

THE HUTCHIE HERALD

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RECTOR'S WELCOME

The award of the supporters last year by Lord Lyon has led to an increased involvement between the school and Lyon's office. A new position was created of school Bannerman, and saw Deputy Head Boy Robin unfurling the school banner at the Festival of Heraldry at St Giles Cathedral. Later this summer sees the Rector, current Head Boy Jamie and Head Girl Jessica, honoured to attend St Giles once more, this time to represent Hutchesons' at the Service of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Royal Honours of Scotland to His Majesty King Charles III.

As we look further ahead, we can see the school's 400th anniversary coming over the horizon. It will form the focus of significant fundraising, for both capital projects and to increase the levels of bursary support we can provide. Hutchesonians can be justly proud that there are 100 pupils in the Senior School this year alone, who would not be able to be there without the support from Former Pupils, whether through generous legacies or donations. The diversity of pupil this brings is utterly fundamental to the kind of school that we are, to the ethos that we work so hard to develop, and to the quality and joy found in each year group.

That quality is manifest in so many ways, and is demonstrated in these pages. Whether it be a wider metric such as the ongoing examination results showing us yet again to be one of the foremost academic schools in Scotland, or more specific examples: last year's Head Girl, Sowmi Gopalkrishnan, being one of two top performing candidates in Advanced Higher Chemistry and who was presented with an award at the prestigious Science and the Parliament event; the current Head Girl achieving 100% in her Geography Higher last year; the aforementioned Bannerman was awarded the Royal Scottish Society of Arts Prize for gaining the highest Higher Engineering Science mark in Scotland. His award and medal was presented to him at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh by the Cabinet Secretary for Science and Higher Education; Rohan (S6) was awarded the prestigious Mary Somerville Prize by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) Scottish Board for achieving 100% in Higher Mathematics.

Former Pupils have been busy, with Humza Yousuf being chosen as Scottish First Minister, and his opposition in Scottish Labour being FP Anas Sarwar. We wish them wisdom and good fortune. Clearly of nearly equal importance saw the award of the George and Thomas Hutcheson award to Adam Fleming (C1998), BBC political editor, and academic veterinarian, Professor Susan Dawson (C1979). The Young G&T Award this year was presented to Rachel Malcolm (C2009) who continues to captain Scotland Women's rugby with such style. All three G&T recipients spoke with such clarity and conviction about all that their alma mater gave them. It is worth taking the time to pause and reflect on your own journey, and your origins at the school, and how the two are linked. The foundational lessons often set the tone and are so important. This message came so clearly from Anjan Luthra as he delivered his Founders' Day address.

Sport and performance continue to provide such a strong demonstration of the importance of the co-curriculum in developing character, resilience and grit. This year saw a huge number of current pupils representing Scotland and teams performing to the highest levels. S6's Robbie and Isla, are both playing rugby for Scotland at U18 level. I would highlight hockey with Jamie (U21, S6), Johnny (U18, S6), Jack (U18, S6), and Elliot (U16, S5). In athletics Alastair (S5) and brothers Alex (S5) and Tristan (S3) are running for Scotland with Angus (S5) hurdling at international level. Swimmers Heidi (S4) won Scottish backstroke titles, whilst pick of the crop Coco (S3), has been selected for the GB Youth Olympic Team where she is ranked first in Britain for butterfly. To my mind, no sport shows the impact of determination and dedication in pursuit of excellence more than swimming: those long, long hours in the pool often before school starts. Our U13 tennis team are Scottish Champions and are heading to the British Championships next term. Rosie (S5) has been selected to golf for Scotland, gymnastic tumbler Ellie (S4) has been selected for Scotland and Melissa (P6) is the Scottish trampolining Champion, and Bronze medallist at the British Championships. So many names to watch out for!

The amazing Bond night provided us with many photogenic images that you will see later. The production quality was extraordinary, and there is such depth in vocal and instrumental talent that the Senior Show, The Addams Family, was able to have all the lead roles double cast and more than half of the pit orchestra were pupils. These talents are nurtured all the way from the individual class assemblies from P1 upwards, and confidence is boosted in events like the P2 Katie Morag show and the P4 production of the Three Little Pigs.

It is worth again reflecting on what we are trying to do, and that is so clearly written in the 10 year strategic plan.

We want to be more widely known as the school that offers the best education for children in Scotland.

Colin Gambles
Rector



FOUNDERS' DAY



Staff and pupils attended the Founders' Day service at Glasgow Cathedral in February and welcomed guest speaker and Former Pupil Anjan Luthra. Anjan (C2009) gave this year's address and spoke passionately about his career to date and the importance of resilience - one of the school's six values.

Anjan, who is the former Chairman of Cricket Scotland, engaged his audience with his career which has taken him from Glasgow University, where he studied Accounting and Finance, to becoming a private equity investor at Partners Group in London - one of the most successful funds in the world. Now he is embracing the challenges of entrepreneurship. He spoke about the value of challenge and continual learning and warned the pupils about getting too comfortable in a job. Anjan said:

"I knew that if I stayed at Partners Group, I would never have to worry about money - I started to get comfortable. Comfort is a dangerous territory. I have always believed that once you get comfortable, you stop learning. Things become repetitive and you move into autopilot. This is when you stop asking questions and taking on new challenges. I knew it was time for a change."

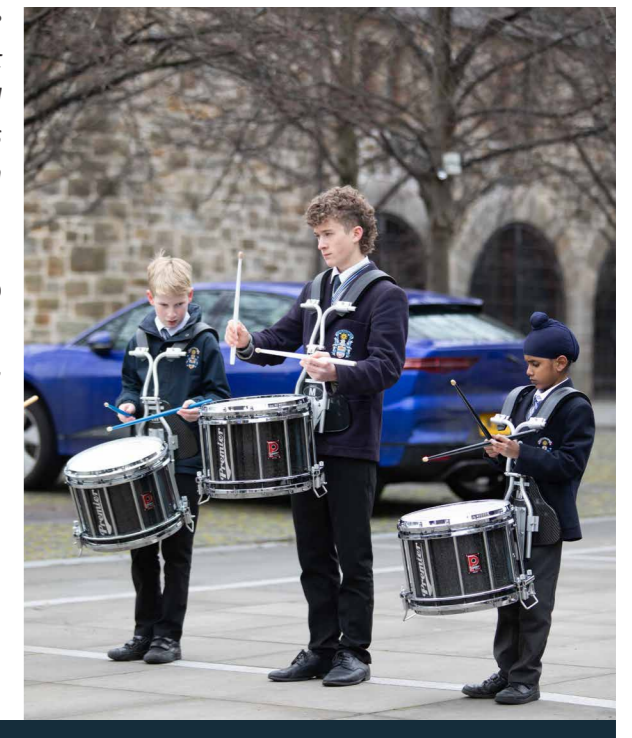
So, he left the company and embarked on one of the most difficult and challenging times of his life - thanks to a global pandemic. He explained: *"I was inspired by the Founders and CEOs that we were investing in. I wanted to be like them. I had always loved technology and had invested in a few tech firms whilst at Partners Group. I decided to start my own technology company. After one year of building the technology with a tech team, much to the dismay of my parents, I decided to leave my job. As soon as I left, I was able to raise funding for my new business. Unfortunately, shortly after, I got hit by a sledgehammer. I had to pivot and change course of the company immediately as I had just taken on £500,000 worth of investment from leading investors. This was when Thrillz was born."*

Thrillz is the largest celebrity video messaging platform in the UK. It has over 1 million users and 2,500 celebrities. He told the audience that building this business was one of the most challenging times of his life. Building a company for the first time is hard enough, but doing so during a pandemic made it even more challenging. He said: *"I faced a lot of challenges and I can categorically say that it was not plain sailing. Being a Founder requires an insane amount of resilience. Rejection is normal, problems happen every day, and you ultimately have to deal with it all yourself. It can be a super lonely place. I thought about going back to work in Private Equity many times as my life would have been a lot simpler. But the one thing that kept me going was my resilience."*

Anjan, who has since gone on to launch another successful digital company, RAMP, which produces TikTok content for companies, encouraged pupils not to let age hold them back and to dream big. He said:

"Age is a funny thing. I once thought that you can only achieve great things as you get older and more experienced. But I did not want to wait until then. I wanted to achieve it earlier. Whilst I have not reached my end goals, I think I have made good progress so far. How have I done it? Abnormal resilience, curiosity, and an obsession with learning. And most importantly, big dreams."

During the service the school choir sang "Greater Love Hath no Man" and "Drop, Drop Slow Tears", with Head Boy Jamie and Head Girl Jessica giving readings. Thank you to the organist Malcolm Sim, C1992.



AN EVENING WITH BOND

The Helen & Walter Ross Assembly Hall was transformed for the Music Department's Spring Showcase - Bond. Our pupil performers spent hours rehearsing to perfect their performances and their efforts paid off. From the moment the lights went up, the audience members were treated to a spectacular show.

The playlist included Bond theme tunes spanning the decades. The show opened with The Hutchie Bond Band performing the signature James Bond theme-tune music.

