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Welcome from the Rector

Within a school like Hutchie there are many close working relationships, but I believe that one of the most important, and one of the least visible, is that between the Rector and the Chairman of Governors. I was appointed by Alastair Denholm and worked both with him and then with David Dobson during their terms of office, and enjoyed that very much. Both men gave their time and expertise most generously, and helped me greatly in my role, for which I thank them heartily. This session Professor Brian Williams has taken up the chairmanship and I am delighted to introduce him to the Hutchie community here. Professor Williams is a geriatrician and Past President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow with many years of experience in practising, lecturing in and writing about geriatric medicine at the University of Glasgow and various Glasgow hospitals. A product of King's Park Secondary, he is the first Chairman for some time who is not an FP but he brings instead a wealth of experience from governing charitable bodies and running academic societies and trusts, and a great interest in Hutchesons' core value of academic excellence. Married to Martha, Professor Williams lives in Burnside and has already made an impact in Hutchie though his frequent attendance at school events since he became a Governor, including making the guest of honour speech at Prize Giving in 2010. We are very fortunate to have another Chairman of such high calibre and I know that Professor Williams will be working very hard to maintain the high reputation that Hutchesons' has, not least through his work on the Board of SCIS.

To aid him and the school, the Chairman has a Board of seventeen other Governors who are a mixture of nominees from various Glasgow bodies and institutions, the School Association and the FP council, plus several co-opted members, who altogether have a wide spread of expertise in areas such as education, law, building and surveying, finance and business. The full board meets four times a year, but much work is done by



several sub-committees covering the areas of finance, property, human resources, education and development & marketing which also meet quarterly. As a former governor of three schools, I know how difficult it can be to connect with staff and pupils during brief visits for meetings and so we are delighted to invite Governors to staff social events as well as the round of concerts and performances which make up the school's busy calendar. We also have a day each session where Governors come into school to watch and even take part (!) in lessons at Beaton Road, and there are monthly visits by two Governors at a time to Kingarth Street.

I feel that Hutchie can be very proud of its Governors and the way that they support, maintain and encourage the school and of their careful oversight of long term strategy and the historical importance of the particular kind of education we offer. At the start of this term I reminded staff just how diverse a community Hutchie is, in terms of the differences in religious faith, ethnic, cultural and social backgrounds of our pupils – much more so than any other independent school in Scotland. I believe this diversity is one of our greatest strengths and our Governors reflect and enhance that.

My very best wishes for 2014 - it promises to be a memorable year for Glasgow and for Scotland!

Ken Greig

Practical Action to beat poverty!

As you may know, this year Hutchesons' is supporting charity Practical Action to raise awareness of how technology can be used to challenge poverty. There have been many fundraising drives across the School this term including sponsored events, the charity run, dress down day, baking stalls and a primary toy sale. The response from parents and pupils has been tremendous and your support will help to tackle poverty and disease in some of the world's poorest communities throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Mrs Robertson, of Hutchesons' PE department, has also been working with the charity to create an online gift list. These 'Practical Presents' are a fun way of supporting Practical Action's work and they range from Chickens and Goats, to eco-toilets and flood proof water pumps. Visit the School website to find out how to purchase a gift for the Hutchie campaign.



Secondary School News



Nitte - India



In 'The Great Gatsby', F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote 'I was within and without, simultaneously enchanted and repelled by the inexhaustible variety of life'. This befits the very nature of what we experienced in Nitte, as, largely, we were adopted as a local in their close-knit community; but there were, naturally, times where our blatantly different lifestyles forced us to merely observe – constantly being wondered by such diverse forms of life.

It is, for similar reasons, difficult to articulate what one has brought back from India – it will have a prolonged effect on our lives. The limitless generosity of the locals was overwhelming in more ways than one, as many people genuinely cared about spending time with us – often being invited into their homes to meet their families. In our busy lives it is difficult to be as hospitable and selfless as we would perhaps like to be, but this exchange reminded us that we can and should make time for them. The mind broadening experience has given me a more pronounced understanding of life and watered my already founded curiosity; it has absolutely made materialism seem insignificant and given me an itch for travel – it is perhaps easier to say than do, but I have a burning desire to return to the beautifully contagious country. India smiled at me – beamed at me – so I will continue to smile at it and the world; I hope that I may get a grin in return. **Craig McCorquodale S4**

Did you know?

Following the article in the previous Hutchie Herald we thought it might be interesting to note the important contributions being made to the work of the SQA exams and courses by the staff at the school. A quick straw poll has revealed the following.

We currently have:-
SQA Markers, Team Leaders, Verifiers,
or Resource contributors in Art, Classics,

Economics and Business Studies,
Accountancy, English, Geography, History,
Chemistry, Information Technology,
Spanish, French, Music, Philosophy,
Psychology and Physics.

In addition published authors of approved text or text books include Biology, History, English, Chemistry, Philosophy and Maths. An impressive list and while it is not exhaustive I hope it gives a flavour of the level of expertise and commitment here at Hutchesons'.

Open Mornings

Beaton Rd was a hive of activity for the annual Open Morning this November. The day was marked by lashing rain, but spirits were not dampened and we were delighted to welcome over 320 visitors to the campus. Current pupils took new families on a guided tour of the school and were, themselves, a perfect example of the best things about Hutchie. Incoming parents and children stopped along the way to enjoy science experiments, art and school history displays, a clubs and society fair and to chat with departmental teachers and senior staff.

The 30th October was also an exciting day for all at Kingarth Street as new parents and visitors were taken on tour by our pupils to discover the real Hutchie from those who know it best. The S6 prefects were also on hand to greet the visitors and keep the day running smoothly.

Thanks must go to all our pupils and staff for being fantastic ambassadors for Hutchie and we are especially grateful to the P7 classes who received great feedback in their roles as tour guides.

Pictures from both the open mornings are available on the Hutchesons' Flickr.



Governors go back to school

At the close of last year School Governors entered the classroom to get a personal view of Hutchesons' as they shadowed teachers and chatted with pupils and staff. The Governors who attended gave very positive feedback on the event which was hoped to deepen their understanding of the day to day life at Secondary. Here we see Governor Jack Silverstone sharing some ideas with pupil Jamie Cook of S5.



Staff raise £230 for MacMillan

The staff at Hutchesons' enjoyed a coffee break with a difference last term as they relaxed with a good cuppa and some sweet treats in aid of a very good cause.

The School took part in the MacMillan Biggest Coffee morning on Thursday 26 September, when generous staff created a selection of tasty cakes and biscuits and pupil volunteers were on hand with charity buckets to take donations. The event was well supported and raised around £230 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

We would like to thank our pupil helpers, the catering staff for organising this event, our charity bakers for their hard work and finally Alba Beverage who provided the school with a Kenco Local Sponsor kit and coffee for the event.



S6 explore the secrets of DNA

During the final week of November, all 6th year biologists took a trip to Glasgow Science Centre to experience cutting-edge DNA technology.

We were introduced to techniques such as PCR, Gel Electrophoresis and DNA sequencing. It was amazing to experience everything we had learnt first-hand. We were presented with the challenge of diagnosing two patients with different viral infections: Herpes Simplex Virus type 1 and Varicella Zoster. In pairs, we were given a sample of patient DNA, along with enzymes and primers used for PCR, we were shown DNA under UV light in order to identify the virus. We discussed possible careers as well as the ethical issues associated with our experiment and DNA sequencing. This gave us an insight into the difficulties faced by research scientists using this new technology. It was an extremely worthwhile day which cemented the theory covered in the classroom.

By Sophie Corbett, Caitlin Judd, Sean Coyle, Harmeet Aulak, Joe Canning Waddington and Catriona Eadie (S6)

Pupil Jamie wins novelist mentor help

The mean streets of Glasgow may have produced another successful thriller writer as pupil Jamie Rodney (S5) has been named as one of the three recipients of Scottish Book Trust's Young Writers Award for his exceptional dark tale of murder. More than 100 young people, aged 14 to 17, applied for the prestigious awards, and winner Jamie will benefit from mentoring with award-winning novelist Julie Bertanga, a visit to a top London publisher and the chance to meet with some industry professionals. Julie has written many critically-acclaimed, award-winning novels for teenagers and younger readers, including Exodus and The Opposite of Chocolate. She is delighted to be able to use her experience to help nurture and inspire young writing talent.



Big Bang Success for physics pupils

Last summer Catherine Sutherland and Scott Griffiths (S6) took part in the Nuffield Research Placement Scheme which provides S5 STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering) pupils with the opportunity to work with professionals in universities, commercial companies, voluntary organisations and research institutions.



Catherine worked with scientists in the Institute of Molecular, Cell and Systems Biology at the University of Glasgow and Scott's placement was at the David Livingstone Centre for Sustainability at Strathclyde University. They also attended a Nuffield Celebration event in September at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh.

Catherine is now one of only five pupils in Scotland to reach the final of the National Science and Engineering Competition 2013/14 and will showcase her work on 'Beta-2-Microglobulin Expression in E.coli with Ribosomal Mutations for Biotechnological Applications' at The Big Bang Fair 2014 in Birmingham this March.



