner. Over 40 FP's attended a highly enjoyable evening.

Julie Steele (C1991), Nicola Tennent (C1997), Adam Gordon (C1995), David Tait (C1995), Kevin Sneader (C1984)

John Kellie, Tom Thomson, Walter Stewart and Ken Donnolly all (C1966)

New York

The distinguished Yale Club of New York was the setting for a gathering of our US based former pupils on the 20th October 2012. FP's from all generations gathered to enjoy a convivial evening over a glass of wine and some delicious canapés, attended by the Rector, Dr Ken Greig and Mr Iain Keter, Bursar.

Iain Keter (C1972), Diane Miller Brooks (C1977) and Neil Grassie (C1981)

Professor Bruce Gordon, Dr Rona Johnston Gordon (C1984), Dr Ken Greig

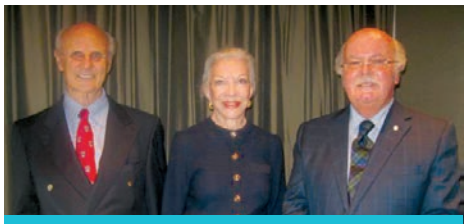
Retired Staff Reception

It was a very happy (and noisy!) Hutchie occasion on the 20th November, when 60 Retired staff and former Governors gathered together in the Fotheringay Centre. Staff were treated to music from the current pupils, followed by afternoon tea. The Rector Dr Greig gave an update on the School today and encouraged former staff to stay in touch. Many an old acquaintance was remade. As Agnes Weir, formerly of Kingarth Street remarked, " It was a great opportunity for us to meet colleagues whom we had never expected to see again"! A special presentation was made to Peter Whyte, Former Rector, to mark his 99th birthday. He was given a jar of the first batch of honey from the Hutchie Bee Hive. Peter claims he owes his longevity to honey, as he has it on his breakfast cereal every morning!

Manjit Jheeta & Betty Macneill

Peter Whyte

Isbel Simpson, Muriel Beaton and Freda Kennedy

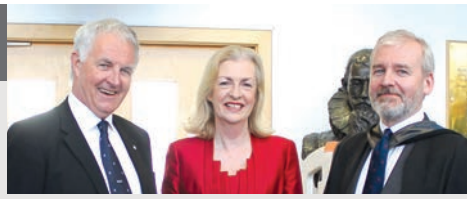


Walter Ross (C1947), Helen Messic and Graham MacAllister (C1962)

Toronto

It was a time for celebration in Toronto on the 14th October 2012, as it marked the 10th anniversary of FP gatherings in Canada. Graham MacAllister (C 1962), Governor and Honorary President of the 1641 Society attended a reception at the Granite Club along with Lorna Watt, Development Manager. The connection between the School and Hutchesonians in Canada is particularly strong and Mr MacAllister expressed his deepest thanks for 10 years of enduring friendship and support. Warmest congratulations on behalf of the School were offered to Walter Ross (C1947) on his impending marriage to Helen Messic in November 2012.

G&T Awards 2012



Professor Anne Anderson OBE (C1972) and Bruce Scott (C1959) were the 2012 recipients of our George and Thomas Hutcheson Awards. Professor Anderson, a distinguished Academic, is a Vice Principal at the University of Glasgow and also Head of the College of Social Sciences. Bruce Scott has led a varied business career spanning over 50 years, ranging from senior managerial and Board posts in addition to public sector appointments in both health and education. The G&T Awards were established in 1997 by the School and FP Council in recognition of Hutchesonians regarded by their peers as inspirational figures.

To nominate a Hutchesonian for the 2013 awards, please email their name, year of leaving and a short background on their achievements to alumni@hutchesons.org

Development News

Celebrating over 10 years of Giving!

It was back in October 2002 that the very first Annual Fund was launched at the School raising £53,787.54. Since then it has steadily grown over the years and a total of £1.1 million has been raised to date. This remarkable total could not have been achieved without the support of our many donors.

Thank You!