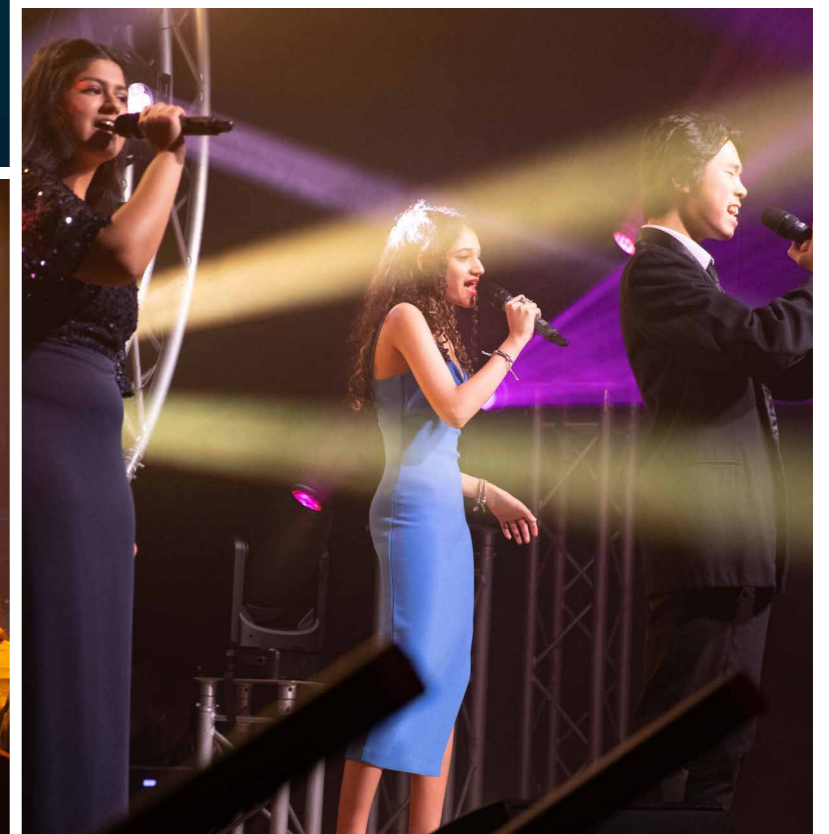
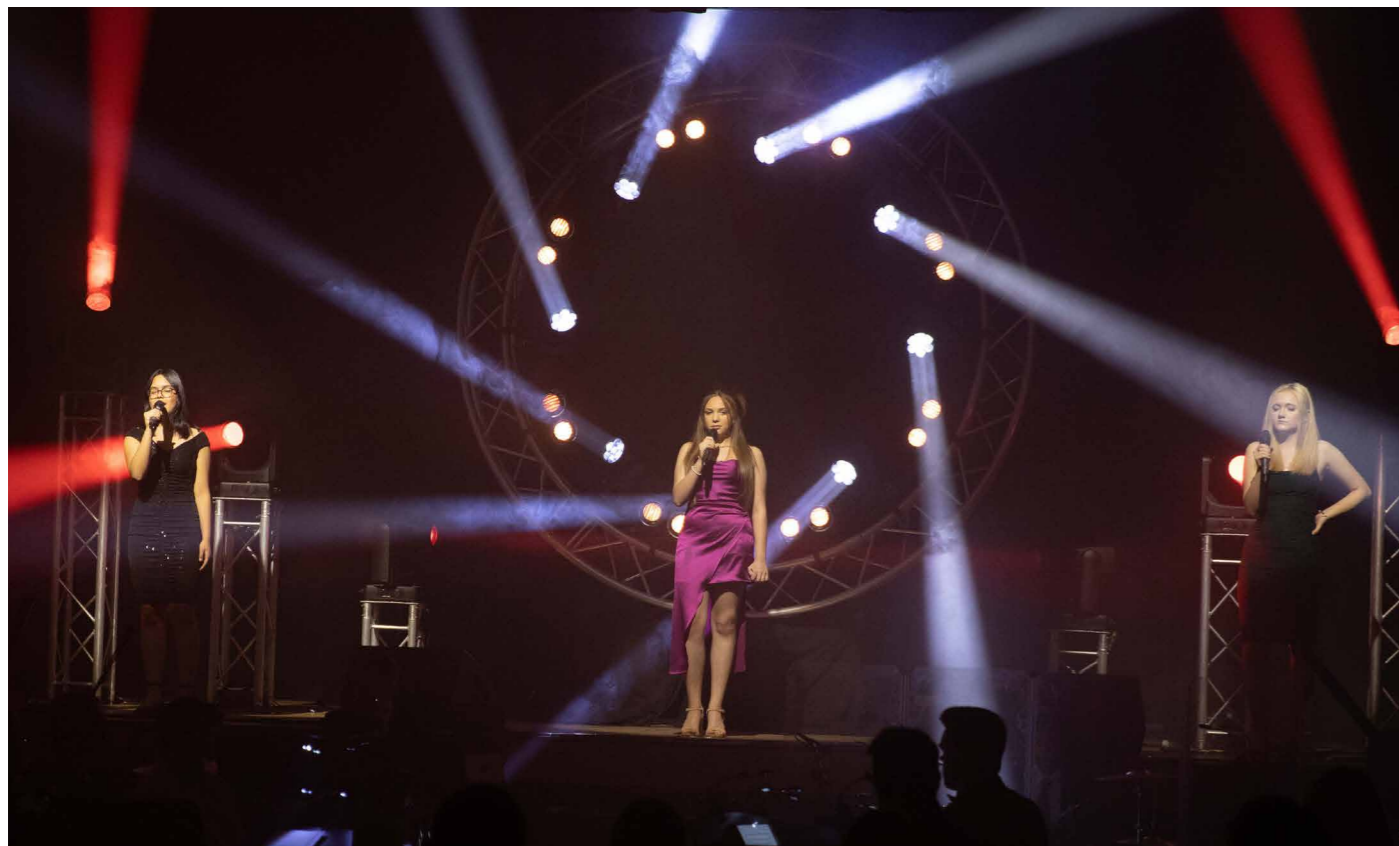
Daniel (S5) performed *From Russia with Love*, Bow (S5), sang *Goldfinger*, Lara (S4) sang *Thunderball* and Rachel (S3), performed *You Only Live Twice*, before Andrew (S6), sang *We Have All The Time in the World*. All classic Bond hits from the 1960s. Sally (S3), and Iona (S4), performed 70s hits *Diamonds Are Forever* and *Nobody Does It Better* respectively.

Following a short interval our talented pupils performed an equally mesmerising second half. First up was S5's Vincent and Zainab who performed *The Living Daylights* with S3's Sarah.

They were followed by Nikitha (S4), who gave a stunning vocal performance of *Goldeneye. Tomorrow Never Dies* was performed on the first night by Ilaria (S3), and Leila (S3) provided the vocals on the second night. Isaac (S5), Mariam (S3), Orla (S3), and Rowan (S2), performed *You Know My Name* from the 2006 film *Casino Royale*. The song *Another Way to Die* from 2008's *Quantum Solace*, featured the vocals of S2's Scarlett, Rachael and Sheer. Annvita (S6), gave an impressive performance of *Skyfall* while Kyle (S4), showed off his amazing vocal range with *The Writing's On The Wall* from the 2015 *Spectre* movie. S5's Laura closed the show with her version of *No Time To Die*.

We were delighted that Grange Aston Martin Edinburgh supported our Bond event by bringing their DBS Superleggera into the school grounds on the Wednesday night - the model which featured in the last Bond film "No Time To Die". For a £2 donation, guests had the chance to have their photo taken beside the supercar with all money going to our school charity Cure Leukaemia.

Both nights our performers excelled and certainly raised the bar for the next event. It was an incredible evening to showcase Hutchie talent.



PRIMARY NEWS

Primary pupils were taught some very valuable life-saving skills in April when volunteers from the Scottish Ambulance Service and St Andrew's First Aid ran training sessions on CPR and what to do in an emergency.

Pupils from Primary 1 through to Primary 7, along with staff and parents, attended the sessions which were held in the Assembly Hall throughout the day. This fantastic opportunity to learn vital lifesaving skills was made possible through collaboration with Save a Life for Scotland, and was led by Martyn McLauchlan, Community Engagement Trainer from St Andrews First Aid, and Andy McKinlay from Scottish Ambulance Service.

Working in small groups, pupils gathered to work with their volunteer to learn about the AVPU (Alert, Voice, Pain, Unresponsive) scale, which is a system that first aiders use to measure and record the patient's level of consciousness. After determining that their patient (or teddy!) wasn't breathing, pupils then learned how to perform CPR. Correctly positioning themselves they started chest compressions along to the beat of "Baby Shark". Although the song kept the mood light, this gave a real insight into how physically challenging it can be to conduct chest compressions by kneeling over someone in need.

Our volunteers also gave a demonstration on how to use a defibrillator, giving reassurance not to be afraid of the equipment. The defibrillator gave clear and concise instructions which pupils could understand and then determine if they had to carry on chest compressions.

Mrs Alexander, Primary School Matron said: *"It was a pleasure to welcome volunteers from the Scottish Ambulance Service and St Andrews First Aid to Kingarth Street to coordinate and run an amazing day for our pupils, staff, and parents. I am so grateful to all the volunteers who gave up their time to equip our school community with these vital lifesaving skills."*

A spokesperson for Save a Life for Scotland said: *"Teaching all children what to do in an emergency, how to perform CPR and instruct an adult what to do, has been shown to dramatically increase survival rates from out of hospital cardiac arrest in other countries. We believe it is a life skill every young person should have and paramedics from the Scottish Ambulance Service were delighted to support Hutchesons' Grammar School to ensure the children are taught this lifesaving skill."*

Our Save A Life training day involved 325 pupils from across the school, 30 staff members, 30 parents... and 45 teddies!