Arkwright Scholarship winners

We are delighted to report that Muzamil Irfan and Samuel Watson (both S5) have been awarded Arkwright Scholarships.

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



Mathematical Excellence



Congratulations should also go to James Zhang of S3 who was awarded the UKMT Junior Mathematical Olympiad Silver Medal, a great achievement. His teachers are very proud of him and the department is also developing as a centre of excellence for young mathematicians. There will be 2 events with a variety of speakers in March for both P6/7 and S3/4 groups which will also involve pupils from local schools. Academics will be visiting the School in June to speak S5 pupils about careers in Mathematics.



Medical Union

Pupils interested in medicine have established their own Union for aspiring doctors at Hutchesons'. They hope that the Medical Union and new blog will serve as a focus to share ideas, news and views on medical issues and will include applications, interviews and work experience.

In September, Dr. Douglas Kennedy was guest speaker at the very first Medical Union meeting. A former pupil of the school and GP in Pitlochry, he has volunteered in Haiti and the Philippines. Dr. David Macdonald, another Hutchesonian, spoke on his experiences reading medicine at The University of Oxford on October 3rd 2013 and in December Dr. Ian Ramage a paediatric nephrologist at Yorkhill Hospital and Glasgow University interviewer shared his valuable insights with the group.

Find out more about their activities at www.medicalunion.edublogs.org



Debating

Two teams from Hutchesons' Debating Society were named winners of the first heat of the English Speaking Union's Junior Debating competition. Following outstanding performances at Craigholme School, Mark Fisher and Emily Smith (S3) and Suhit Amin and Saskia Dobson (S1) emerged victorious. Mark and Emily were praised by judges for their insightful and convincing opposition of the motion 'This House would introduce congestion charges in all Scottish cities'. Suhit and Saskia were not to be daunted at the prospect of competing against teams of third years from opposing schools and proved themselves to be equally as talented on the debating floor.

All four pupils will compete again in a semi-final at a later date.



World record - Library Report

Earlier this year, the Beaton Road library was the scene of a story writing workshop with a difference! It was organised by Barbara Band (a school librarian in Berkshire) and simultaneously run by school librarians nationwide who all aimed, with the help of pupils, to break the Guinness World Record for the most people writing a story at multiple venues. The association with an official record attempt led to a lot of interest around the secondary school, and thirty pupils lent their creative writing talents to the piece.

Months of nail biting followed as we waited to see if the record had been broken. Fortunately, we beat it by some margin! The certificate now takes pride of place beside our desk, and the record has just been added to the official website:

<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/8000/most-people-to-write-a-story-%28multiple-venues%29>

E. Peebles (Assistant Librarian, Secondary School)



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Autumn in Maxwell Park Winners

The Friends of Maxwell Park launched an interesting photographic challenge last year to capture the beauty and variation of the landscape and to celebrate the theme of Autumn in the park.

The winners were announced at their AGM on Wednesday 27th November and we are thrilled that so many of our pupils rose to the challenge, winning themselves iTunes vouchers and having their work published at the AGM and on the Friends of Maxwell Park website.

Primary Winners

- (2) Noah Bateman P6
- (4) Isaac Bateman P3

Secondary winners

- (1) Neil Anderson S2
- (3) Lucy Smith S1
- (5) Suhit Amin S1
- (6) Adam Barr S3
- (7) Alex Pope S5



The Community Reading Project

The Community Reading Project is a new initiative established this year in the school by Miss Beedham. The premise behind the project is to enable pupils to work with members of the local community. Around 20 pupils from S4, S5 and S6 visit Sherbrooke Lodge Residential Home once a week to spend time with the residents. Many pupils read to their paired resident, and some prefer simply to converse with a person they are beginning to build a relationship with. Both pupils and residents benefit greatly from the project, with one pupil recently asking, 'Can I come and visit my paired partner over the Christmas holiday, it would be nice to see her.' An enriching experience for all.

Pupils are public speaking finalists

We are delighted to announce that Pranavi Challapalli (S5) pictured, reached the final of the prestigious Glasgow Speakers Club public speaking competition which took place on Monday 2nd December at the Glasgow City Chambers. She spoke eloquently on 'When Man Fooled Neanderthal' and should be pleased with her confident performance. Unfortunately Pranavi did not win the competition but coming in the top eight is something to be incredibly proud of!

Olivia McCann (S3), Emily Smith (S3) and Colette Watt (S4) also took to the podium and reached the finals of Rotary Club Public Speaking competitions in November. We would like to congratulate all the pupils on their achievements and look forward to continued success for Hutchie in the public speaking arena.





Bags of thanks

We were absolutely delighted by the response to our foodbank appeal at the end of last term. The bags poured in and parents, pupils and staff donated a huge 200kg in groceries to the Glasgow SE foodbank.

The resulting shopping was enough to fill a minibus and Jeanette Cleary, the Auldhouse Depot Foodbank co-ordinator sent this message to everyone involved:

“On behalf of the Glasgow South East Foodbank I’d like to express our appreciation to your staff and pupils for their generous donations. We were overwhelmed by the amount of food that you recently delivered and would like to thank you for partnering with us to make a difference and reach out to those in need.”

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. If you would like to continue to support the foodbank you can find out more at: www.glasgowse.foodbank.org.uk



Shall we Dance?

At the very end of last term pupils from every year group were polishing up their moves and dusting off their dancing shoes for the annual school dances. Beaton Rd hosted 2 dances for S1-S2 and S3-S4 in the Assembly Hall, which was decorated for the occasion with sparkling lights for a really celebratory feel. S6 volunteers were on hand to help with any first dance nerves and threw themselves into the dances with gusto. The Senior Dance was a sophisticated affair with mocktails, a buffet and photographers, and was again held at the Hilton in Glasgow. A traditional ceilidh band performed at all three events and staff joined pupils in enjoying some fantastic evenings of social dancing.

Pictures from all the dances are available on the Hutchesons’ Flickr.



Time for reflection



Time for reflection is an opportunity for MSPs and members of public to join together before a meeting of the parliament commences.

I was honoured to be invited to speak at the Time for Reflection at the Scottish Parliament on 5th November 2013 in my capacity as a representative of the newly built Glasgow Gurdwara. This community-led project has prioritised the needs of the people and education has been firmly placed at the core of the Gurdwara’s purpose - serving young people and adults with free education.

My own role is the Head of Biology at Hutchesons’ Grammar in Glasgow where I have witnessed first-hand the value of education and it’s that enlightenment through education that helps society move forward. Indeed two of our former pupils, Anas Sarwar and Hamza Yousaf, are well known figures in Scottish politics. A warm welcome by the presiding officer and tour of parliament buildings added to the memorable afternoon.

Manjit Jheeta, Head of Biology.

Model UN Report



On Thursday 3rd October, 11 pupils and 3 members of staff, attended LMUNA, the Lorentz Model United Nations Arnhem in the Netherlands. Here Edward Campbell S6 reports on their cultural and political experience.

We were representing the Netherlands and Peru which was particularly exciting because the theme of the conference was ‘Viva South America’. Each committee had a great variety of topics, from evaluating the

Millennium Development Goals to reviewing the Antarctic Treaty. We arrived at Lorentz Lyceum suited and booted in our business wear, anxious to start proceedings.

The director of the conference began proceedings with a thoughtful speech about the potential growth of South America’s role in the world before belting out a few Latin American hits with the school’s teacher band. The assembled delegations were then dismissed to the various committees they were on.

The conference picked up where it left off early on Saturday morning. Although the debate was slow to start, it became more and more heated with each member of our delegation contributing greatly to their committees and many, many of our resolutions passed. The MUN party was held that night at the Max Brothers night club in central Arnhem. This was another aspect of LMUNA that was slightly more liberal than

its British counterparts and it’s safe to say that a great night was had by all.



We rose early on Sunday morning and made our way back to Lorentz Lyceum for the final day of the conference. The debate time was slightly shorter than the previous day but the delegations for Peru and the Netherlands did not let it go to waste and performed admirably in the various committees and in the General Assembly.

We came away from LMUNA not only knowing more about international politics but also having experienced another culture first hand which is an invaluable experience.

Thanks must go to Mr McDougall, Mrs Keddie and Mrs Stewart for all their help in organising the trip and their advice concerning research.

The Arts at Hutchie



November Concert

November's concert by the music department promised variety. And that's exactly what the packed audience in the main assembly hall on 28 November got from the 150-plus secondary school performers involved in the 15 showcased ensembles. Everything from pop to Viennese waltzes, traditional Scottish music to jazz, had its place in a hugely varied programme.



There was pizzazz from the word go, as the Percussion Ensemble struck up an upbeat opener with *Low Rider*, a mode of presentation emulated by the

Ceilidh Band and the increasingly popular Vocal Group, with its supercool performance of *I'm Yours*.