On the 8th November over 100 Annual Fund and Drama donors came to the School to enjoy musical performances from the pupils followed by a reception in the new Drama Studios.

The majority of the funds have been allocated to our Bursaries fund. This allows so many gifted young pupils who, for financial reasons, would not be able to attend Hutchesons', to enjoy all the benefits of a Hutchie education. Your generous and continued support has also allowed us to allocate additional funds to enhance the school environment, support trips and community initiatives and purchase materials and equipment.

It is also 10 years since our Canadian Bursary Fund was established , raising nearly a quarter of a million Canadian dollars so far. A grand total from a small constituency of former pupils!
The School is very fortunate to have such a committed group of donors in Canada and we are extremely grateful to Dr Matt Manson (C1984) for administering our Canadian Bursary Fund so efficiently.

In the autumn we re-launched the Annual Fund as the Gift of Success. So far we have raised nearly £70,000 and the School is incredibly appreciative for all contributions received. However, we need to raise much more!

We are still seeking support for our Bursary Funds as this year the School has awarded well over 100 full and partial bursaries. Unfortunately we can't support every pupil who requires financial assistance. If you have an interest in music or sport please consider supporting our Special Projects Fund. We are currently seeking to raise a total of £15,000 to undertake a major reinvestment programme of replacing old and worn musical instruments as well as purchasing new ones which we have previously been unable to offer our pupils. Our Physical Education department would like to ensure we can train future Commonwealth and Olympic Hutchie champions by purchasing additional equipment for our fitness suite at a total cost of £10,000.

If you wish to make a gift towards supporting any of our fundraising programmes please call the Development Office on **0141 433 4457** or complete and return a Gift of Success form available online at: **www.hutchesons.org/Giving**

Your support is much appreciated!

LK Bennett Shopping Evening raises over £500

It was a truly fashionable affair on the 15th November when Staff, Parents, Former Pupils and Friends enjoyed a private shopping event at the LK Bennett store in Royal Exchange Square. Party dresses and winter boots were duly purchased!
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Eileen Muriel Crockatt
Class of 1939, 1921 – 2012 *

* Full notice may appear in a later edition.

Dr James Graham Clarkson
Class of 1943, 1924-2012

Graham Clarkson attended Crown Street in the 1930's where he was a natural leader in sport and School Governance. He was destined to be School Captain but left in 5th year in 1942 to join the Royal Artillery. He was a forward observation officer and was almost killed when a grenade bounced off his helmet. When the war in Europe ended he learned Chinese to serve in the Far East but was saved by Hiroshima from fighting against the Japanese in Burma.

He returned to study Medicine at Glasgow University where he won the Ralph Stockman Medal and after qualifying became a GP in the new NHS in Forres. He emigrated to Canada in 1956, with his wife June and then two children, where he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a medical officer and went on to become the first executive director of the Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Commission. He later returned to the west coast to Edmonton, Alberta where he became Professor of the Dept of Public Health at the University and special adviser to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Minister of Health.

On retirement he returned to Edmonton and continued to do locum jobs in Ontario and Alberta, often on Native American and Inuit reserves. Graham greatly improved the socio-medical systems in the world whilst staying in touch with the patients who benefited from such health programmes.

Graham suffered with Alzheimer's for several years and passed away peacefully in March 2012. He is survived by his wife, four children and grandchildren.

Dr Robert L K Colville
Class of 1946, 1928-2012

Robert LK Colville was born in Mosspark, Glasgow in 1928, and was brought up in Cardonald. He entered Hutchesons' - at that time located in the Crown St building - aged 11 and had a distinguished academic career throughout his school years.

He excelled in the classics, but he found physics particularly challenging! He was a first-class sportsman, and developed a passion for rugby from his earliest days. He played for 2 years in the school First XV, latterly as captain. He also played cricket at high level for the school, and was a fine field athlete.