SCIENCE WEEK

Pupils took part in a range of practical scientific activities and experiments in March to mark UK Science Week - and this year the theme was Connections. It's never too early to learn about science and our nursery and pre-school children were first to head to Kingarth Street's dedicated Science Base.

With some help from P7 pupils, they were able to build a Da Vinci Bridge, examine their own fingerprints with a magnifying glass, and take their own fingerprints. They also set up an experiment to show rainbow water travelling upwards against gravity through a process called capillary action. Another activity involved building a skeleton! Children were given a bag of bones and by putting the correct pieces of bones inside a body outline on the floor, they were able to create their skeleton.

Older pupils were able to build Da Vinci bridges with broomsticks, pencils, lollipop sticks and even matchsticks. They also learned about food chains and food webs, drawing arrows between species to show connections. Pupils were able to hypothesise what might happen when one species is taken out and how scientists are working hard to protect habitat connections. Some of our pupils were fortunate to take part in Live Science Lessons, and P7 pupils answered fascinating questions from our P1 pupils about space, including, *"What kind of cheese is the Moon made of?"*



SHOWTIME

Pupils in Primary 2, 4 and 7, put on separate shows for family and friends this term.

The P2 children had been learning about *Katie Morag* - a character in Mairi Hedderwick's books, and their show told the story of Katie and the prize sheep Magnus. Transporting the audience to the Outer Hebrides, pupils danced performed brilliantly, and their rendition of "Ye Canny Shove Yer Grannie Aff A Bus" had the audience tapping their toe along to the beat.

A few days earlier, P4 pupils were on stage performing the *Three Little Pigs*. An adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl story, the P4 show had a gruesome twist with a not-so-happy ending for all. The children took great delight in the shocked audience faces. The show was full of laughter and wicked enjoyment!

Primary 7 pupils performed *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, based on the beloved Charles Schulz comic strip. The show had four sections to it, each with a different cast, 11 different scenes and 14 musical numbers. Pupils had their work cut out for them with rehearsals and scenery - it was an exhilarating and energetic performance by all.



SECONDARY NEWS

The Secondary School hosted its very first Culture Week in March to celebrate its rich diversity of cultures. Our pupil organisers worked tirelessly behind the scenes to create a programme that offered something for everyone to enjoy. Daily events included dance and singing performances, art workshops, exhibitions and readings. Pupils worked together with staff and parents to make it a very successful event.

Hutchie has so many different cultures and languages, and pupils wanted to showcase the diversity in the school. The School is very proud of its diversity as the world is ever changing and pupils learning from each other can help broaden their horizons. Pupils celebrate diversity in the classroom and via the curriculum but they also wanted to share their cultures with friends through food, fashion, music, and art.

The five-day event kicked off with cultural dance performances in various styles from Indian classical to Bollywood, along with a workshop to teach Jewish dancing. Pupils and staff had the opportunity to join in or sit back and enjoy the energetic routines.

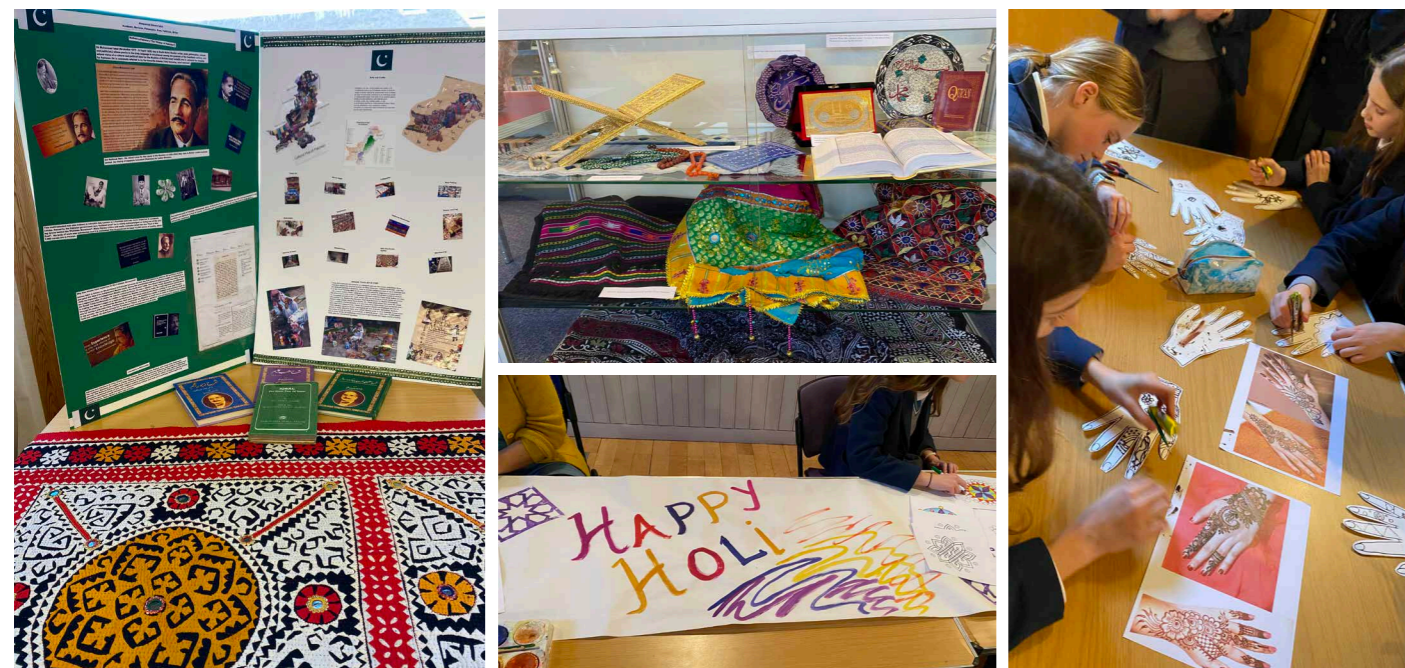
The library hosted a story-telling event and exhibition where pupils enjoyed readings in Urdu, Punjabi, Gaelic, Italian, Persian, and Dutch. Pupils also had the opportunity to have their name written out in Punjabi script for a small donation to our school charity, Cure Leukaemia.

An Art Workshop was also held and pupils were invited to come along and make a Henna hand art display. Pupils got busy creating patterns of geometric Islamic or African tiles. Coincidentally the Hindu festival of Holi fell across Culture Week. It focuses on colour, and colourful rangoli was created to decorate the library corridor.

The week culminated in a cultural non-uniform day which brought an array of colours and designs. A Cultural Fashion Show was held in the Assembly Hall to celebrate the diversity of traditional dress styles. Staff and pupils made a special effort to wear clothes that represented a part of their culture. Voluntary donations for the school charity were made to attend the much-anticipated show. It was a huge success with over 250 people attending.

Food from all over the world was on the menu in the lunchroom with a different cultural theme every day. From falafels and shawarma to pizza and Swedish meatballs, chicken ramen to achari potatoes, and gulab jamu to churros, along with delicious Hamantaschen to celebrate the Jewish festival of Purim - it was a mouth-watering experience.

As Culture Week came to an end, a final singing event was held where our Hutchie singers showed off their musical and language talents. It was a wonderful week celebrating diversity, bringing our Hutchie community together to celebrate our inaugural Culture Week. It has built conversations and confidence; pupils have embraced different backgrounds. Thank you to everyone involved.



S3 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Our S3 Geographers pulled on their wellies and embarked on a fun-filled and educational visit to East Brackenridge Dairy Farm in March. Pupils have been studying farming in class and the field trip to Strathaven marked the conclusion of their topic. They listened intently to farmer Andrew as he shared his enthusiasm and expertise about the importance of agriculture to the food industry, and the process of milk production from the cows being milked to the milk being transported to the dairy processing plant.

Suitably impressed by the complexity of the process, pupils enjoyed the opportunity to see first-hand how a modern dairy farm operates, as well as interviewing Farmer Andrew. A particular highlight was seeing the newborn calves in the nursery barn.

Hutchie field trips are an important way of learning outside the classroom and this one was a resounding success and a valuable experience for all. We would like to thank The Royal Highland Education Trust and Andrew Neilson for welcoming us to East Brackenridge Farm.



YPI FINAL

Pupils in S2 have been researching local charities and the issues they support, with an aim of being awarded £3,000 to help their chosen charity. In a scheme overseen by Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) Scotland, pupils prepared presentations to demonstrate the work of their chosen charity and the impact the grant would make.