The String Orchestra and Intermediate Wind Band joined forces for a stirring version of Gustav Holst's *Mars* from his suite *The Planets*, but not before each ensemble made its own individual mark: the strings in Albinoni's famous *Adagio*, and the intermediate winds in the whimsical and irreverent General Radetsky goes *Cuckoo*.

As ever, the Intermediate Choir offered a variable spread of styles, from Eric Coates' *Who is Sylvia* to Simon & Garfunkel's *Bridge over Troubled Water*.

The Senior Concert Band's and Jazz Band's repertoire ranged from the *Romeo and Juliet Love Theme* to Paul Cook's *Blue 'n Boogie*. The Senior Choir played Elgar against Coldplay, while the Sinfonia closed the evening with the effervescent *Dr Miracle Overture* by Bizet, and Johann Strauss' heart-warming *Blue Danube Waltz*.



Among the smaller performance groups – the Guitar Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, and the cool sounds of the Jazz Collective - there was even more variety, from Boccherini's graceful *Minuet* to Porter's *Anything goes*.



Spotlight on National 5 Art and Design

Visual artist Steve McQueen normally works with our sixth year portfolio candidates however in October he delivered a series of short workshops to S4 pupils who are focusing on the expressive element of the new National 5 Art and Design. Following a short presentation about his work, pupils were given the opportunity to experiment with a variety of media and techniques.

Two S4 pupils, Sarah McCrorie and Athena Munro spoke about the lessons saying: *'During the Mr McQueen workshop, I learned that there are many more forms of art than I previously thought and lots of different ways to create a 'nature based' abstract piece of work,' and, 'I thoroughly enjoyed this workshop. His techniques were interesting because it gave a more realistic look to the paintings.'*



Creative Cards

Hutchesons' artwork provided ample inspiration for the Annual School Greetings Cards. S3 pupil Olivia Fenn's intricate paper sculpture based on the shape of holly leaves became this year's Christmas Card, which was sent to many friends of the School over the holiday season. Craig McCorquodale (now S4) captivated us with a nostalgic collage featuring a seaside



Punch and Judy theme, which was chosen for the School Birthday card which will be sent out to many of our senior Former Pupils in the course

of 2014. Other cards used over the festive season featured designs from S1 and S2 and a stunning wintery picture 'Sheep in the Snow' from Photography Club Contest Winner Stephanie Mitchell, S6.



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Sports Update - Results in Brief



Rowing Success for Euan Malone

Euan Malone has been carving out an impressive reputation for himself on the Rowing circuit this season. He attended the Scottish Rowing Awards in October at the University of Edinburgh's Playfair Library to (along with teammate Giacomo Galano) receive The Crew of the Year trophy. The award was presented by GB Men's Lightweight Coach Darren Whiter and recognises the tremendous season Euan has had. The pair also took silver in the OJ16 2x final at the British Junior Rowing Championships in July.

Primary Medal Success at Scottish Schools Road Relays

Primary 6 & 7 boys and girls achieved outstanding results in all races at the Scottish Schools Road Relay Championships at Grangemouth on Saturday 26th October.

Primary 7 Girls - Gold

Sofia Kirkpatrick, Francesca Davidson, Ele Silvester

Primary 7 Boys - Bronze

Charlie Miller, Alex Marshall, Jean-Luc Livingstone

Primary 6 Girls - Silver

Georgia Coyle, Jill Carswell, Lucy Anderson

Primary 6 Boys - Silver

Jay McFarlane-Letham, Dino Molinari, Gregor Adams

It was a fantastic day with first rate team performances all showing tremendous determination, helped by wonderful support from parents and pupils. The primary 6 & 7 running club trains every Monday evening with a fantastic turn out of pupils, approximately 80, who all help to push each other to improve their endurance and speed.

Miss Johnston, PE department



S1, S2 and S3 Cross Country Results

The Cross Country Championships and Charity runs which took place at Auldhouse prior to the holiday week, 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 overall House results were as follows:

Boys	Girls
1st Argyll	1st Stuart
2nd Montrose	2nd Lochiel
3rd Lochiel	3rd Argyll
4th Stuart	4th Montrose

The S1 individual championships trophies and medals are presented to :-

Boys	Girls
1st Nathan Welsh	1st Roop Dhami
2nd Robbie Dickie	2nd Robyn Alexander
3rd Finlay Mathers	3rd Eilidh Cattanaich

The S2 individual championships trophies and medals are presented to :-

Boys	Girls
1st Harry Nimmo	1st Megan Kane
2nd Alessandro Schenini	2nd Emily Crusher
3rd Ben Bicknell	3rd Annie Gould

The S3 individual championships trophies and medals are presented to :-

Boys	Girls
1st Cameron Carney	1st Sarah Eunson
2nd George Baird	2nd Kirsty Griffiths
3rd Calum Milliken	3rd Sophie Hight

Primary Cross Country Results

Boys	Girls
1st Charlie Miller	1st Elé Silvester
2nd Alex Marshall	2nd Sofia Kirkpatrick
3rd Jean-Luc Livingstone	3rd Francesca Davidson

Once again well done to all our runners and medallists.

Winning Robyn uses her horse sense for charity!

Robyn Smith (S6) has hit upon a novel way to raise money for the Teenage Cancer trust. She has raised over £1700 with a series of equine sporting events. She organised exercise sessions for rider and showjumping events, horse grooming and horse-sitting services, and sold raffle tickets and refreshments and baking. Her massive fundraising drive culminated in a dressage demonstration, with her horse Fooled Uz which showcased her sport to a large audience. Robyn, who also competes for Great Britain, has entered contests twice this year at Prix St. Georges level. These tests are technical and require a great deal of concentration and effort. She won in both competitions, which are a level above her age group, with very good scores. Well done Robyn!



Primary School News



A big first term for our smallest pupils!

P1 enjoyed a packed and varied curriculum last term. Pupils got close to nature and observed the passing of seasons with an Autumn Walk in Queens Park. They performed a fantastic Elmer Parade which was a riot of colour and song. Children were introduced to the serious issue of personal safety and stranger danger in a fun way with a lively visit from Silly Billy. Dr Phillips (parent of Aneesa in P1D) visited to talk about keeping healthy and what doctors do – P1 even got to work on some bandaging skills! Max MacFarlane (S6) dropped in to explore the topic of dentistry and importance of looking after our teeth and delivered an excellent presentation with 3 important messages – eat less sugar, brush 2x a day for two minutes and visit dentist regularly.

Phew! See more pictures of their first term adventures on the Hutchesons' Flickr.



P2 take a journey under our skin

Last term the P2 classes were visited by Body Works on Tour, from the Glasgow Science Centre. P2 found out how food travels through the body, the importance of diet and healthy choices. The children watched model 'Stephen' eating a cracker and the cracker's journey through his body. Pupils learned that the small intestine is over 5 metres long and it takes 1 whole day for food to pass through it. There were many other Science Centre 'body exhibits' to explore including a fascinating jigsaw puzzle containing different organs, a heartbeat drum to check the heart rate before and after exercise, moving 3D body parts showing how our bones and muscles function and much, much more. What an exciting morning for P2!



Junior Choir

The Junior Choir sang carols at St Enoch Centre in aid of the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice last year. Arun Uttamchandani P7 sang the solo "Walking in the Air" with the RSNO at their evening Christmas Concert on Saturday December 21st. Valerie Goff (Staff P5) and Robbie Prentice P7 are the stars in the Paisley Operatic Society production of "The King and I" at the Kings Theatre in March. See School website for details.



The great Hutchie bake off!

Fiona Clark and Heather Dempster (two of the primary 1 teachers) organised a 'breaktime' coffee morning with home baking on Friday the 13th December. Fellow staff members were asked to wear a Christmas jumper and donate in support of Save the Children. The festive mood must have been catching as they raised the grand total of £187.



The spirit of the age!

P6 enjoyed a 'Victorian' afternoon at the end of December as a finale to the Term's work on that era. The children dressed in the garb of the age and took part in traditional Victorian pastimes such as parlour games and making Christmas Cards, an idea which originated in the 1840s. In addition the pupils got the chance to test their logic and imagination skills with an entertaining version of Call my Bluff by guessing the uses of unusual Victorian artefacts. Unlike the famous Queen, they were very amused indeed.

Booms, bangs and fizzes!

In the autumn, primary classes visited the Chemistry department at Beaton Rd to learn about explosions and how to keep safe when watching fireworks.

When P2 first arrived at Mr Ferguson's classroom they had to put on safety goggles. Then Mr Ferguson made different colours of light by lighting different powders. He made blues, greens and oranges. Next he made sparklers which were very impressive. Then Mrs Duncan, Freddie's mum, blew lots of air through a hose into water and made lots of bubbles. Mr Ferguson put a light to it and a large flame resulted. P2 never knew that Freddie's mum could breathe fire!