Bob, as he was generally known, went on to study medicine at Glasgow University, qualifying in 1953 becoming a general practitioner in Blantyre in Lanarkshire and continued to work there for the next 40 years, whilst also holding national board posts in the Royal College of General Practitioners and maintaining a strong GP training link with Glasgow University. Before leaving sixth year at Hutchie, at the behest of the then Rector, Tod Ritchie, Bob formed a club with classmates to arrange to have an annual Sixth Form Dinner. He attended his last one in October 2012.

After leaving school, Bob became heavily involved in the FP Rugby Club. He played for many years in the First XV, and also became a referee for the Club – acting in this capacity at Auldhouse till he was 48. He was very active in Hutchesons' School and Club Trust; eventually becoming President - a position he held for many years. His name is to be found several times on the boards of past Trust Presidents displayed at Auldhouse. Bob married his childhood sweetheart Jean, who survives him. They had two sons, Douglas and Graeme, both of whom attended Hutchesons'. His only grandson, Murray, also attended Hutchie, leaving in 2001.

Out of the sphere of Hutchesons', Bob's abiding interests were his family, travel, and good food and wines. He and Jean owned a house in Spain for many years, which was a source of great pleasure and relaxation to them. He bore his final illness with great fortitude, and died peacefully at home on the 11 December with his family around him.

Prof Phyllis M Deane
Class of 1936, 1918 – 2012

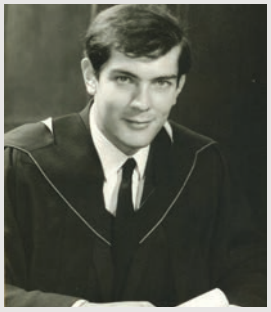
Born in colonial Hong Kong, Prof Deane's early life was in Scotland, her father was a well-travelled engineer with the Admiralty who settled in Glasgow after the war. Young Phyllis attended Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School mid 1930's before gaining an MA in economics and history at Glasgow University in 1940.

After leaving Glasgow, she moved to London, where she spent the war years as a research officer for the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. In 1950, she was invited to join the Department of Applied Economics at Cambridge, going on to enjoy a 60-year association with Cambridge University where she was latterly an emeritus professor of economic history.

Professor Deane was editor of the Economic Journal for seven years and President of the Royal Economic Society for two years. In her nineties, she was made a distinguished fellow of the History of Economics Society in the United States "for devoting a lifetime of study to the history of economics."

Her long-time companion, Joan Porter, passed away a few years prior to Phyllis's death, but she leaves behind a lasting legacy of grateful former pupils and colleagues who were inspired by her academic excellence and passion for her subjects.

Mr John M Renton
Class of 1965, 1947-2012



John Morgan Renton was born in Edinburgh and

spent the first 10 years of his life moving around as his father was in the RAF, living in Edinburgh, Wiltshire, Germany and St Andrews. His family settled in East Kilbride and John attended Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School for secondary schooling. He was a good student, with particular strengths in the science subjects. He was also a keen rugby player and was talented at athletics and was in the relay team that won the scottish school championships in 1960 at meadowbank stadium. His all round strengths meant that he gained the position of school captain in his final year at Hutchesons.

He had a love for classical music, especially piano concertos which inspired him have piano lessons throughout his schooling. He was a talented pianist and continued to play throughout his adult life.

He studied Maths and Physics at Glasgow University and moved down to London at 22 to start his first Job as a computer programmer with Mobil Oil who he stayed with for over 30 years in various positions before taking early retirement age 55.

He met his wife Gillian while working in Sevenoaks getting married in the local church in Dunton Green where his wife lived. He went on to have three children with Gillian; Douglas, Heather and Christopher. He worked very hard to support his family and so his wife could be a full time mum when the children were younger and so they all could enjoy a yearly holiday to have some family time.

Mobil took him to Aberdeen in 1988 where he settled for the remainder of his life. Unfortunately losing his wife to Leukaemia in 1996, this was a difficult time for John as all three children were still teenagers and he had to learn the role of a being a single Dad. He didn't settle with another partner after his wife died.