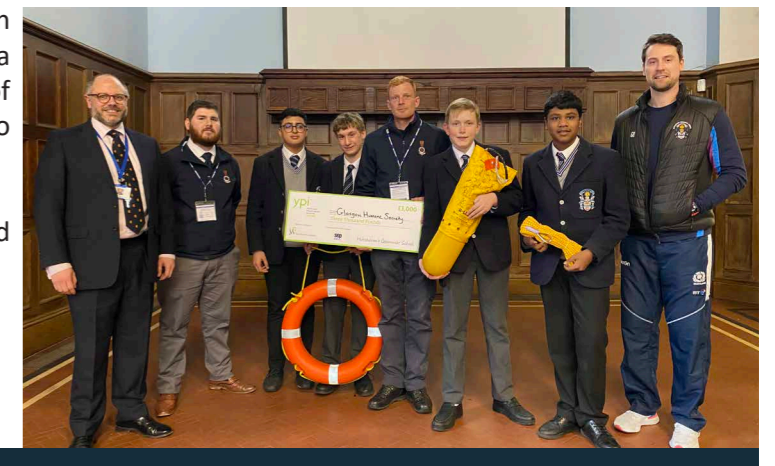
The final was held in March in the Fotheringay Auditorium where six groups presented to a panel of judges. The charities the pupils represented were:

- Kindness, Homeless Street Team Glasgow
- Wellington Mental Health and Wellness Trust
- Home-Start
- Scottish Families Affected by Drugs and Alcohol
- Glasgow Humane Society
- Refuweegee

The panel of judges included our Rector; Mr Colin Gambles, Community Leader; Mrs Laura Stewart, S6 pupil and winning team-member from 2020; Lily, and Mr David McEntee from Scottish Equity Partners - Community Partner of YPI in Glasgow. YPI is a programme of The Wood Foundation. The judges were kindly assisted by Lynn Raynal from YPI Scotland.

Pupils worked tirelessly to make the afternoon a success and the judges spoke about how making a decision was extremely difficult after a series of excellent presentations, but ultimately decided to award the grant to Glasgow Humane Society.

Congratulations to pupils Alfie, Callum, Aatish and Eessa.



SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

The 1st XI Boys' Hockey team celebrated a well deserved win - picking up the Scottish Schools Senior Boys' Plate after defeating Robert Gordon's College in the final in Edinburgh.

The boys were committed to their training sessions ahead of the final clash against their Aberdeen opponents and were in good spirits for the task ahead. After a nervy first few minutes, it wasn't long before their stick skills allowed the boys to take control of the game with Jamie (S6) outpacing the defence to take the first goal.

Just before half-time Hutchie were awarded a penalty stroke and Johnny (S6) stepped up to calmly slot it into the top corner. Leo (S6) grabbed a goal midway through the second-half before Jamie scored another. Goalkeeper Archie (S5) made a few impressive saves too, blocking all attempts on his goal. The team went from strength to strength, and after an action-packed 70-minutes, they reigned victorious with a final score of 4-0. Congratulations - a tremendous effort and a well-deserved win.



ATHLETICS

The Annual Scottish Schools Athletics Association programme started with a bang at the Alix Jamieson Stadium for the Relay Championships on Friday 2nd June, this was followed by the Primary Relays and Pentathlons on the Saturday and individual Track & Field the following week (Friday 9th & Saturday 10th June) in Grangemouth. Representation from Hutchesons' Grammar School was once again high and notable success was gained across all events. Congratulations to all our participants and those who placed, winning nation medals and championships.

Relay Results

4x100m:

- Primary Girls - Silver
- Primary Boys - Gold
- Group D Girls - Bronze
- Group D Boys A Team - Gold
- Group D Boys B Team - Bronze
- Group A Girls - Bronze
- Group A Boys - Silver

- Boys 4x400m - Silver



Pentathlon Championships

- Group A Boys - Steven (S6), Bronze
- Group C Boys - Zander (S3), Silver
- Group D Boys - Alistair (S1), Bronze test



HOCKEY

Elliot (S5) was selected to play for the Emerging Scotland team against Ulster in June. The team managed to win both games on Friday and Saturday to win the series overall.

Elliot played very well and his selection was down to vast hours of hard graft and determination over the past year. Excellent work and hopefully more to come next year!



SPORTS AWARDS

Our Senior pupils gathered for the annual Sports Awards to reflect on the season's successes, defeats, and honour our outstanding athletes. Jim McDougall, Depute Rector for Alumni & Development, hosted the ceremony and praised pupils for their dedication to team sports. He said:

"Sport is a huge part of Hutchie. It keeps you fit and healthy, encourages engagement and competition, but most importantly it builds friendships. Friendship is central to sport, and I encourage you to continue to enjoy sport now, and in the future."

Before the presentations commenced, Depute Head Boy and Boys' Hockey Captain, Robin (S6), reflected on their season and in particular their Liverpool Tour. Boys' Football Captain, Craig (S6), had the audience laughing with his witty anecdotes from across the season up to winning the SISFA U18 Plate Final 7-1. Girls' Hockey Captain, Emma (S6), spoke about their unforgettable hockey season and encouraged S4 and S5 pupils who would next be taking the team forward to 'always play every game like it's your last, and enjoy it', whilst Boys' Rugby Captain, Robbie (S6), reflected on their undefeated South Africa Tour.

Award Winners:

- The Philip Noble Trophy 2022/23 - Rohan (S6)

The accolade of receiving the Philip Noble Trophy is undoubtedly held in the highest esteem by the 1st XV. Philip Noble tragically lost his life in a motor accident in his sixth year at school. Philip was an excellent player, extremely popular and a totally committed young man. His sense of humour, enthusiasm, and love of life made him stand out from the crowd. Following his death, the senior pupils donated a beautiful trophy in memory of Philip. This year the trophy was awarded to Rohan who has shown outstanding dedication and commitment to the team throughout his school career, very much in the way of Philip.

- Willie Wilson Memorial Award for Leadership in Rugby 2022/23 - Rory (S6)
- HGS Commitment in Football 2022/23 - Tobey (S5)
- HGS Commitment in Boys' Hockey 2022/23 - Johnny (S6)
- HGS Commitment in Girls' Hockey 2022/23 - Darcy (S6)
- HGS Commitment in Rugby 2022/23; The Stuart Lang Award - Alasdair (S6)
- HGS Leadership in Girls' Hockey 2022/23 - Jessica (S6)
- HGS Leadership in Boys' Hockey 2022/23 - Elliot (S5)
- HGS 1st X1 Football Captain 2022/23 - Craig (S6)
- HGS 1st X1 Boys' Hockey Captain 2022/23 - Robin (S6)
- HGS 1st X1 Girls' Hockey Captain 2022/23 - Emma (S6)
- HGS 1st XV Rugby Captain 2022/23 - Robbie (S6)

Congratulations to all pupils on their well-deserved awards, and goodbye to our leavers - thank you for your unrelenting dedication to Hutchie team sports.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

GOLFING SUCCESS



S5's Rosie is making a name for herself in the British Junior Golf Tour and is certainly one to watch. In February she took part in the Tour's World Junior Golf Championship which was held at the Amendoira Golf Resort in Portugal. Over 200 players from 36 different countries took part in the high profile, three-day competition. There were six different age groups ranging from U7s to U18s. Each age group had an individual girl winner and boy winner. Rosie started off well and shot 77 in Round 1 to set her up with a comfortable lead which was followed by a 79 in Round 2. She shot 85 in Round 3 to secure the win in the age 15-16 division by 20 shots. Overall she came 2nd out of 57 girls. Well done Rosie.

TRIATHLON SELECTION

Alex (S5) has been selected as part of the Scotland Youth team who are competing in the Youth Commonwealth Games in Trinidad and Tobago this August. He will be competing in the Triathlon event which he qualified for by coming 3rd in the British series event this year. Robin will run a shortened version of Triathlon which comprises of a 400m swim, 10km cycle and a 2.5km run. He will then be part of the Triathlon team relay. Good luck to Alex.



TEAM GB

Congratulations to S3's Coco, who has been selected to represent Great Britain at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Maribor, Slovenia, this July.

Coco will be one of 3,000 athletes from 48 countries competing at the event and one of just 39 athletes representing Team GB. Coco is part of the 16-strong swimming team. To be selected for such a high-profile event is a fantastic achievement and one well-deserved given Coco's commitment to and passion for swimming. Well done Coco, and good luck.

BADMINTON

Thenoo (S4) and Lucas (S3) competed at the Scottish Schools Badminton Union (SSBU) Secondary Championships 2023 in March.

Thenoo played in the Junior Girls Singles event. She had a very tough first draw and narrowly lost with a score 21-14, 27-29, 20-22. Thenoo went on to play in the Consolation Girls Singles and won the event.

Lucas played in the Intermediate Boy's Singles and narrowly lost out at the Quarter Finals stage against the 2nd seed - losing 19-21 in the 3rd set.

Thenoo and Lucas played in the Intermediate Mixed Doubles and won the event. Congratulations Thenoo and Lucas.



BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

Over 13,000 students from more than 800 schools worldwide took part in this year's Royal Society of Biology British Biology Olympiad, and our Senior Biologists were awarded highly in this challenging competition:

- Esther (S6) and Esther (S6) both achieved a Gold Award,
- Esa (S6), Xan (S5), Eesa (S5), Tom (S6) and Craig (S5) all achieved a Silver Award,
- Ailsa (S4), Anna (S4), Rachel (S5), and Sam (S4) all achieved a Bronze Award,
- Elvin (S5) and Maryam (S4) were both Highly Commended,
- Harnisha (S5), Dhruv (S5), Aritra (S5) and Siri (S4) were all Commended.

The competition involved questions on familiar and novel topics across biology, from ecology to biotechnology. To continue to have so many pupils recognised for their interest and commitment to their biological studies is excellent. To achieve any award in this competition is outstanding but a special mention must go to Esther and Esther for achieving Gold Awards. Only 5% of participants were awarded Gold. They have both been excellent Biologists during their school career and we wish them success for their next chapter.