Finally Mr Ferguson made big bangs by lighting a flame to other powders. The children had to cup hands over their ears. They were also told about the best way to treat fireworks - not to stand too close, to wear gloves when holding a sparkler and to put the sparkler in a bucket of water at the end



CBBC ask P6 be online testers

P6 enjoyed a surprise from two visitors from the CBBC Channel in September. Andrea and Jo asked the children to become game testers and help fine tune an online game for the TV Show "Who let the Dogs Out."

Pupils rose to the challenge and reported what they thought could be improved, what they enjoyed and how they played games at home. In return for their feedback Game and Programme creator Jo answered questions on what it was like to be involved in making CBBC shows (lots of fun), if she enjoyed her work (it's her dream job!) and what TV presenters she knows.

The children proved themselves to be excellent beta testers and were inspired to think about games and television in a different way and to appreciate how much time and creative energy is needed to produce shows. The CBBC team were delighted with their ideas and responses, calling them a wonderful class.

You can view the pictures on the Hutchesons' Flickr site and look out for the final game at www.cbbc.co.uk.

Eco Report 2013



Pupils in P3M and Mrs Lohead were very busy in the summer term planting vegetables in our Eco Garden at Kingarth Street.

The young horticulturalists sowed carrots, radishes, green beans and courgettes. They also planted onions bulbs. With guidance, the pupils

nurtured the plants through the different growing stages and saw their vegetables flourish. During the hot summer holidays Mr Syme kindly watered the plants. On everyone's return to school we saw an abundant crop of different vegetables. With great excitement the pupils, who are now in Primary 4, began to harvest some of the vegetables. A bumper crop of courgettes and onions was sent across to Mr Stewart to be turned into a delicious pot of Courgette, Potato and Cheddar Cheese soup which pupils at Kingarth Street and Beaton Road enjoyed. Apples from the tree in our Conservation Garden were picked and made into an apple pie. We are looking forward to planting more vegetables during this session and being able to enjoy the fruits of everyone's labours in 2014.



A sparkling evening for P7

The lights were sparkling, the music was lively and the mood was happy for the Primary 7 Festive Party at the end of last term. Pupils donned their evening clothes, sharpened up their moves and took to the floor at the Kingarth St Assembly Hall, which had been magically transformed into a glittering ballroom for the night. Staff and members of S6 were on hand to guide the young dancers who enjoyed a live ceilidh band, party food and plenty of fun. Thanks to all who helped out on the evening, as you can tell from the pictures a fantastic time was had by all!

See more pictures from the dance on the Hutchesons' Flickr



A fair result!

The annual Winter Fair, held on the 30th November, was a great success and raised an astonishing £5,500. This was a great achievement by the 1957 Group, a parent led fundraising committee for Hutchesons' Grammar School, who every year give a huge amount of time, energy and enthusiasm to make the Fair one of the most special events in the School Calendar.

We would also like to thank all our staff and pupil helpers, bakers, toy and book donators, crafters, caterers, face painters, nail artists and stall holders for making the day so much fun for everyone! We were delighted to welcome pupils from our partner School, Hans Sachs in Nürnberg, who brought traditional German treats to sample. Our own business minded pupils spent the day in two groups staffing stalls both at the Fair and at a Young Enterprise event in Glasgow.

Final thanks must go to the all the children, parents and local visitors for taking time out on a busy Saturday morning to support this fantastic 1957 Group fundraising event.

Pictures from the event are available on the Hutchesons' Flickr site.

Primary pupils get ready for Court

The School Mock Court Case Project is a national cross-curricular event which encompasses a range of subjects - from art to journalism, debating and writing skills, to name just a few. Here Sophia Kelly and Eesaa Rasul (P6) report on their preparations for attending the Court.

Primary Six are taking part in the Primary Mock Court Case. The Mock Court Case lets children all across Scotland learn about the law as they prepare a case and take it to the High Court of Glasgow. Before children go to court they have three meetings with solicitors



and advocates. Everyone is given a different role and they have to work as a team to collect research and evidence.

Each class has been divided into Pursuers and Defenders

and every person has a role. There are lawyers, researchers, journalists, gown designers, court artists and witnesses. Everyone has a part to play. We are both Researchers for the Defence and we



have to keep a Journal of Proceedings. We also have to help the Lawyers. In addition, we help the Journalists to get the information for their newspapers.

The case is about an old woman called Mrs Telfer who sent her grandson to buy her a new mobile phone as the battery in her old phone wasn't working. Her grandson later brought back a new phone. However she claims it's much too high tech for her to use as she only wanted to be able to make phone calls and send a few texts. Not wanting any internet usage she didn't understand why her phone bill was so high! She asks to change her phone and refuses to pay the large monthly bill. The company Talk & Txt decide to take her to court so they can get their money for the phone.

We have learned that you can't just go to court, you have to plan everything first and collect loads of evidence. You also need to keep a journal of everything you do. We are very excited but nervous at the same time about going to the High Court of Glasgow. Wish us luck!

Food for thought for P3



Children in the P3 classes discovered that there is more to what we consume than meets the eye with their recent topic on food groups and healthy eating.

They looked at different types of exotic fruits and discovered how to turn them into delicious fruit salads and homemade smoothies.

Mrs Sellar, Home Economics teacher at Beaton Rd, showed the pupils how to make a tasty Butternut Squash Soup and they also learned the basics of bread making.

Pupils also enjoyed finding out how important food is to us in society by finishing the topic with a cheese and grape juice party, where they developed their social skills while mingling and making small talk with each other.



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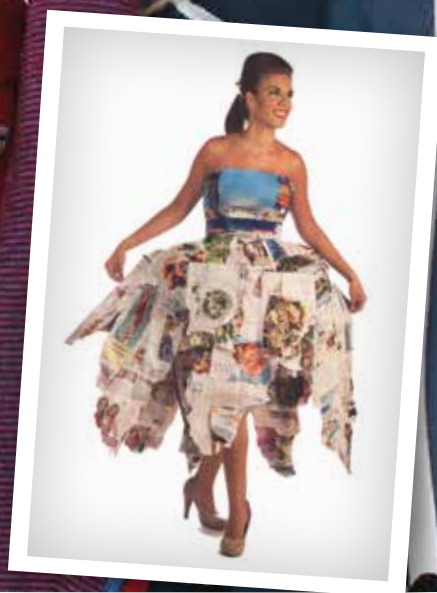


Designing ambitions

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In the early months of summer, we spotted an advert looking for designers to work on a project for Weight Watchers, in aid of Diabetes UK. The basic brief was to design a collection of garments for a group of models, roles which were undertaken by Weight Watchers leaders, in a calendar. The one criteria was that the models were to hold Weight Watchers magazines in the shoots. With our previous history of using recycled material to construct garments in the School's Art Department, we decided to take this brief one step further. Having been sent over the models' measurements we got to work designing a 19 piece collection made entirely from the magazines themselves. Using 250 magazines, 12000 staples and numerous roles of sellotape, we spent 90 hours completing our task.

After all the pieces had been created it was off to the studios to shoot for the calendar and publicity images. This was one of the most challenging aspects of the project as each model had to be fitted (stapled in) to their custom made dress for the first time. On the shoots, as well as fitters, we also undertook the



roles of creative directors, assisting with photo composition. After the four days of shoots, we had a few months to alter and touch up the designs before the fashion show. During this time period, we were also involved in staging the catwalk, teaching the models to walk, coming up with the choreography for the evening, choosing the running order and picking the music.

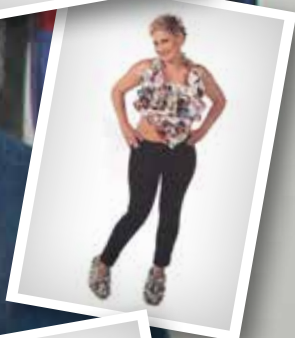
On November 14th, National Diabetes Awareness Day, the catwalk took place at Katie's Bar in Merchant City. The evening went down a storm and all the creations were warmly received and positively critiqued.

Credits: Fashion Photography - Amanda Hemphill, David Brown, Iain Mclean, Cameron McMurdo, Alan Turner. Model's Hair and Make-up - Pixie D Makeup and Rainbow Room International.

Thanks to Weight Watchers and Group Leader, Fiona Pediani.

The overall experience has been greatly beneficial to us both, developing both our portfolios and inspiring for new designs past the project. The venture has allowed Heather to enhance her application to Performance Costume at Art School, where she intends to further her studies next year. For Hollybeth, the project has allowed her to diversify from her usual dramatic background, giving her an insight into workings of the fashion world, and will hopefully benefit her in her course next year at Drama School in New York.

Hollybeth Gourlay and Heather Currie (S6)



Global challenge

Eilidh Naismith and Billy Davidson (both S6) former Global Education Ambassadors, report on their new venture the Global Education Challenge.

On the 9th December the Global Education Challenge Conference 2013 took place at the school. This conference was attended by school groups, both primary and secondary, from across Scotland. The aim of this day was to raise awareness of the Global Campaign for Education, one of the world's largest children's campaigns, which takes action for 60 million children around the world who are missing out on school.

