

CARITAS AWARDS 2014

Saturday the 31st of May saw the efforts of 15 Caritas Candidates rewarded as they received their medals and certificates during a ceremony held at the Clyde Auditorium in Glasgow. This was the culmination of a year in which they led school assemblies, invigorated key liturgical moments, made themselves available to both the school and local communities. Another aspect of the award was their spiritual journey throughout the past 12 months. They were tasked with participating in a local parish and then reflecting on this before completing their final submissions. St Paul's is very proud that all candidates were successful in gaining their award but also delighted with their commitment to serve others that they came into contact with. They have inspired other pupils to take up the challenge for next year and this is a huge part of their legacy which they leave behind as they continue their journey in the near future



MCMANUS CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Our Head Boy 2013-2014, Callum White, was our nomination for the McManus Citizenship Award this year. Although he did not win the overall award we are extremely proud of his massive contribution to the School and wider community. Well done, Callum!

Callum with Mr Stewart

LIFT OFF 2 SUCCESS

Congratulations to 13 of our new S5 pupils who have been selected to spend 5 days of their summer holidays with one of our partner agencies, LIFT OFF.

The group will reside at student residencies in St. Andrews and will spend their time visiting various universities and colleges in the surrounding area. They will be given the opportunity to experience lectures and workshops and will get a 'feel' for Higher Education. We wish them every success for the week and hope that they enjoy themselves as well as being inspired to go on to great things! We look forward to seeing them 'graduate' on Friday 18th July in St. Andrews!

PRIMARY 7 3 DAY TRANSITION VISIT

From 10th-12th June 2014, 156 P7 pupils visited St. Paul's as the final part of our transition programme this year. The pupils attended some classes, met with their Guidance Teacher, participated in a 'House Coat of Arms Activity' and an Activities Afternoon in the Games Hall, learned about St. Paul, our patron, and we finished with Monsignor McCaffrey celebrating Mass. The pupils all seemed to enjoy the visit and we look forward to greeting the boys and girls on Wednesday 20th August 2014 as our new S1 cohort. Below are some of our successful Maths challenge and 'House Coat of Arms' pupils receiving their certificates.

PRIMARY 7 VISIT

P7 pupils from four cluster schools joined S1 pupils from St. Paul's to receive ICT training together. The pupils put these skills to use at the Secondary and Primary Sports Days in June.



Primary 7's and their certificates



ABERTAY BUSINESS CHALLENGE 2013-14

The Abertay Business Challenge was competition run in conjunction with Abertay University and Solar Cities (Scotland). Solar Cities main aim is to develop and promote the use of renewable energy in all its forms, offering practical advice on low carbon living for urban communities across Scotland. One of the key issues for them is fuel poverty. Pupils in the Business Studies department in S3 worked in groups to prepare a suggested promotional campaign for Solar Cities. Pupils also prepared estimated costs, routes to market and the market research undertaken to support this promotional campaign.

During the competition staff and students from Abertay University provided advice and materials during teaching time to help pupils complete the competition brief. After judging by representatives from Abertay University and Solar Cities Scotland the results were announced.

The winning team were Ummi Ibrahim, Corey Phillip, Daniel Barile, Ellen Kelly, Iona Jackson and Ellie Byrne. They will now go on to meet the winners from other Dundee schools. They will also have the opportunity to have one of their promotions, a radio advert, turned into reality by Wave 102.

"The students clearly worked hard on this project, were enthusiastic, committed and a pleasure to work with. We, as staff and students of Dundee Business School, were impressed by the pupil's creativity and how they worked in their groups, they were a credit to St Paul's RC Academy."

Jason Turner
Lecturer in Marketing, Abertay University



63 of our S2 pupils enjoyed a day at Our Dynamic Earth where they experienced a tour of the Exhibition and took part in workshops. Themes included Climate Change, Natural Disasters and the changing Biomes of our Planet. The 4D cinema experience was by far the highlight for the staff!

GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO GLEN DOLL

A large group of our Geographers explored the natural landscape of Glen Doll, experiencing first-hand the impact that humans have on the



landscape and techniques used to preserve the area.

LONDON TRIP 2014

The annual London Trip saw a party of sixteen pupils accompanied by Mrs McCallum and Mrs Flynn set off for the big smoke on 3 June for a 3 night visit. Our programme of events included trips to Madame Tussauds, Harry Potter, Covent Garden, The Lion King, Borough Market

and a terrifying trip to the London Bridge Experience. The pupils' behaviour was exemplary and they were a huge credit to the school. A great time was had by all!



S4 WORK EXPERIENCE

Well over 100 of our new S4 pupils have just completed a week's work experience in a wide variety of placements. These included local primary schools and nurseries, hairdressers, garages and engineering firms.

Almost without exception, pupils had a very worthwhile experience, building on their skills for life, learning and work and returned to school with lots of stories to share. Reports from the employers have been very positive, including comments such as ".... is a lovely girl and a joy to have around this place." "Polite, friendly, helpful, positive....an excellent addition to our team."

"Lovely, cheerful personality. Good at observing situations and displayed initiative. Demonstrated a caring nature towards the children."

"Very positive attitude. He made a good effort in all tasks, with many new experiences to assimilate." Very well done to you all!

ENTERPRISING MATHS IN DUNDEE

For the second year running St. Paul's were awarded 1st prize in the Enterprising Maths in Dundee competition. The team included the following pupils:

Craig Duncan (S3), Andrew Duncan (S3), Rachel Walker (S2) and Kennedy Thomson (S2). They are now looking

forward to representing Dundee in the Scottish Final of Enterprising Maths.



P6 DANCE TRANSITION WORKSHOPS



This term St Paul's held a transition activity involving our associated primary school's P6 classes and our St Paul's Dance Team. The Dance Team and Mrs Nicoll, went out to visit our associated Primary Schools to teach each P6 class a fun dance routine, over two afternoon

sessions. The finished routine was performed at our St Paul's Summer Show. All pupils' who participated thoroughly enjoyed the event and this is something we look to continue in the future. Well done to The Dance Team and our associated P6s! The photographs below were two of the groups involved St Andrew's PS and St Luke's and St Matthew's PS

CHEMISTRY

A group from the Higher Chemistry classes took part in this year's "Skills for Science" event at Dundee University.



In the morning

there was a series of talks similar to famous Royal Society lectures, while in the afternoon the students used the main University teaching lab and its equipment to do a series of experiments involving enzymes.

S6 NEWS

S6 pupils have had a successful induction day working in partnership with colleagues from Abertay University. They have also taken part in a team building day at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Plans for next session include a three day residential at Dalguise

Outdoor Centre from 25th August until 27th August 2014. This trip has received sponsorship from Dundee Academy of Sport and so will be free of charge to our pupils.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mrs Glynis Bromage, Principal Teacher of Music would like to thank all parents and carers for their support over the years. I appreciate the time taken as taxi drivers to the musicians and as audience participants. The pupils have given their time and talents tirelessly but in doing so, have given so much pleasure to many.