*Not all pupils pictured.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Finlay Mathers (C2019), attended the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony on 1st July 2022 at The Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh. The presentation was hosted by His Royal Highness Prince Edward. Finlay was originally due to attend the event in July 2020, but due to covid restrictions, it was rescheduled to July 2022.



SWIMMING

Coco (S3) and Heidi (S4), made their way to Switzerland to take part in the Geneva International Challenge Meet 2023 as part of the Scottish National Junior Swimming Team that represented Scotland. Coco made 5 finals (2xA, 2xB, 1xC) finishing 4th in the 200m butterfly and finishing 8th in the 400m individual medley. Heidi made 3 finals (3xB) finishing 9th in the 200m backstroke and 11th in the 100m backstroke, with the Scottish team winning Top Team overall.

PIPE BAND

The school's pipe band musicians won the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships in March. This was the first time the school had entered the national competition and our thirteen drummers and pipers, both Primary and Secondary pupils, impressed the judges on the day.



G&T AWARDS

The school was delighted to welcome Professor Susan Dawson née Lockie (C1979), former Dean of the Institute of Veterinary Science at the University of Liverpool and Dr Rachel Malcolm (C2009), Scotland rugby internationalist, as Young Achiever, back into school to receive their G&T Awards in March. Fellow winner, Adam Fleming (C1998), the BBC journalist, and podcaster, visited the school the following week, and spoke to Modern Studies pupils before picking up his award.

A graduate of Glasgow University, Susan Dawson spent most of her career at Liverpool University, holding many research and leadership positions, and in 2016 was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Her interests included zoonotic infection and anti-microbial resistance. During her tenure, the Vet School was consistently ranked in the Top 5 Schools in the UK and Top 10 Schools globally, and the top-ranking Veterinary School for research in the UK. Nationally, Susan has helped to raise awareness of mental health in the veterinary profession. In her address to pupils, Susan emphasised the importance of studying hard, of putting in long hours and being open to opportunities, but she also reminded us to take time out, appreciate life and to be grateful for friends and family.

Adam Fleming has worked in journalism since 2002, and was until recently, Chief Political Correspondent for the BBC. He is now concentrating on his podcast and radio output for BBC Sounds. He was the BBC's Brussels Correspondent and established the popular podcast "Brexitcast" with fellow journalists Chris Mason, Laura Kuenssberg and Katya Adler. After graduating with a First in Geography from Oxford University he joined the BBC, where he has reported on a wide range of stories, such as the death of Michael Jackson, refugee camps in the Sudanese border and Barack Obama's election victory in Washington in 2008. Adam has fronted a range of witty and incisive podcasts, focusing on the issues of the day. He presents the BBC's podcast Newscast, and hosts Radio 4's programme "Anti-Social". In his Q&A with our pupils, he explained how he works hard to ensure that an interview never dries up, by avoiding a checklist of questions and concentrating instead on letting the conversation flow. Indeed, everything Adam presents is done with a thorough understanding of the issues and a degree of wit, as he gently but firmly interrogates his guests from across the political spectrum, trying to get to the heart, and, as a Hutchie man, the 'veritas' of the issue.

Dr Rachel Malcolm attended Hutchie from 1996 - 2009 and was Head Girl. She went on to study Sports and Exercise Science at Loughborough University. In 2018, she completed her PhD in Environmental Physiology and is a Lecturer in Applied Sport Science at Nottingham Trent University, where she researches the physiological responses to heating and cooling during exercise. Rachel acknowledged the huge support she had from our PE department, especially in hockey, which was her first love; she played international hockey up to U21 level, having previously represented Scotland at U17 and U18 level.

Rachel made the switch to rugby in 2014 and is now one of the country's most familiar players in the womens' game, a strong back row player. Her home team is Loughborough Lightning XV, which she has captained, and she is also the captain for the Scotland Women's Rugby squad. She made her debut in the first Women's Rugby World Cup Qualifier against Spain at Scotstoun Stadium in November 2016, becoming captain in 2018. Rachel has an impressive 30 caps, 28 as starts and 2 as replacements. Rachel's address focused on the importance of having the courage to change your mind and to do what is right for you; it was a big step to change from hockey to rugby. She also emphasized how sport can celebrate diversity; she recounted how her team is made up of women of all backgrounds and interests, but united by a drive to work together to succeed at the highest level.



LIV 4 DANIEL FUNDRAISER

The School is proud to support two Hutchie parents, Brian Caplan and Alan Dickson, in their efforts to raise money for two worthwhile charities.

Brian and Alan are organising a fun *Ride, Run, Walk* weekend event to raise money for the Doing it for Daniel Foundation and Cure Leukaemia.

Brian, along with his wife Alison, set up the Doing it for Daniel Foundation in honour of their son Daniel, who tragically died, aged 17, from a very aggressive DIPG brain tumour. Daniel was a fifth year pupil at Hutchie when he was diagnosed and passed away just seven months later. The charity fundraises to provide gifts and experiences for young people undergoing cancer treatment. Daniel received a gift from a charity during his treatment and he wanted to do the same for others. As a family they discussed setting up a charity and Daniel was keen to help other children. The Foundation also fundraises for research trials into treatments for brain tumours and also offers respite breaks to Daniel's Beach House in Ayr for families who have a child being treated for any kind of cancer.

Cure Leukaemia is the charity which has supported S3 pupil Liv, and is the school's annual charity this year. Liv recently completed two and a half years of gruelling chemotherapy treatment after being diagnosed with an aggressive form of Leukaemia. Cure Leukaemia offers potential lifesaving treatment to patients across the UK. Liv's Dad, Alan, has teamed up with Brian to hopefully raise £50k to be split equally between the two charities.

Brian and Alan are busy planning the event but there will be lots of activities for all the family during the two-day, 13 for 13 challenge weekend - there will even be a fundraising challenge for the family dog. They also hope to have a number of smaller stalls and fairground style challenges, so there will be lots to get involved in.

The 13 for 13 challenge reflects the number of children who receive a cancer diagnosis in the UK every day.

More information will be shared in due course.



FORMER PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

FRASER MCDUGALL - SUDAN DEPLOYMENT

Former Pupil Fraser McDougall (C2012) was scrambled to join the UK Government's evacuation team on the ground in Sudan to help thousands of Brits fleeing war torn Sudan. Diplomat Fraser, who works for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, was sent to the Sudanese capital Khartoum with the UK Rapid Deployment Team to rescue more than 2,450 people fleeing violence that has killed more than 800 people. The UK operation was the longest and largest evacuation by any Western Nation.

The 28-year-old, who is based at the UK Embassy in Dublin where he is second political secretary, was back home in Scotland for a friend's wedding when he got the call to help the evacuation effort. Within 48 hours he had gone from catching up with old school friends at the wedding to dealing with hundreds of desperate and vulnerable people. Swapping his wedding guest attire for a bullet-proof vest for his first deployment, Fraser faced a daunting, exhausting but ultimately rewarding task.

Based at the Wadi Saeedna airfield near Khartoum, he helped reassure desperate families seeking sanctuary from the fighting - many of whom had risked their lives just to reach Fraser and his colleagues at the airport.

Fraser, who was attending his pal Calum's wedding in Fenwick, Ayrshire said:

"I wasn't actually on call but, as it was such a big crisis, they needed all hands on deck, so I was asked if I could deploy to Sudan. It slightly dampened my ability to party quite as hard as my wife and I had hoped because I needed to get on the first flight the next morning. I didn't mind having to forgo some of the merriment because I was excited to get my first deployment. I feel proud to have been part of the longest and largest evacuation of any Western country."



Describing the moment he arrived at the airfield near Khartoum, Fraser said:

"It was almost like an out-of-body experience because the processing work is relatively straightforward, but you have all this drama going on around you - babies collapsing, people coming in with gunshot wounds, people just in utter trauma."

You had to try and disconnect from what you were seeing and plough on because our task was to get as many people out as possible before the shaky ceasefire collapsed. Lots of the people I supported had gone through horrendous ordeals just to get to the airbase and had suffered shrapnel or gunshot wounds."

Fraser continued:

"You had people with clothes torn apart or covered in blood. An old, retired doctor arrived and he had been shot in the thigh, the arm and his chest or shoulder. Our military guys operated on him there and then."

I remember one young mum who had just given birth and her journey had involved having to hide under tables in abandoned restaurants and dodging gunfire. She was so stressed and exhausted, she almost dropped the newborn in front of us and caught him by the toe."

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said:

"I'm incredibly proud of the vital work that people like Fraser are doing to help the most vulnerable in response to humanitarian crises around the globe - often in very challenging circumstances."



FORMER PUPIL NEWS

DAVID DOBSON C1964

David will shortly retire from the board of Hutchesons' Hospital. David has been involved with Royal Incorporation of Hutchesons' Hospital since October 2008 as a Patron, Charity Trustee and Member. The charity aims to support those in need through financial hardship, by providing for the education of children, young people, and adults in and around Glasgow, and making over to Hutchesons' Grammar School a significant proportion of its income to support bursaries at the school. In 2019 he attended the Scottish Parliament in Holyrood to help advance the passing of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Act 2019. This Act enabled the charity to reform itself in a more modern and flexible form as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, SCIO. David will retire from the board of this charity this summer.

BRIAN CONWAY C1981

Brian has been appointed an Arbitrator for the the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada. Brian is also a Judicial Officer for World Rugby. The SDRCC was created by the Federal Government of Canada to ensure access to independent, alternative dispute resolution solutions for all participants in the Canadian sport system at the national level.