After our year as ambassadors for the Global Campaign for Education we realized that many Scottish schools were not aware of its existence. We decided to host our own conference to inspire others to get involved. On the day we heard from Jasmine Jones, the Project Manager at the Steve Sinnott Foundation, who spoke on the progress that has already been made towards providing universal education and what still needs to be achieved.

This powerful start to the day steered us towards the final of The Global Education Challenge which was a competition we opened prior to the conference. Groups of students had to present a case study on what they would do with £500 to improve education in a Developing Country. We had 25 schools from across Scotland enter the competition and eventually managed to narrow it down to 9 finalist teams. We were so impressed with the quality of the entries and the enthusiasm and passion from the students both from primary and secondary schools.

The winning team, from Dunblane High School, received the £500 to carry out their idea of sponsoring a school nurse in their link school in Malawi. They had identified health issues as being a major barrier to education and calculated that the £500 would in fact be able to fund the training and wages of a nurse for 2 years. The prize money was kindly sponsored by the Wood Family Trust and the running costs of the day were sponsored by the Steve Sinnott Foundation. The conference was a great success and a fun and educational day was had by all!

Pupils get comfortable with Young Enterprise Success



This session over thirty pupils established three unique businesses as part of the Young Enterprise scheme, designed to develop aptitudes and attitudes outside their usual classroom experience. These were a diverse set of companies: Via - designer cushions, cards and prints, Just Casual – board game invention, Christmas gifts and mugs, and Brainwave – an environmentally friendly 'Keep Cups' retailer. Here Caroline Henderson (S6) shares the story of Team Via:

In our Young Enterprise group, Team VIA, we have been delighted with our success at the recent Trade Fair, winning prizes for both Best Trade Stand and Best Overall Company. Originally the team had decided that our main product should be personalised phone covers. However, after extensive market research, we settled on designing cushions. So far, we have produced four unique designs with the help from Voyage Maison, a Scottish home furnishings company. At both the school Winter Fair and the Young Enterprise Trade Fair, we also sold Christmas cards and photo frames to promote our custom designs. Currently the company is looking into printing our designs onto aprons and t-shirts as well as working on a Spring Collection to give the company a greater sense of diversification. Our individual roles within the company have allowed us to heighten our skills in those specific areas as well as developing our abilities to work in a team. At present we are preparing for the Glasgow finals and are looking forward to our new range which will be released in the coming months.

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Showtime

S1-S2 Show

December started with a bang at Beaton Rd, with a fantastic musical showcase from the S1 and S2 Music and Drama club. This is a much anticipated start to the festive season at Hutchie and this year's show, an exuberant celebration on the World of Disney, did not disappoint. The 3 night run was totally sold out and featured excerpts from Peter Pan, Beauty and the Beast, Mary Poppins, Mulan and the Little Mermaid. The pupils put in a fabulous amount of effort both on stage and behind the scenes with rehearsals starting in September and running over several weekends. Well done to all!



A fairytale with a difference!

This November P4 performed a humorous take on the classic fairytale 'The Three Little Pigs' bringing the Kingarth St stage to life with songs, plenty of laughter and a few scary moments. The Roald Dahl version took a few dark twists and turns away from the original story and the wily wolf, clever pigs and gun toting Red Riding Hood delivered their roles with gusto. The show was hugely enjoyed by both parents and Primary pupils. The P1s were especially captivated; they delighted in booing the big bad wolf and cheering the heroes! Thanks must go to all the pupils and teachers who worked so hard on the show behind the scenes. It was a brilliant event and the audiences left with wide smiles on their faces.

All together now "I'll huff and I'll puff..."

More pictures can be viewed on the Hutchesons' Flickr site.

Once in Royal David's City...

P1 pupils got their first taste of the stage at Hutchesons' as they performed in the annual Nativity Show. The children put on a polished performance and were a great credit to the School given that most are just five years old. There was a variety of songs, a few laughs and some very touching moments. The pupils were more composed than the audience with many a teary eye from mums, dads, carers and grandparents. Their budding professionalism owed a great deal to our dedicated P1 teachers and classroom assistants and (as ever) to terrific music instruction from Mrs Stevenson.

Many thanks to everyone involved in making the Nativity such a success, as ever you can view more pictures from the show on our Flickr site.



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Former Pupils News

Gareth Bayley

What led you to pursuing a career in the Diplomatic Service?

I'd like to claim there was some kind of plan I was working to, but there wasn't really. I knew I wanted a job which would take me to interesting places in the world, and some time volunteering in Gaza had left my 20 year-old self with the unfortunate conviction that I could be some sort of latter-day Lawrence of Arabia (I'm wincing, thinking back on it). The first few months at the Foreign Office sensibly beat all that out of me - I spent a lot of time answering letters from members of the public asserting the UK wasn't doing enough to stop South African doctors coming to the UK.

Where was your first posting?

British Embassy in Cairo, 1998-2002. I had the opaque job title of "Second Secretary (Political, Press and Public Affairs)", which spanned the range from analysing and reporting on Egypt's politics and human rights, through organising a launch of the Jaguar X-Type in the Embassy's gardens, to gophering for then PM Blair and his family's 2000-1 Christmas and New Year holiday to Sharm el-Sheikh.



What does your current role involve?

I'm deputy head of the FCO's Conflict Department, responsible for the Government's "Building Stability Overseas Strategy" and – to the intense interest of my Whitehall colleagues – the effective and efficient spend of British taxpayers' money on preventing and responding to conflict in some of the world's most fragile and conflict-affected countries. A particular focus is what we want to achieve through the United Nations.

Any particular memorable moments?

Getting a bit too close to the 2000 Egyptian Parliamentary Elections and being tear-gassed for the trouble. Trying – without much success – to appease an angry crowd

outside Baghdad's Green Zone. Flying low in a RAF Hercules through the Hindu Kush mountains of Afghanistan, en route to see the Governor of Herat. Voting in the UN Security Council (the Ambassador was stuck in 1st Avenue traffic). Shaking Nelson Mandela's hand (my first job was on the team organising President Mandela's State Visit to London).

What is the most enjoyable aspect of your job?

The variety. I've been 18 years with the same employer, but feel like I've done a bunch of different jobs in that time. It's been lots of fun, from negotiating UN Security Council Resolutions mandating African missions to Somalia, through to organising media coverage of Princess Anne's visit to a Sick Animal Hospital in downtown Cairo ("no flash please, it startles the donkeys"). Explaining the EU to the Westminster Parliament was maybe a bit less fun, admittedly.

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

Go for it. There's no other work quite like this, and the Foreign Office's global reach will give you a really interesting career. Think hard, though, about what it means to sign up to a career where travel and living far from home, family and friends are the norm and not the exception. Juggling between you and your spouse's career won't be easy, either, if one job offer can potentially take one of you off to another country for three years. It makes sense to do your Mogadishu posting first, and your Geneva posting later! Finally, ask yourself how ready you are to remain publicly loyal to the Government's policy at all times, and to endure any number of National Day Receptions.

HUTCHESONS' FP LADIES GOLF OUTING 2013

Fourteen ladies signed up for the 2013 golf outing at Hagsgs Castle Golf Club on Wednesday 11th September. We hoped that the change of date and venue would bring better weather - after all 2013 was a 'good' summer.

As the golfers enjoyed coffee and bacon rolls in the clubhouse it seemed that all would be well however when the first players approached the first tee the rain came tumbling down and everyone retreated to the clubhouse.

After a pleasant break in the Spike Bar someone noticed that the rain had slackened to a light drizzle so we set off to play nine holes before enjoying lunch in the Clubhouse.

The trophy was won by Andrea Church (née Holmes) with joint runners up the Jamieson sisters, Jinty Rodger and

Alix Stevenson. In spite of the disappointing weather all those who participated said they had enjoyed playing at Hagsgs, renewing old friendships, and recollecting their school days at Hutchie.



The 2014 outing returns to Hagsgs Castle Golf Club on Wednesday 27th August and will cost £55 which includes green fee and catering on the day.

For further information, please contact Sallie Harkness at sallieharkness@btinternet.com or Louise Duncan in the Development Office.

Hutchie Authors

Sandra McGruther (C1968)

Sandra, better known as Alex Gray, is author of the Detective Lorimer series. Her new book, *The Swedish Girl*, is a gritty tale spanning Glasgow and Stockholm. She also featured on Radio Scotland's morning show on Christmas day 2013.



Prof Robert Crawford (C1977)

Robert Crawford is Professor in English at the University of St Andrews. His latest book is *Bannockburns: Scottish Independence and the Literary Imagination, 1314–2014*, which looks at the evidence for poetry as a political tool.



Jonathan Whitelaw (C2004)

Jonathan Whitelaw has published a debut novel *Morbid Relations*, featuring Robert Argyll a failing comedian, forced to return home to an eclectic bunch of misfits, do-gooders and general nuisances. The book is set in Glasgow and Kingarth St even gets a mention!



