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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mr Hughes, Principal of Milburn

Welcome to edition five of the Milburn Mail.

Staff and pupils have, as usual, worked very hard this term and I am sure that our Year 11 pupils will be very pleased with their examination results when they arrive on Thursday 25th August.

We are very proud of Ryan Johnston who has been awarded

a scholarship to attend Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh for his A level studies and we wish him every success.

Attendance has continued to improve this year and I am confident that four out of our five year groups will attain a 90%+ attendance profile. It is equally encouraging to note that more than 75% of our pupils have a 90%+ attendance profile.

This term has been a very busy one for outdoor learning in Millburn School, from enjoying water sports in France, sailing in Scotland and pupils taking part in many outdoor challenges around the UK.

All trips and visits in Millburn School are very generously subsidised by our sponsor;

Lord Laidlaw, we are very grateful for his help and support.

Within our ethos of "Involve me and I learn" opportunities for pupils to learn outside the classroom are essential and I would ask all parents to continue to support our aim of ensuring that all Milburn School pupils enjoy at least one residential experience while they are with us.

Finally, can I thank all parents and carers for their support this year, Milburn School will continue to go from strength to strength with your continued cooperation and I look forward to next academic year working with our very committed staff to ensure all pupils continue to make, and in many cases improve on, expected levels of progress.

IT'S SHOW TIME FOR EXCELSIOR PUPILS

On the 10th May a group of Performing Arts pupils visited London to watch two spectacular shows; 'Wicked' at the Apollo Victoria Theatre and 'The Lion King' at Lyceum Theatre.



Enjoying the views on the London Eye.

Over the two day residential pupils were given the opportunity to go shopping at Covent Garden, take part in a terrifying trip to the London Dungeons, see the capital city using the exciting London Eye and take part in a sightseeing experience.

The organisers of this wonderful opportunity were Mr. Davison and Miss Kelly, Excelsior Academy's Performing Arts teachers, who explained; 'The trip was fantastic, we saw all the sights of London and two amazing shows. We think everyone fully enjoyed it and look forward to the next one.'

The experience was organised to allow pupils to see the way of the theatre in preparation for future careers.



Excelsior pupils enjoying their residential.

Shannon Mair, a Milburn pupil, said; 'I thought that out of the two shows Wicked was the best, the trip was great fun and a fantastic experience.'

By Sarah Howe.

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Outdoor Learning Experience



On the 4th of July ten pupils from Excelsior Academy went on a trip, sailing around the coast of Scotland for a week on a boat owned by Gordonstoun School, named Ocean Spirit of Moray.

Pupils were split up into groups of four called 'Watches', one member staff was assigned to each group, helping with teaching skills and supporting pupils with their activities. Each 'Watch' took it in turns to work up on deck and learn how to put the sail up and also experience working the helm, steering the boat.

Pupils experienced working on a fully functional boat, learning sailing skills and everyday working life skills such as playing a vital role as a member of a team and building confidence.

At the end of the journey around Scotland all of the pupils that participated were presented with a Tall Ships Race T-shirt, wrist band and badge.

Mrs McAlpine, a teacher at Excelsior, said; *'It was a once in a lifetime experience for the pupils to work together and do something that they had never tried before.'*



Milburn pupils enjoying the sailing experience in Scotland.

'It was really powerful to watch the pupils' confidence develop on a daily basis.'

Overall the trip was a great outdoor learning experience for all Milburn pupils involved.

Milburn Pupil is a Judo Rising Star

Here in Milburn School we have our very own double Judo Champion; Courtney Shoulder from Year 8.

Currently, Courtney, is a green belt in Judo and at this young age this is deemed to be exceptional. Courtney competes at a range of events and is classed in the under 12s category.

Courtney began training in the art of Judo after seeing an advertisement at the age of five, from this age she has continually progressed and improved throughout the sport, winning many awards.

To achieve a green belt in Judo Courtney trains religiously three times a week and has done this for the past six and a half years, which shows the huge amount of dedication and passion for the sport.

Recently, Courtney has been taking part in a competition in Fort William, Scotland. The competition became a huge success as Courtney won first place and received a gold medal.

Courtney said; *"The competition was a great success, there were some great contenders on the day."*

Milburn will be following Courtney's Judo competitions and we wish her all the best for her next Judo event.

Farewell to our Year 11s

Over the past school year, Milburn School's Year 11 pupils have been working extremely hard and are now ready to leave with many GCSEs. Some of our year 11 pupils have taken part in many sport related activities supporting the Milburn School specialism of health related studies.

So far Year 11 pupils have succeeded in their exams; including many passing their Maths and English GCSEs in January.

Many of our Year 11 pupils are going to be joining Excelsior College, our Sixth Form, where they will be furthering their studies, while others continue onto a range of further education opportunities.

"Congratulations and good luck!" we wish you all the best.

By Asenath Asamoah

Important Dates

Returning to school:

Monday 5th September (No lunch will be provided)

KS3 pupils: 10.00-12.00pm

KS4: 12.30-2.30pm.

Tuesday 6th September (Lunch will be provided)

All pupils 10.00am-2.00pm

Wednesday 7th September

Normal school day 8.30-3.45pm.

Staff training days: Friday 30th September 2011

Friday 25th November 2011

Pupil Review day: Thursday 24th November 2011

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