KEVIN SCOTT C1981

Kevin launched free walking tours around Glasgow a year ago and has seen his social media following soar. A keen history buff, Kevin offers locals and visitors to the city an insight to its Forgotten Village - Grahamston, where his own ancestors once lived. In addition to the Grahamston tour, he offers a historical insight into the city's Tobacco Lords and the history of the Merchant City. A number of history classes from South Lanarkshire College have joined Kevin on this tour.

He has also spoken on Sunny Govan radio, in aid of mental health and has hosted two walks for Dumbartonshire Alcohol rehab group. Kevin is combining his love of history with his love of walking and is delighted that his Walking Glasgow Facebook page now has almost 5,000 followers.

GILLIAN KYLE NEE INGLIS C1983

Gillian represented Scotland in the Senior Men & Women's Home Internationals last September. The tournament was played at Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club in Wales. The team consisted of seven men and seven women and Day 1 produced a victory over Wales, Day 2 produced a victory over England then Day 3 saw a win against a strong Irish team. Gillian was delighted to win 3 out of her 5 matches. She is looking forward to defending the title at West Kilbride GC this September.

JANET FAIRLIE C1985

Janet has been a professional opera singer for 35 years. She recently held an Opera-thon in London to raise money for Ukraine and UNICEF. Together with her friends and colleagues from the Royal Opera and English National Opera she performed a 10hour operathon which was streamed live on Facebook to raise £3,288. She said: "Performers often feel helpless in the face of global disasters but our voices can raise awareness and funds."

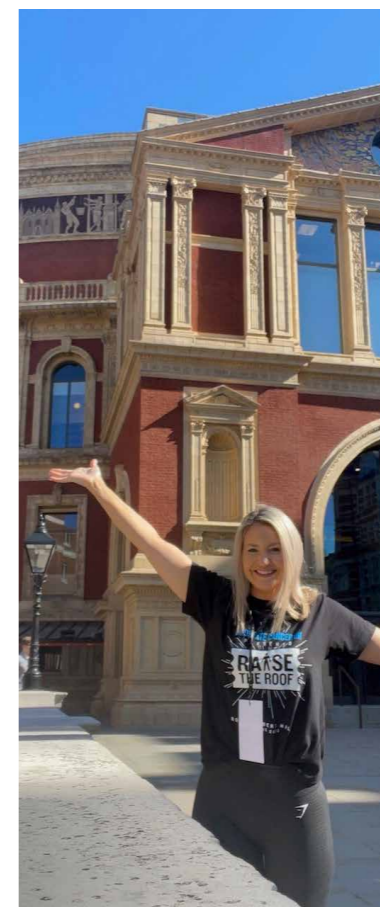
LAURA LAYCOCK NEE DONNELLY C2003

Laura successfully produced, managed and delivered a night of music and comedy at the Royal Albert Hall raising a hugely impressive £850,000 plus an annual pledge of £250,000 for Prostate Cancer UK. It was a star-studded evening hosted by Jools Holland with performances from 23 different artists including Sir Rod Stewart, Paul Weller, Van Morrison, Melanie C, Paloma Faith, Emeli Sande, Olly Alexander, Omid Djalili, Shaparak Khorsandi, Harry Hill, Stephen K Amos, AJ Odudu and Vic Reeves, amongst others. Laura also signed a contract with Sky Arts for the event to be filmed live and broadcast. After leaving Hutchesons', Laura studied French and Spanish at Strathclyde University before taking on roles in the third sector. She worked for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice and the Yorkhill Children's Foundation before moving to London and working for Breast Cancer Now before joining Prostate Cancer UK.

ADITYA MAHAPATRA C2022

Aditya won the Scottish Edge 'Young Edge' award in May in recognition of the successful influencer marketing company Augmentum Media, which he set up to promote Health and Wellness brands. Aditya and his business partner Sambhav Chadha won the award which celebrates promising businesses in Scotland where the directors are aged under 30. At just 19 years-old Aditya is one of the youngest winners.

Since starting Augmentum in early 2022, Aditya's mission has been to drive healthier change in this world by working with health and wellness brands, leveraging the power of influencer marketing and the creator economy to raise awareness of his mission. Both Aditya and Sambhav are looking to truly pioneer the space with a new type of creator strategy, which focuses on relationship first marketing - dubbed 'Influencer Seeding'. The pair started the company while at school and continue to balance growing and scaling the agency alongside studying for a university degree.



Clockwise L-R:
Janet Fairlie, Kevin Scott, Gillian Kyle, David Dobson, Brian Conway, Laura Laycock, and Aditya Mahapatra.

SCHOOL ARCHIVES



Hutchesons' Grammar School has a long and illustrious history, but the name of Hutchesons' has described many different schools since its inception in the wills of George and Thomas Hutcheson, in 1639 and 1641 respectively.

In its present form, the school may seem very distant from the intentions of the founder, to educate twelve 'Young orphans, fatherless and motherless Bairnes, or otherwise poor and destitute of all support'. Yet the present school only exists because, for over 380 years, the people of Glasgow have committed themselves to keeping alive a name and a tradition which they felt was distinctive and significant.

An interactive timeline of Hutchesons' through the centuries can be found at www.hutchesons.org/our-school/our-history/.

The Hutchesons were prominent in Glasgow by the end of the fifteenth century, active in both the merchant and College (University of Glasgow) communities. Their fortune was founded on the land dispersal following the Scottish Reformation in the mid-sixteenth century, when the brothers' father bought much land in and around Glasgow, including what is now the modern city centre.

1641

George was a Lawyer by profession, but he was also considered as Glasgow's first major banker and was instrumental in devising new methods of financing enterprise, which made possible the expansion of the city into the powerhouse of overseas trade and domestic industry which it would become. Thomas laid the foundation stone for Hutchesons' Hospital in the Trongate on 19th March 1641. It was never fully completed and, as the city expanded, it was sold off. The school moved to a new home in 1805 when Hutchesons' Hospital was built in Ingram Street, designed by architect David Hamilton. By the mid-nineteenth century the school was well-established and had become a multi-teacher school, something that was not usual then. Numbers attending continued to rise and by 1827 the school was deemed too small and the Hospital's land in Crown Street, Gorbals, were favoured as the site for a new school - despite being outside the burgh's boundaries.

1841

The new school building, designed by Robert Craig, opened in 1841 and was considered to be so ahead of its time that its shape was only to be found in one other building in Scotland, the Edinburgh Academy. It had three rooms and accommodation for the rector but what was new is that it had a playground, regarded as essential by David Stow at Glasgow College. He was an advanced educational thinker of his era and called it 'an uncovered classroom'. In 1842, the Patrons believed that 'great good' would result if the benefits of the Hospital were extended to girls. This was an early statement in national terms and by 1847, a committee was set up to look at establishing a female school in the Crown Street building. However, years of planning were reversed when Hutchesons' was offered the Gorbals' Youth School in Elgin Street (now Turriff Road). This became Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School and the Boys' School was renamed Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School and opened up as fee-paying for the first time in 1876. In 1912 Hutchesons' Girls' School moved to a new site in Kingarth Street. It was lit by electricity, something the Boys' school didn't have until 1927.

1960

Approval for the site of a new Boys' school in Crossmyloof was given in 1938 but, due to WWII, there were little funds left so building work didn't begin until 1956. The Junior Block was ready just one year later and the Secondary block opened in 1960. The old school in Crown Street was demolished in November 1969 and a new era began in 1976 when the Boys' School and the Girls' School amalgamated and the combined school became fully independent. The school has flourished and grown since 1976, with new sports complexes and drama studios amongst the many new resources now available to pupils. The school continues to evolve and is now firmly established as one of the largest and most successful leading independent schools in Scotland, but has not lost its traditional perspectives on excellence and its orientation towards including as many pupils of ability as possible, regardless of means. Why not take a look at our interactive historical timeline.



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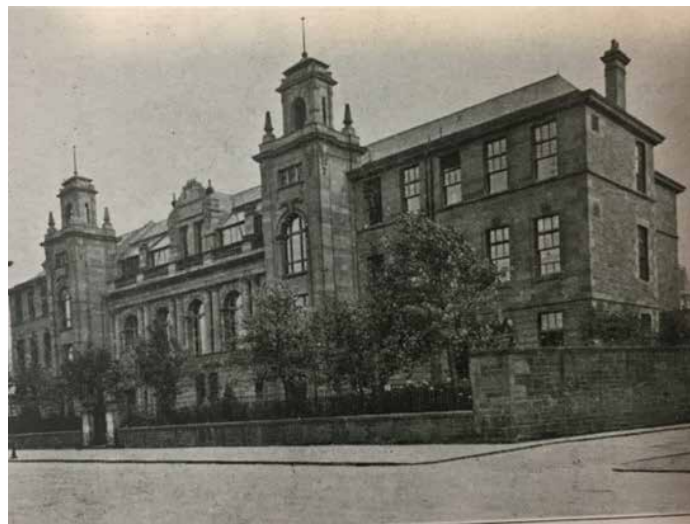
Beaton Road - was officially opened in 1960 by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

Trongate - the foundation stone was laid in 1641.

Elgin Street - 1876. It was the first Hutchesons' Girls' School.

Kingarth Street - opened in 1912. It became the Primary School after the amalgamation in 1976.