FP News

Dr Alan Stanfield (C1972)

When not a GP in Forres, Alan is a curling umpire and his career has spanned several European and World Championships. In 2010 he was Deputy Chief Umpire to the XXI Olympics Winter Games in Vancouver and in February 2014 will be Chief Umpire at the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.



Prof Donald Gillies (C1978)

Donald has been appointed by the University of the West of Scotland as Head of the School of Education. He joins UWS from York St John University where he was Professor of Education Policy. Donald, a member of the European Educational Research Association, hopes to make a significant contribution to the development of the University.



Kevin Sneader (C1984)

Kevin joined McKinsey & Company in 1989, holding positions in Paris, Beijing, Hong Kong and the United States before returning to the UK in 2011 as Director and Managing Partner of the firm's United Kingdom and Irish offices. He has now been promoted into a new post in Hong Kong as Company Chairman for Asia.



Iain Stewart (C1990)

In the October 2013 Ministerial reshuffle, Iain was appointed as Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport. Iain visited Hutchesons' in 2013 and spoke to A-level Government & Political Studies (GPS) students about his life as an MP.



Mrs Clare Bruce née Capanni (C1990)

Nottingham High School has appointed Clare Bruce as the new Head of its Infant and Junior school, citing her passion for education as making her an ideal choice for the role. Clare, previously the head at Derby Grammar Junior School, took post in spring 2013.



Ross Clark (C1997)

A lack of flying opportunities took Ross into archaeology but this changed in 2011 when British Airways pilot cadet scheme helped him to fulfil a lifelong ambition. Look out for him flying the Airbus A320 by Easter 2015. He is happy to discuss the scheme and says "should you hear my name from the flight deck from 2015, say hello via the cabin crew and come for a chat!"



Andrew Adam (C2005)

Andrew (as Drew Millar) spent last year on Cunard's Queen Elizabeth as a lead vocalist and has now returned to the UK to focus on recording and pursuing his West End aspirations. He runs the London Marathon, for a bone marrow transplant for a 9 year old in Newton Mearns, this April and asks "if you'd like to support a brave and remarkable young girl please pledge using the link below." <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/drewmillar>



Nicola Murphy (C2006)

Nicola studied a BEng (Electrical and Electronic Engineering) and a MSc (Renewable Energy and Distributed Generation) at Heriot-Watt University where she was the only female and European on the course. After a graduate engineering programme at Alstom Grid UK in Stafford she is now a Controls engineer. Nicola has been secretary of Institution of Engineering and Technology and an Ambassador with STEMNET. In 2014 she will join the Arkwright Scholarships Trust interview panel and is working towards chartered engineer status.



Richard Sobolewski (C2008)

Currently undertaking a PhD at Edinburgh in Historical Geography, Richard's doctoral award is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) and the University of Edinburgh. He divides his time between the archives of RCAHMS and the University of Edinburgh, where he teaches undergrads.



International FPs Sister Act

Talya Silver née Granat (C2002)

Talya took her degree at both the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Birmingham University. She achieved a First in Chemistry and was awarded the Ascough Prize in the same week as giving birth to her second child. She now lives in Bet Shemesh and is studying for a Masters degree in History and Philosophy of Science at the Hebrew University. She is expecting her fifth child in January.



Gila Tradburks née Granat (C2005)

Gila emigrated to Israel after S6, and was awarded a degree in Nursing from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem last summer, a lifelong ambition as her heart has been set on becoming a nurse ever since she

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushering in a very Hutchie wedding!



Douglas Lindsay (C2007) married Mairi on Saturday 28th September 2013. The wedding party had a significant Hutchie quota as fellow classmates acted as his Best Man, Ushers and Piper on the day.

Pictured From Left: Iain Oates, Chartered Accountant at PWC in Glasgow and Kenjutsu internationalist.

Chris Stewart, Chartered Accountant at Standard Life in Edinburgh

David MacDonald, FY1 at NHS Forth Valley

Douglas Lindsay, FY2 at Gartnavel General

David Rutherford, FY1 at Glasgow Royal Infirmary

Peter Reader-Harris, PhD student at St Andrews

A romantic ceremony in Seoul



Eun-Hae Chung (C2000) married Harold Yoon in a breath-taking wedding last October which blended tradition and romance in a beautiful Seoul setting. Eun-Hae, a former buyer for Prada, is now looking forward to family life in Hong Kong with her new husband. Eun-Hae is still remembered very fondly at Hutchie and we wish them all the best for the future.

was 6 years old! She lives in Jerusalem and will have her third child in March.

Ditza Hoppenstein née Granat (C2008)

Ditza spent a year as a volunteer with street children in Ecuador before she emigrated to Israel. She has been studying at a Hebrew language college, at a Jewish religious college, on a university access course, and on kibbutz. She lives in Ma'ale Adumim and is currently taking a Social Work degree at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Her first child was born in January.

Former Pupils Reunions

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OSF46 reunion

The Old Sixth Form of 1946, held their 68th annual meeting since leaving School at Beaton Road on Saturday 5th October 2013. Five members joined the Rector, Dr Ken Greig, for coffee and an annual update of the life of the school in the past academic year. They also enjoyed hearing updates from other members who were unable to be present and lunch in the Founders' Room.

L-R, Back Row: John Macqueen, Dr Ken Greig, Ronald Macdonald
L-R, Front Row: Carl Edwards, Allan Heath, Ian Hutchison



Class of 1987

Class of 87 have been having a fun time meeting up recently, a group met up to see Craig McKnight on Dec 29th during a visit from Sydney, and another group met for a reunion in November. They met on both occasions in the Social in Shawlands, where they stayed on late into the night.

In total around 30 classmates met and are keeping in touch via LinkedIn, Facebook and plan more events in 2014. They have set up a lively Hutchie Class of '87 Facebook page and there is even talk of a 30th celebration.

Toronto Reunion October 2013



Development Manager, Carol Biggart and Honorary President of the 1641 Society, Graham McAllister enjoyed a very positive and productive visit to Toronto during October 2013.

The trip was designed to cement the strong relationship the school has with its Canadian Former Pupils and to offer personal thanks to those who have been supporting pupils via the Canadian Bursary Fund.

We were delighted that 23 of our expatriates could attend the annual reception, which was once again held with great success in the Granite Club.



Carol spoke about joining the Development team, the Hutchesons' strong tradition of philanthropy and the recent achievements of pupils who had benefited from help. Graham



MacAllister shared some school news, highlighting last year's outstanding academic attainment, and gave an update about the current Canadian Bursary.

The moods of the event and subsequent visits were sometimes nostalgic, often light-hearted and informative, but always extremely sociable and friendly.

Pictured: Gavin James, Matt Manson, Joyce James, Cristina Ronald, Ken Smith, Barbara Smith, Helen Ross, Elza Dillion, Walter Ross, Barbara Speakman, Susan Greenshields, Vic Hepburn, Graham Mason, Iain McNicol, Carol Biggart, Marion Hepburn, Iain Ronald, Martina Thomson, Graham McAllister, Pat McNicol, Heather Campbell, Lynsey Mason.

Sadly, at the time of going to press we received news of the peaceful death of Martina Thomson (C1945) on 11th January 2014. Martina has been a generous supporter of the School for many years and a full appreciation will follow in a later edition.

FP Council Notice

Zoë Mackenzie née Howieson C1994 was recently elected as the new President of the FP Council. She would be delighted to hear from Former Pupils about the type of events they would like to see and if they would like to see an FP Dinner at the School. Please email alumni@hutchesons.org

Dubai Friday Brunch

For those in the UAE, there will be a Friday Brunch on 14th February in Dubai from 12.30 till 4pm.

At The Cavendish Restaurant, Bonnington Jumeirah Lakes Towers, Dubai. Contact Development Office on 0141 433 4474 or email alumni@hutchesons.org

Forthcoming events

Kingarth Street Tea Party

A tea party will be held at Kingarth Street on Saturday 10th 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 on 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

Desperately seeking:

- Jenny Hamilton is keen to find information on Helen Macmurchy née Clark who attended School in the late 1930's who was last known to be living in Hamilton, New Zealand.
- Dr Howard Kahn is also keen to find the current whereabouts of Irving Lambert. Irving attended Glasgow University after leaving School in 1963.
- Chrissie Boyer, C1959, is also keen to hear from any Hutchie FPs living in the Birmingham area.

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Morag chats with current pupils about her hockey success.

The George and Thomas Hutcheson Awards

The George and Thomas Hutcheson Awards were established in 1997 in recognition of Hutchesonians regarded by their peers as inspirational figures. Baroness Elizabeth Smith of Gilmorehill (C1958) and Professor John Connell (C1972) were the 2013 recipients and Morag McLellan (C2008) received the Young Achievers Award.