He was able to relax a little during early retirement, although still missing his wife dearly and supporting his children through university, he enjoyed a full time hobby playing golf and still enjoyed listening to classical music and playing the piano in his spare time. Although John remained a reserved and private man, he still socialised now and then with friends and having a few glasses of wine or whisky.

John was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2009 and went through a series of treatments and operations which meant that he continued to have some quality of life for a few years. He was incredibly brave and courageous throughout his illness and showed inner strengths that weren't always obvious prior to becoming ill. He was able to watch his first born son getting married in Italy in 2011. With his condition deteriorating throughout 2012 he unfortunately passed away and went to find his wife on the 20th Dec 2012.

Dr William Angus Souter MB FRCOG,

Class of 1933, 1915 – 2012

Bill Souter left Hutchie in the summer of 1933. He remained interested in the School and was a member of the 1641 Society.

After leaving, he started at Glasgow University Medical School and graduated MBChB in April 1940. He then enrolled in the Army – as a Lieutenant in the RAMC.

The next six years were spent in the Army, attached to several divisions, including the HLI. During the last year in the services Bill was in charge of the military hospital in Birmingham: at that time many doctors were being demobbed, and jobs in civilian life were difficult to find.

On leaving the Army, he became particularly interested in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and went into practice and hospital service to further his career. He obtained his Membership in 1950.

It was not easy to find senior positions in hospital, so once again he returned to general practice, with particular emphasis on ante-natal care. His work in setting up clinics in the rather deprived area of Drumchapel led to him becoming a Fellow of his College in 1998.

Bill married in 1955 and he and his wife had two daughters and a son. The greatest sorrow in his life was the loss of his elder daughter Eleanor, who predeceased him in 2010.

Bill is survived by Margaret, his wife of 57 years, daughter Miriam, son Philip and seven grandchildren.

Mr James W Wright

Class of 1956, 1938-2012

After leaving school in 1955, James joined the Ordnance Survey to train as a Land Surveyor. This was interrupted by National Service, mostly in Hong Kong.

While working in Bradford, Southampton, Guildford and the Turks & Caicos Islands, he continued his studies, becoming a qualified Land Surveyor in 1972.

While in Southampton he met and married in 1961 a young policewoman Judith Minett with whom he had a son and daughter.

After leaving Grand Turk, he returned to England for a short time before travelling to Brunei where he was appointed Surveyor General from 1975 until 1981.

He continued in private practice there until 1985 when he became a student at Durham University – one of six universities he applied to and was accepted by them all! He left Durham University in 1988 with an Honours Degree in Archaeology, and the Class Prize.

After a period studying Marine Archaeology in Fremantle Australia (combining his love of diving and archaeology) he returned to live in Durham. His demanding professional life meant he brought a vigour and precision to the work he did as a much sought after surveyor on archaeological sites, developing high resolution topographical surveys with his colleagues.

In 1999 he married his long-time partner, Anne and set up house in Stanhope in Weardale. He continued to live and work there until his death on 28th July 2012.

His career encompassed his love of maps, diving, travel and outdoor life and though ill for two years he remained active and alert, always involved in the world and the people around him.

Staff Notices

Adelle Pickering,

1948- 2012

The whole school community was stunned to hear about Adelle's unexpected death only a matter of weeks after farewells to colleagues in June 2012 with plans to return to Solihull with her daughter to enjoy her retirement years closer to family.

Adelle graduated from Maidstone College with a BA Hons in Graphic Design in 1975. From there she spent a couple of years working in Solihull before moving up to Scotland and embarking on a teaching career at Hutchesons' which was to last twenty years. She was a highly creative person who applied flair and craftsmanship to all aspects of her teaching. Pupils in her class excelled and were encouraged to adopt a disciplined approach to their studies.