Crown Street - opened in 1841, demolished in 1969.



NEW FP PRESIDENT



I'm Alistair Fenton, the newly elected President of your Hutchesons' Former Pupils Club, and I'm proud and honoured to take on that role, and to represent us all in the wider world.

Of course, membership of any Club is an inclusive commitment, each member sharing common interests and values and striving for common goals, and I know of very few Members who do not share that pride in association with the 'Hutchie' badge.

I stress the you and us above because I wanted to remind myself and your Council - who are all the members of the Club, and the Constitution tells us clearly - it's you! ("...any person who has attended the School for an academic year..."), even better, you don't even have to pay a subscription!

Where an entrance exam is required to join the school, to become a member of your FP Club, you only have to be the well-rounded, confident, articulate, socially-conscious, considerate, and charitable person that your years at Hutchie have in a large part helped to make you. I can assure you that you will unwittingly have used these interpersonal strengths far more often in daily life than the many other academic and professional achievements you have attained.

You'll be delighted to read that this is not a plea for cash (although all donations welcome!), rather a request for you to consider and propose refreshing and exciting new ways in which we can together "...form a bond among its former and present pupils and to foster a continuing wellbeing of the School...(para)". We, the Council, are here to facilitate and help materialise any ideas that can continue to work towards that stated Aim. Membership obviously numbers many thousands, and it seems unfeasible that a lot of you don't have some great ideas for us to work on - do not consider any barriers (scale, technological, geographic, professional, age etc...) to success, that is our job to break them down. Of course dinners, re-unions etc. continue to play their part, but how can we do them bigger, better, more imaginatively, more fun... and even better, all your new ideas.

You're a member of a unique Club well worth celebrating and enjoying - I look forward to hearing from you all very soon. Contact Alistair on alumni@hutchesons.org.

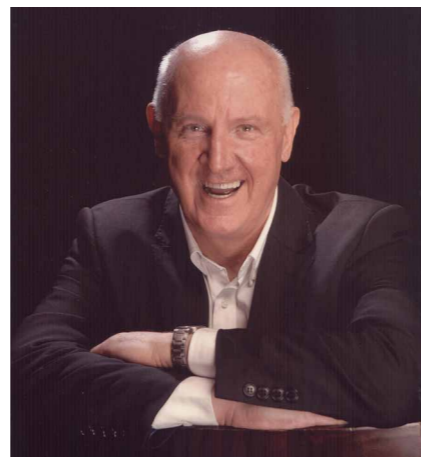
SANDY STRANG BOOK

We are still working on plans for a book of anecdotes and memories about Sandy Strang, Former Pupil, Teacher, and longstanding Depute Rector, who died in 2017.

It is hoped that this anthology will be a fine memorial to Sandy, but also that proceeds from sales of the book will go towards the Sandy Strang Bursary Fund, which was set up in his memory by Mary Fisher, and which is now worth over £150,000. Sandy himself won a bursary for Hutchesons' and was keen that the ethos of the Hutchesons' brothers' original foundation, of providing a first-class education to pupils who could not afford to pay, should be maintained, and it is in this spirit that Mary made a very generous personal donation of £100,000, which we very much hope will reach its stated target of £400,000.

Our sincere thanks to FPs who have already responded - we have some great anecdotes, some touching, some funny. If you have any memories of Sandy, humorous or serious, whether as a classroom teacher, Depute Rector or perhaps on the football pitch or cricket ground, or indeed any reflection on how he influenced you, please send them to sandystrang1memories@gmail.com. Please also include your name and class, eg "C1995", etc.

Likewise, if you would like to support the Bursary Fund, you can easily do this online at www.hutchesons.org/donate and tick the appropriate box.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Class of 2001, 2002 & 2003 Reunion - Saturday 9th September, Beaton Road
- Ladies Class of 1958 Reunion - Friday 15th September, Sherbrooke Castle Hotel
- Memories and Muffins Coffee Morning - Thursday 28th September, Beaton Road
- Ladies C1965 Reunion - Saturday 30th September, Kingarth Street
- Toronto Reunion - Sunday 15th October, Toronto
- Class of 2023 Reunion - Monday 18th December, Beaton Road

If you would like further information regarding any of the above events, please email alumni@hutchesons.org.

THE HUTCHIE BALL

We are delighted to confirm the return of The Hutchie Ball, which is once again being held at The Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow, on Saturday 30th September 2023.

Last held in 2019, this year's Ball aims to raise over £30,000 towards the Bursary Fund and other 1957 Group funded projects within the School. The evening is open to all parents, staff and Former Pupils, with tickets still available via www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/38837.

Thanks to the support of our event sponsors, including the Bureau Group, Corum Properties, and Brewin Dolphin, it promises to be an unforgettable night, with all the glitz and glamour you would expect from a black-tie event. Throughout the evening there will be various opportunities to bid for or win some incredible prizes, such as a diamond bracelet, a stay in a fantastic holiday cottage in the East Neuk of Fife, a 2-night break at Cameron House, and a personal shopping experience at Bicester Village. Live music will again be provided by Fiore, and we hope you can join us.

◆ *Save The Date* ◆

Hutchesons' Grammar School
cordially invites you to

The
Hutchie Ball

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
2023

The Central Hotel, Glasgow
Black Tie

For more details or to reserve a table, please email hutchieball@hutchesons.org.

IN MEMORIAM



GRACE I E BRIMLOW NEE MAIR C1941

1923 - 2022

Born in Aberdeen, Grace moved with her family to Glasgow in 1932 where she attended Hutchie. After studying at Glasgow University and a spell in England she settled in Kelso in the Scottish Borders where she remained for the rest of a very active life. Her heritage, both family and Scottish, were hugely important to her. She was proud of her Aberdeenshire forebears - granite workers, crofters and fishermen. She loved Scottish poetry and writing and participated in SWRI poetry reading competitions.

Grace's first career as a Housing Manager, took her to London, where she helped rehouse bombed out families. After a stay in Tunbridge Wells, she moved to Kelso in

1948, and became one of the few trained women housing managers in Scotland. She met Jim Brimlow, a Bank Accountant there. They married in 1952 and had two children, Anne and George. Then in the 1960s she trained as a Primary School Teacher. She loved teaching and passed on her love of books and storytelling to her pupils. Jim died in 1981, and after her retirement in 1988, Grace enjoyed a third "career" in local community life, especially the church. Having been a Sunday School Teacher and elder, she became the first woman session clerk at Kelso North Church. She never stopped wanting to learn, attending many talks, reading widely and enjoying conversation with family and friends. She travelled, exploring over twenty countries. At home she enjoyed her garden and did needlework, baked, and made jam. Grace loved her family and friends. To celebrate her 90th birthday, she organised a friendship lunch with over fifty guests. She kept in touch and holidayed with Hutchie and other friends. Anne and George have spent much of their lives in other parts of the UK and she was always ready for visits and holidays, even more so after the arrival of her much loved grandson, Alex. Grace was caring, fiercely independent, had huge energy, and a strong Christian faith and sense of values which underpinned her life.

JOHN DALE C1962

1944 - 2023

John Marshall Dale, 'Jake' attended Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School 1956 - 1963. After school he studied Engineering at Glasgow University, graduating in 1968. In the same year he started his engineering career with Kvaerner in Norway. From 1969 - 1976, he worked as an Engineer with the British Transport Docks Board in Hull, Barrow, Kings Lynn, Fleetwood and Grimsby. He then worked for Courtaulds between 1976 - 1980 in Grimsby and the Scottish Agricultural Industries in Leith from 1980 until 1987. He then took a position with British Chrome and Chemicals/Elementis at Urray Nook, Yarm, Teesside where he lived since 1987. On being made redundant in 2001, he enjoyed 11 happy years working with the Co-Op Funeral Service. He leaves behind wife Jane, son James, daughter Catherine, daughter-in-law Arlene, and five grandchildren. John died on 17th February of pancreatic cancer.



ANNE KERR ASHTON NEE DALE C1959

1941 - 2023

Anne passed away in January 2023 near Hull in East Yorkshire, where she had lived since 1966. Anne was brought up in Beith and Uplawmoor and attended Hutchie before studying Geography at Glasgow University. Her two younger brothers, Jake Dale and Jimmy Dale, also attended the school. Anne thoroughly enjoyed her time at Hutchie and, as well as being a diligent pupil, was a fine athlete and part of an all-conquering relay team. She continued to be a fast runner into later adulthood, winning numerous mothers' races at school sports days! After her undergraduate studies at Glasgow, Anne worked in the University Research

Department and as a Cartographer, also fitting in a stint as a Geography Teacher. Anne met her future husband, Richard, at a wedding in 1965. Anne was a wonderful mother to Ian and Neil, who both live in London, and she had four grandchildren. She was a woman of many talents, particularly sporting (she was a fine golfer and was Lady Captain of Hull Golf Club during the 1990s) and artistic. She also greatly enjoyed travel and exploring the world around her. Her beloved Richard died in 2010. Anne was diagnosed with cancer in 2019. She will be, and is, greatly missed by her family and many friends.

IAN HARROW

1959 - 2022

The Hutchie community was deeply saddened to learn, just as the previous edition of the Herald was going to press, of the sudden death of Mr Ian Harrow, former Year Tutor and extremely popular teacher of Business Management and Economics on 17th December 2022. In a poignant irony, Ian passed away, at his East Kilbride home on his 63rd birthday, with his brothers at side, having suffered respiratory complications. Ian was one of these teachers who everybody loved, a character, who was part of the fabric of Hutchie for nigh on 30 years.