Professor Connell is Vice Principal for Research and Head of the College of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing at the University of Dundee. Appointed Professor in Medicine at the University of Glasgow in 1994, and Professor of Endocrinology in 1996, he became Head of the Graduate School of the School of Medicine in 2007. His distinguished career includes positions as Dean of Medicine, (2009) Vice Principal for Research at the University and Head of the College of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing (2012) at the University of Dundee and has published over academic 250 papers. He chaired the British Endocrine Society's annual meeting (2002), was Clinical Chair of the American Endocrine Society annual meeting (2009), senior editor of Clinical Endocrinology (2006-10) and is Chair of the Clinical Endocrinology Trust. A former School Governor, John has four children, all educated

at Hutchie. Baroness Smith studied languages at Glasgow and received an honorary doctorate from the University of Glasgow in law in 1998. She became a life peer in 1995 following the death of her husband, Rt Hon John Smith M.P., then Leader of the Labour Party. After joining the House of Lords she was made opposition



John, centre, with wife Lesley, left and Rector Dr Greig, right.

spokesman on tourism and has been a board member for organisations with interests in Russia and FSU countries on Commerce, European Reform and the Arts. She leads the John Smith Fellowship Trust, in memory of her husband to honour his ideals of public service and social justice. Among other activities she sat on the council of the Press Complaints Commission (1996-2002) and the BP Advisory Board for Scotland, was a board member of the Edinburgh International Festival (1996-1999), chair of the Edinburgh Fringe (1995-2012) and is President of Scottish Opera. She has three children, Sarah, Jane and Catherine.

Morag McLellan joined Hutchie in 1995. She excelled academically and in cross-country running and music and as Captain of the 1st X1 her main passion was Hockey. An exemplary Head Girl, she was awarded The Girls' Dux and played in the Scotland U18 team and the European Youth Nations Hockey Championships during S5/6. Now in her final year of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh, Morag's love of Hockey is undiminished. Selected for the Scotland U21 Hockey squad, she took part in the European Nations Championships and the Delhi Commonwealth Games. She joined the Scotland Senior Women Squad in the EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship (2012) and the first ever World League matches in Prague. By December 2013 she had amassed an incredible 68 caps for Scotland and 3 caps for Great Britain. Chosen for the senior international women's programme she is now preparing for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. A member of Clydesdale Western and the Scotland Senior Women Squad, she will play in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014. Unfortunately due to unexpectedly bad weather Baroness Smith could not attend the ceremony and has been invited to visit the School in 2014.

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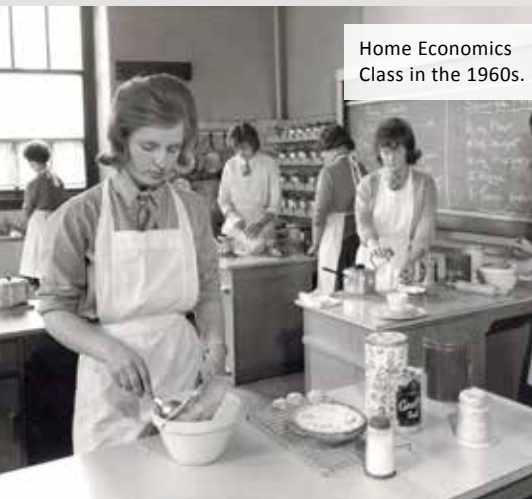
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Home Economics Class in the 1960s.



From the Archives

150 years ago

"Attended the (Boys') School this forenoon for an hour, and found the attendance satisfactory..... The improvement in personal tidiness continues, and the aspect of the pupils in the Senior division is today most gratifying. Examined the boys in their Arithmetic lessons of the day, and was well pleased with their performance" Edward Alexander, Inspector.

100 years ago

".....there is everywhere (in the Girls' School) evidence of earnest work, and of a high ideal of educational efficiency. The provision made for the teaching of Domestic Science and for the Physical Training of the pupils, as well as the improved physical conditions under which the general work of the old-established Secondary School will, in future, be carried on, cannot fail to attract an increasing number of pupils." Mr J H Murray, H.M. Inspector.

50 years ago

"... (The Boys' School) is an extremely active community and in good heart, and that although there are successes reported, rightly with pride, they form but a part of the total life of the community.

Visitors from Abroad — In May the School was pleased to entertain four visitors from Southern Rhodesia who had won a public speaking competition and were spending a month in Britain.

Foreign Travel — There will be two foreign tours this coming summer. One group of boys is going to Italy from 6th to 22nd July, visiting Rome, Capri and Florence. The second group sail on the Dunera on 10th July for Corunna, Gibraltar, Lisbon, and Amsterdam, returning on 25th July." Hutchesonian, July 1964.

Hutchie Memories

Here David Burns shares his thoughts on finding this nostalgic photograph of his father Gordon Burns (C1963) in his Hutchie Uniform.

Gordon Burns 1945-2003.

I was clearing out at home & came across a photo of my father Gordon Burns. He was from Bellshill originally; attended Hutchesons' then went on to Graduate at Glasgow University. He then went to work for Pfizer, the drug company at their Sandwich based

plant & office in Kent. In 1972 he went to work for Brooke Bond Oxo at their large Croydon office as a personnel manager. In 1977 he took what was to be his last post as Personnel Director at Booker Health Foods, the then owners of the Holland & Barrett health food chain. He sadly had to retire through ill health in the late 1980's but carried on with some private consultancy work until his health deteriorated further. He passed away in 2003



aged just 58 in a nursing home when the Multiple Sclerosis which he had fought since 1980 finally took him.

I know he was always very proud of his education particularly with such humble beginnings from a Bellshill council estate.

Burns Celebration

A wonderfully happy evening celebrating our national Bard was enjoyed by 50 FPs and friends on board the elegant HQS Wellington, London on 23rd January 2014. Whilst the guests gathered, Adam Shaw (C2008) piped on the top deck then piped in the haggis, which was addressed by Harley Atkinson (C1957). Burns poetry was read by Gavin Ralston (C1976), Hazel Forbes, nee Hutchison (C1980) and Crawford McInally (C2010) entertained us beautifully, singing several Burns' songs during dinner. Ken Greig, Rector reflected on the importance of education to Robert Burns' parents who ensured their children were properly educated. He speculated that if Burns were alive today, he might have travelled to Hutchie along with some of our Ayrshire domiciled pupils on the school bus.

More photos are available to view on Hutchesons' Flickr



Former staff news

100 and not out!

It was a very happy Hutchie occasion on the 11th December when our much loved former Rector Peter Whyte reached his 100th birthday. In recognition of his special day he was visited by the current Rector, Dr Ken Greig, Development Manager, Carol Biggart and the Head Boy and Girl, Ashley Neilson and Eilidh McKechnie (both S6) who presented him with a unique engraved crystal vase from the School. Peter remains extremely lively and great company and chatted with interest to the pupils about their future plans.

The sprightly centenarian and his wife later took time out to celebrate at the Corinthian in Glasgow, a gift from family and friends.



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1926-2013

*Full Obituary to appear in next edition

**Mrs Sonya Patricia McDiarmid
née Edward**
C1957, 1939-2013



Sonya died very peacefully at her home on Monday 11th November 2013. Dearly beloved wife of the late Neil (Ham) McDiarmid and mother of Susan and Steven, grandmother to Rory, Cameron, Angus, Alex and Euan, dedicated bowler, imaginative bridge player, inspirational and singular woman of great repute and immense fortitude.

**Mrs Ellice M L Miller
née Jamieson**

C1946, 1928-2013

Delivered by A.J. Cronin, the Scots doctor "round the corner" in London, Ellice was brought to Scotland aged 6 months by her Scots parents. Needlework skills honed by her training in domestic science, an LRAM in speech and drama and a diploma in adult education proved a happy combination leading Ellice to design and make numerous costumes and dresses for dramatic productions, museums and weddings as well as writing and producing shows at the Queen's College where she lectured in Communications.

Despite several illnesses, Ellice retained a passion for history and archives throughout her life, epitomised by the 1976 publication of *Century of Change*, a history of the Queen's College, its predecessors and their place in the city. She spent many happy hours in libraries over the years, most notably cataloguing the incredible library of Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute with a group of volunteers, including her husband, Eric (C1947). Romance had blossomed at the Hutchie FP Dramatic Club in the early 1950s, and they were to send their three children Lesley (C1975), Judith (C1977) & Bruce (C1979) to Hutchie. As a loving and much-loved wife, Ellice was supportive of Eric in a wide range of business and community roles throughout their 44 years of marriage.

Ellice was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2005, a condition that slowly weakened her physically, but which thankfully did not deny her a voice because it was conversation that made her sparkle to the end.

**Mrs Marion A Morton
née Chadwin**
C1952, 1934-2013

Marion Morton, who has died aged 78, was a Labour member of Edinburgh City Council from 1995 until 2003 and for four years was deputy provost of the city. She was brought up in Greenock and educated at Hutchesons' Grammar School and the University of Glasgow where she graduated with honours in English Language and Literature. She then undertook teacher training at Jordanhill College.

She started her teaching career in Eastwood Senior Secondary in 1957, the year before she married Andrew, at the time minister of Moncrieff Parish Church in East Kilbride. Later she taught in Woodside and Drumchapel.