Adelle had a no nonsense approach to teaching and an ability to go straight to the heart of the matter. She believed in thorough research and would instill this value in her students of all ages. Portfolio students, in particular, learned great research skills that were invaluable in their application to art college. Adelle enjoyed her portfolio commitment with S6 and her wisdom helped many students to secure places at textiles and fashion courses throughout Britain. At the core of her teaching was a love of skill and ingenuity and she favoured the use of fabrics. Many of the bold textile based pieces visible at the annual art show can be attributed to her teaching methods and the skills that she passed on to young designers at Hutchesons'.

Mrs Pickering could be a strong presence but then there was 'Mrs P' who we, pupils and previous art staff knew as the complete antithesis. Many a time spent in the art base laughing, joking, always with a cup of coffee in hand.

Unquestionably caring, she had both the capacity to listen and just the right words to say when needed. She was a walking dictionary, calculator with a memory for dates and names to which we all referred.

She gave her all to the school, commuting, amazingly, from Largs for 20 years only to be cruelly robbed of her long awaited time to spend with her daughter Laura, the centre of her universe and of course her cats!

The Art Department, December 2012

Dates for your diary

Monday 11 – Friday 15 February

Mid Term Holiday

Tuesday 19 February S2 Subject Choice Evening	**Thursday 21 February** The Biggars' Music Competition
Tuesday 26 February S5 Subject Choice Evening	**Thursday 28 February** S3 Drama Competition

Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 March

Kingarth Street : Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 6 March S4 Careers Convention	**Tuesday 12 March** S4 Subject Choice Evening
Wednesday 13 March Founders' Day	**Thursday 14 March** Kingarth Street Concert
Thursday 21 March S4 – 6 Concert	**Sunday 24 March** Choral Society Concert

Tuesday 26 March and Wednesday 27 March

Kingarth Street P7 Show

Thursday 28 March School closes at 12 noon	**Tuesday 16 April** Pupils return for Summer Term

Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April

S6 NC Drama Production : "An Inspector Calls" J.B. Priestley

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 May

S6 NC Production "The Glass Menagerie" Tennessee Williams

Monday 6 May May Day Holiday	**Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 May** S6 NC Production "Bold Girls" Rona Munro
Monday 20 May S3 Activities Week	**Friday 24 and Monday 27 May** Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 29 May S1 - 3 Concert	**Saturday 1 June** Primary Sports Day, Beaton Road
Thursday 6 June Beaton Road : S1 New Parents' Evening	**Saturday 8 June** 1957 Group Uniform Sale
Monday 10 June Senior School Athletics Finals & S1 Highland Games, Beaton Road	**Thursday 13 June** Opening of Annual Art Show, Beaton Road
Monday 17 – Thursday 20 June Senior School Show "South Pacific"	**Tuesday 25 June** School closes at 12 noon
Wednesday 26 June End of Session : Prizegiving	**Wednesday 28 August** Pupils return for Autumn Term

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Forthcoming Alumni Events

Tuesday 26th March Edinburgh Drinks Reception, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	**Saturday 11th May** Ladies Afternoon Tea, Kingarth Street
Saturday 11th May Ladies Class of 1966 Reunion For further information, please contact Sheilagh White née McDonald at **whitesheilagh@hotmail.com**	**Saturday 11th May** Mens Class 2b 1947/48 Reunion, Beaton Road For further information, please contact Burnett Chisholm at **jim.chisholm@btinternet.com**

Saturday 18th May

Ladies Class of 1958 Reunion, Kingarth Street
For further information, please contact Rona Livingstone née Scholes at **kirkstane@yahoo.co.uk**

Friday 7th June 1641 Society Lunch, Beaton Road	**Saturday 7th September** Class of 1983 Reunion. For further information, please contact Gillian Kyle née Inglis at **gillian@matherton.eclipse.co.uk** or Laura Gordon née Groden at **laura_gordon22@yahoo.co.uk**

Wednesday 11th September

Ladies Golf Outing, Haggs Castle Golf Club.
For further information, please contact Sallie Harkness née Moodie, C1956 at **sallieharkness@btinternet.com**

Saturday 5th October

OSF 1946, Beaton Road

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