As Rector, Colin Gambles observed, "Ian was a role model within our school community, showing at all times a deep interest and care for all those colleagues and pupils around him, whether as a teacher of business and economics or as a pastoral leader. In the classroom Ian was well-respected and well-liked and outside of the classroom his wide-ranging interests in rugby and the community broadened the lives of many." A keen rugby player himself, Ian was a regular on Saturday mornings, whether at Auldhouse or accompanying teams to away matches all over Scotland. He helped organise many rugby tours, to the Netherlands and further afield to South Africa, too, as well as Economics trips to London. What came across so clearly at his packed funeral was his love of people. He was a member of the Conservative party, and a councillor for East Kilbride, but he wore his politics lightly and was far more interested in doing his best for the people he represented, regardless of affiliation. He had a very strong faith - church was a key part of his life, and his friendly, resourceful manner made him a popular captain of the BB, supporting many boys through the Brigade including preparing for presidents' badges and Queens' badges. Ian was forever optimistic - not long after retiring, he learned that he had a form of blood cancer, but he was never daunted and indeed, he was in remarkably good health, thanks to excellent support and medication, and had been planning his next holiday. This seemed to make his death even more unexpected, and so unfair for a man of such energy and enthusiasm. In the weeks following Ian's passing, we received many messages of condolence and reminisces, testament to a popular, dedicated and thoroughly decent man.

As one FP put it, "One of the few who gained total respect on the pitch and in the classroom - all just by being truly interested in our success." He is sorely missed.

JONATHAN SHENKIN C1994

1977 - 2022

Jonathan was a pupil at Hutchie and left in 1994. Initially he travelled to Israel, where he lived for a few years, before embarking on a career of organising and participating in security, which he did in many countries across the world. He worked with various government agencies and settled in the Philippines where he started his own security company.



He worked there for 13 years and he received awards from the authorities there for his work in helping their security. He was both liked and respected in his field. Latterly he took a medical course in Seattle and added medic to his skills. In October 2022 he volunteered to help Ukraine in their struggle, but in December died in action performing his medical duties, just before his 46th birthday. He leaves two young children, a girl and boy to whom he was devoted. The photograph shows him while helping a group of Vets to cross the famous desert of the Empty Quarter which is part of the huge Arabian Desert.



LISA WISHART NEE HOOD C1983

1965 - 2023

Lisa was a talented business leader in the hospitality business, an entrepreneur, friend and inspiration to many. Although hospitality became Lisa's passion, it was not her first love. Lisa started out as a PE teacher at Mary Erskine School in Edinburgh after completing a BA Education at Dunfermline College of PE.

Lisa was selected to play hockey for Scotland U21 and she was also involved with coaching hockey at grassroots level. A knee injury forced her to step back from PE and she subsequently joined the family business in 1992 working as a Manager and ultimately taking on the role of Managing Director. Lisa also completed an MBA at Strathclyde University where she met her husband Keith. Under Lisa's stewardship the business has become one of the most respected

and most successful hospitality companies in Lanarkshire and in Scotland. Lisa had a passion for hospitality, for her team and for her customers. Over the years she became an ambassador for the industry speaking out on key issues such as rates and immigration, and during the pandemic she championed the industry and was a founding member of the Scottish Hospitality Group. She was also a former director of the licensed trade charity The Ben.

Despite Lisa's glamorous persona, she was happiest relaxing with her husband Keith and son Jamie, walking on the beach with her dogs. Lisa had integrity a brilliant business mind and empathy. She was also great fun and loved by everyone that was lucky enough to know her, she will be sorely missed.

JOSEPH W SIMPSON C1939

1921 - 2023

Joseph W Simpson, the former Head Teacher at Arduthie Primary School in Stonehaven, has died at the age of 102. Commonly known among the community as Joe, Mr Simpson passed away peacefully at Castle Lodge Care Home in Inverbervie on Monday 22nd May.

Mr Simpson had resided in Stonehaven since 1968, most recently at Mearns Drive, having previously lived in the villages of Catterline and St Cyrus where he also fulfilled the role of Head Teacher. Originally from Glasgow, where he attended Hutcheson's Grammar School between 1932 and 1939, Mr Simpson attended Glasgow University between 1939 and 1941, before volunteering to serve with the RAF during World War II. He spent five years in the Signals Corps, mainly in Calcutta in India (and playing for his RAF football team) before returning home to enrol at Aberdeen University in 1946, graduating in M.A. Dip Ed two years later. During that time, he was awarded a Football Blue and represented Aberdeen University XI in a sport which was a life-long passion. Twice during his spell in the University First XI, he was part of the side which became Scottish Universities champions, winning the prestigious Queen's Park Shield.

While at Aberdeen University, he met PE student Margaret, his wife of almost 68 years who died a year ago, aged 91. He completed his teacher training by teaching at Linkfield Primary School in Aberdeen before moving to Pitmedden Junior Secondary. In 1956, he was appointed as the first Head Teacher at the newly built Primary School in Catterline, Kincardineshire. The family then moved to St Cyrus in 1959 where he was heavily involved in helping the Kincardineshire Primary Schools Football Association and promoting emerging young talent.

Among the players who caught his eye was a youngster from Banchory, Don Masson, who he recommended for Scottish Schools trials. Masson went on to play professionally in England, representing the Scotland national team 17 times - an achievement which made Mr Simpson extremely proud.

In 1968, the family arrived in Stonehaven where Mr Simpson was head of Fetteresso Primary School. On the opening of the new Mackie Academy in 1970, the staff and pupils relocated to the old building which was rebranded as Arduthie Primary with Mr Simpson as Head Teacher. He spent 11 happy years at Arduthie before retiring in April 1981.



Mr Simpson was a popular and well-respected figure in Stonehaven and a keen golfer who was a member at both Stonehaven and Edzell Golf Clubs, as well as the North-east Seniors Association. He succeeded in breaking his age on the golf course when he was 85 and was still playing golf well into his nineties, eventually hanging up his clubs at the venerable age of 97!

He is survived by his sons Gordon, Alistair and Keith and daughter Jacki; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Joe pictured - front row, second right, as Queens Park Shield winners

FORMER PUPILS

- Moira Dingwall C1944, 1926 - 2023
- Janet (Jenny) Hamilton C1945, 1926 - 2023
- Muriel Altman née Lucas C1946, 1928 - 2022
- Sheila House née McCallum QSM C1949, 1931 - 2022
- Muriel J Croll née Galt C1950, 1931 - 2023
- William (Bill) B Miller OBE C1950, 1932 - 2022
- Elliot Ross née Montgomery C1954, 1936 - 2022
- Margaret C Camrass née Kent C1956, 1938 - 2023
- Robin Russell C1956, 1938 - 2022
- Anne K Ashtonné Dale C1959, 1941 - 2023
- Karin Currie née Spalter C1960, 1942 - 2023
- R Lindsay MacQueen C1961, 1943 - 2022
- Prof Malcolm Lochhead C1967, 1948 - 2023
- Gordon Rankin C1972, 1954 - 2022
- William M Jamieson C1975, 1957 - 2022
- Wendy Barton née Livesey C1978, 1960 - 2021

FORMER STAFF

- Catherine Andrew, died January 2023 - former Biology Teacher
- Jennifer Hunter, died April 2023 - former Modern Languages Teacher
- Maggie Anderson C1949, 1931 - 2023 *
- Fiona Macphail C1972, 1954 - 2023 *

* Full obituary to follow in the next edition.

HUTCHIE HOLIDAY CLUB

Next session marks the official launch of the Hutchie Holiday Club. The new holiday childcare service, which operates during all the school holidays, is run by the school's experienced and enthusiastic After-School Care staff, all of whom are registered members of the Protection of Vulnerable Group scheme (PVG) and Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

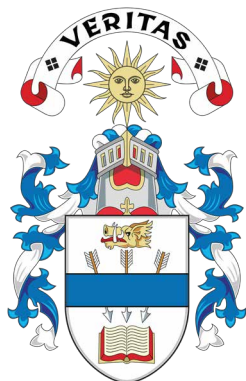
The club offers multi-activity programmes to keep children entertained throughout the holidays. All the activities are designed to create adventure and excitement, ensuring the children have fun. It offers a safe, caring, nurturing, and stimulating environment where children feel valued and listened to.

The Hutchie Holiday Club benefits from the facilities available at Hutchesons' Primary School, Secondary School, and its outdoor learning and activity centre at Pollok Park. Children have the opportunity to try out new, often challenging, activities in a fun, relaxed environment, which they may not necessarily get the chance to try elsewhere. This allows them to build confidence in their abilities which in turn increases self esteem.

The children enjoy meeting and making new friends. One of life's greatest skills is being comfortable meeting new people. The children will also spend time outdoors which offers a range of benefits for both physical and mental health. Nature can spark a child's inquisitive side and open their eyes to the small wonders of the world. Being active also promotes long-term physical and mental health benefits. At Hutchie Holiday Club there will be a range of exercise activities to ensure all children can get the physical and mental boost from a fun, exercise session.

Find out more at www.hutchesons.org/primary/after-school-holiday-care/. Booking for the October Camp will open soon. Keep an eye on the school's social media accounts for more details.





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