In 1974 the Mortons moved to London when Andrew joined the staff of the British Council of Churches. Mrs Morton continued teaching in London, where she was Head of English at Charles Edward Brooke Grammar School and then Rowan High School.

They returned to Scotland in 1982 when Mr Morton began a long involvement with the Church of Scotland's work in inter-church relations. Mrs Morton became principal teacher of English at Camelon High School in Falkirk. In her career she taught in both primary and secondary schools, and loved both her subject and her pupils. She was also someone who focused on the most disadvantaged, not only in her politics but in her involvement with and concern for pupils who may have been struggling. As a prison visitor, she took a special interest in those prisoners who are most hated: paedophiles and murderers.

In 1995, she was elected as a Labour member of Lothian Council and a year later she was elected to represent the Fountainbridge area on Edinburgh City Council. In 1998 she became city licensing convener and later took charge of the council's race and equality sub-committee which was set up following the report of the Macpherson enquiry into the death of the teenager Stephen Lawrence. From 1999 until she surprised many in 2003 by not seeking re-election, she became deputy provost. A colleague described her as having a sophisticated and challenging mind that was harnessed to principle.

Always a strong internationalist, she was a determined socialist who intended to vote for an Independent Scotland. Someone whose pacifism was always militant, she was a strong supporter of the women's protest at Greenham Common. When the protesters were removed, she began shaking the boundary fence, and there were those who said that if everyone had followed her example the fence would have been destroyed. While in England she was a firm supporter of the ordination of women, although ordination was not something to which she felt called.

She was a member of the visiting committee for Saughton Prison in Edinburgh and a former chair of the Edinburgh and Lothian Refugee Forum. She defied ecclesiastical labelling. She liked to say that in Church government, she was a congregationalist, in worship she was catholic, in doctrine she was a Quaker.

Her husband Andrew described a brightness and warmth in his wife, which radiated strongly from her and in which many people near and far basked. He said: "I think this came from her delight both in being alive and in people, for all of whom without exception, but in a particular way for the most neglected or despised she had love."

She is survived by her husband Revd Dr Andrew Morton, two sons and two daughters.

Johnston McKay, Edited excerpt with thanks to the Herald.

Mr Andrew Ross

C1983, 1965-2013



Andy joined Hutchie in 1977. He enjoyed school, worked hard and gained a good group of highers. He also won a place in the Glasgow University bursary exam. He played rugby for the school, and maintained his passion for the game. His father James Ross joined the staff in the geography department at Hutchie during Andy's time as a pupil.

At Glasgow University he studied Electronic Engineering. He graduated with a First and was engineering student of the year. This led to his first job with Schlumberger Technologies and a move to England. In 1994 he joined telecommunications software company Tertio Ltd (later Evolving Systems) where he stayed for the rest of his career working his way up to become Vice President of Operations. Outside of work Andy was a keen sportsman and music lover. Once his playing days were over he enjoyed coaching both his sons' football teams and continued to be an avid spectator of many sports. He passed away peacefully last August and is greatly missed by his wife, 4 children, family and friends.

Mr Gordon M Thomson

C1965, 1947-2013



Gordon was born in Glasgow in May 1947 and was a pupil at Hutchesons' Grammar School from August 1956 until June 1965, before going on to study Economic History with Geography at Glasgow University. He started work at Mann, Judd Gordon and Company in 1969, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant and being admitted to ICAS membership on 27 November 1973. Subsequently he worked for William Collins (now Harper Collins), Paterson Jenks, Scotcros, and Alma before taking up the role of Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance at ICAS from 1991 to 1995. After leaving ICAS, he went on to work for Castle View and Inveresk PLC before taking early retirement due to ill health. He died peacefully on 27 August 2013.

Miss Elizabeth A C Walls

C1931, 1914-2013



Elizabeth Anne Cameron Walls, who has died aged 99, was a former general secretary of the Overseas Council of the Church of Scotland and as such was responsible for organising 200 missionaries. She once said of her role: "It is amazing they appointed me to the job and not a minister."

She was born in Glasgow and educated at Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School before going to the University of Glasgow where she graduated MA. She began her working life as a primary teacher.

In 1947 she turned from teaching to become the assistant to the general secretary of the Women's Foreign Mission and would work in 121 George Street, Edinburgh, for the Kirk for the next 28 years.

She moved to Edinburgh and bought a house in Morningside, where she lived for 65 years.

Her mother moved and lived with her until she died. This responsibility prevented Ms Walls from living and working abroad. In 1950 she became associate general secretary of the Women's Foreign Mission. Five years later she was made general secretary.

When the Overseas Council was formed in 1964 she became one of its general secretaries, along with the Rev John M Hamilton and the Rev Dr Alexander King.

When Mr Hamilton retired in 1972 she became general secretary, the first woman in sole charge of an Assembly committee. At that time she was responsible for organising 200 missionaries, as well as missionary associates and the administration of the Overseas Council.

She travelled widely, especially to Africa and India, to appreciate fully the work being done and the needs of the different regions. One of the needs she identified was to provide a grant for missionaries to afford a local holiday while overseas. She also ensured that missionaries who had died were mentioned, alongside deceased ministers, at the final session of the General Assembly each year.

She contributed significantly to the ecumenical movement – she was a delegate to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi in 1961 and to the meeting of the Commission of World Mission and Evangelism in Mexico City in 1963. In 1965-66 she was chairwoman of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland (known as the British Missionary Society) only the third woman to hold that position in more than 50 years. She was held in great affection by colleagues at home and abroad. She retired in May 1975, aged 61.

She was always very self-effacing, preferring to talk about others than herself. She refused to accept that her career had been distinguished: "I am part of a team," she insisted, "a very big and dedicated team of people."

Her main form of relaxation was oil painting. She also played golf as the Merchant's Company Golf Course and was a member and a past president of the Edinburgh Soroptimist Club for which she was awarded a special medal and made a life member. She loved the theatre, took out a season ticket to the Lyceum and visited Pitlochry Theatre regularly. She enjoyed travelling and playing bridge.

When she came to Edinburgh in 1947 she joined the Palmerston Place Church where she remained a member until she died. She was ordained an elder in 1972, the first woman elder in the congregation, ordained six years after women elders were introduced in 1966.

She moved just over three years ago to Cherryholme House where she was well looked after and where she settled remarkably well. She had a deep vein of common sense and made the best of whatever happened to her in life. On top of that she had a real and living Christian faith which shaped her outlook on life and her attitude to life, and she lived out her life exceptionally well.

**COLIN SINCLAIR AND ANDREW WALLS,
Edited excerpt with thanks to the Herald.**



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Friday 14th February

Friday Brunch, The Cavendish Restaurant, Bonnington Jumeirah Lakes Towers, Dubai

Saturday 1st March

90th Season of FP Rugby, Glasgow Hutchesons' Aloysians (GHA) Celebration Lunch Prior to Home Game at Braidholm, 12 for 12.30pm. Contact Gavin Summers for details: g_summers@btinternet.com

Saturday 10th May

Ladies' Afternoon Tea, Kingarth Street

Saturday 10th May

Ladies' Class of 1974 Reunion. For further information, please contact Jill Allinson nee Conyers at jill.allinson@gmail.com

Saturday 10th May

Men's Class 2b 1947/48 Reunion, Beaton Road. For further information, please contact Burnett Chisholm at jim.chisholm@btinternet.com

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Wednesday 27th August

Ladies' Golf Outing, Hagsgs Castle Golf Club

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Saturday 20th September

Class of 1989 Reunion, Beaton Road. For further information, please contact Lee Kayne at LRK@usa.net

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Dates for your diary February – August 2014

Monday 10 – Friday 14 February

Mid Term Holiday

Wednesday 19 February

S6 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 25 February

S2 Subject Choice Evening

Thursday 27 February

S3 Drama Competition

Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 March

Kingarth Street: Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 5 March

S4 Careers Convention

Tuesday 11 March

S4 Subject Choice Evening

Thursday 13 March

The Biggars' Music Competition

Tuesday 18 March

S5 Subject Choice Evening

Wednesday 19 March

Founders' Day

Thursday 20 March

Kingarth Street Concert

Sunday 23 March

Choral Society Concert

Monday 24 March

Secondary School Concert at Sherbrooke St Gilbert's Church

Friday 4 April

School closes at 12 noon

Tuesday 22 April

Pupils return for Summer Term

Monday 5 May

May Day Holiday

Monday 19 May

S3 Activities Week

Friday 23 and Monday 26 May

Half Term Holiday

Thursday 5 June

Beaton Road: S1 New Parents' Evening

Saturday 7 June

Primary Sports Day, Beaton Road

Monday 9 June

Senior School Athletics Finals

Thursday 12 June

Opening of Annual Art Show, Beaton Road

Saturday 14 June

1957 Group Uniform Sale

Monday 16 – Thursday 19 June

Senior School Show

Thursday 26 June

School closes at 12 noon

Friday 27 June

End of Session : Prizegiving

Wednesday 27 August

Pupils return for Autumn Term

