



80's Red Nose Day

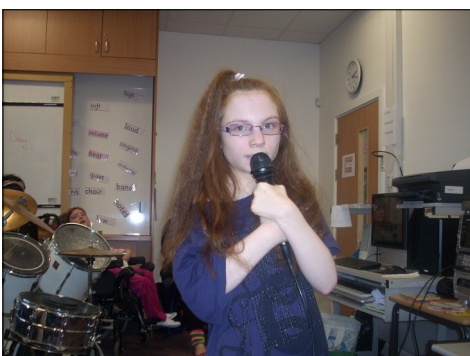


Friday 15th March was this years Red Nose Day. Pupils and staff paid £1 so they could come to school in casual or 80's style clothes, matching this years theme.

After an early lunch at 12 noon the pupils were off timetable for an 80's themed, fun filled afternoon. Pupils moved from class to class as individuals, or in class groups, to pay 10p to try out the various activities arranged by staff.

The pupils chose from Karaoke, Mr Motivator, Funky Jewellery, Make Over Room, Video Games Room, 80's Soaps Room and two Film Rooms. There was also the opportunity to buy sweets from the tuckshop. The afternoon finished with an 80's Disco.

A total of £176 was raised for Comic Relief.



Events coming soon:

School Holidays
Friday/Monday 3rd/6th May
Friday/Monday 24/27th May

Parents' Evening
Wednesday 24th April

S1-3 Awards 13th June
S4-6 Awards 14th June

S6 Paris
Learning Away
Monday 17th to
Friday 21st June

The Bendrigg Adventure



Some of our S4-6 pupils are just back from an Outdoor Adventure week at Bendrigg Lodge in the Yorkshire Dales. They spent a week on residential learning about themselves, how to get on with others and how to enjoy the outdoors.



A typical Bendrigg day starts at 7:30am, with breakfast between 8-9am. The first activity of the day starts at 9am and if your group is out for the whole day you prepare your own packed lunch. The activities at Bendrigg included an assault course, caving, archery, orienteering, canoeing, climbing, abseiling, zip wire, and singing round a camp fire. The weather was cold but that didn't stop our pupils developing their skills and enjoying the wide range of outdoor activities.

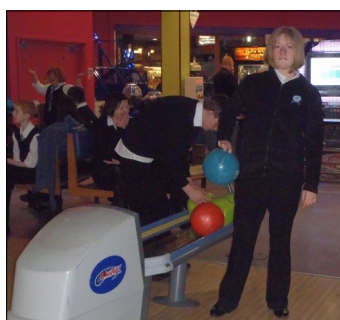


G.E.T. Gold in Sanderson

The whole school were visited by a touring flute group that formed in the RSAMD in 2007 called "Flutes en Route". Their outreach work offers an enthusiastic and innovative approach to live music. They performed a flute concert to both the junior and senior school which included favourite tunes like the theme from "Toy Story", "Bear Necessities" from The Jungle Book, beat boxing of "Peter and the Wolf" and a medley of Abba songs, which the pupils had to name and put in order. Pupils were also given the chance to volunteer to conduct the quartet and were introduced to other flute family instruments including the bass, the alto and its baby sister the piccolo. We hope they can return again in the future.



Pupils in Sanderson are challenged to do their best work in every class and to collect as many star points as they can each week towards a Gold monthly award. The points are gained for **Good** behaviour, **Effort** and **Teamwork** in class. This terms Gold Winners went to the Imax cinema or Xscape bowling.



S4-6 Education for Life



This term our senior pupils have continued to work on developing skills for life. The groups have been involved in projects relating to finance and enterprise.

One group organised a Fairtrade Café and invited different class groups to enjoy Fairtrade drinks and biscuits.



We have also had Caffe Excellente giving some of our pupils a work experience opportunity.

Our group involved in finance have been encouraged to start saving money. Our saver of the term is Greg Barclay who brought money along every week to add to his savings.



S1-3 Project Learning: Scotland

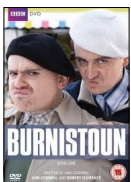


This term the S1-3 Project Learning focus has been on Scotland.

The different groups have tackled various aspects of Scottish history and culture, its places and its people.

Groups have enjoyed visits to the Burns Cottage, Bothwell Castle, Scotland Street Museum and to the David Livingstone Centre.

Other groups have explored Scottish sport, music, television, comedy and Scottish people from the past and present.



Out and About with S1/2



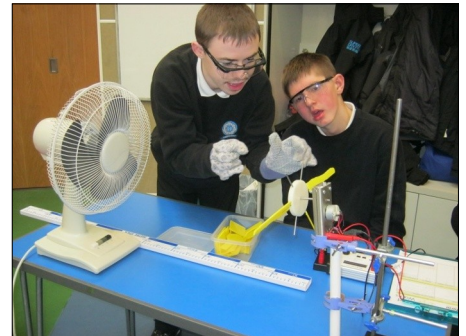
S1/2 have enjoyed their Out and About topic this term. They have been exploring local services in the community (the fire service) and have also become members of the South Lanarkshire library service. They are now regular visitors to St. Leonard's library where they choose books, use their own card to take out the library book, return their books and also take part in stories and games with help from the library education assistant.



Self in Society: Environmental Issues



M.E.R. (Managing Environmental Resources) classes have been very busy this term both inside and outside the classroom. They have visited William Tracey Recycling, Caulders Garden Centre and Whitelee Windfarm to learn about environmental issues.



The William Tracey recycling plant is in Linwood and there the pupils saw all the different materials that were being recycled including paper and glass.



At Whitelee Windfarm, the largest onshore Windfarm in the UK, the pupils took part in a workshop where they were able to generate their own electricity by experimenting with different wind turbine design technology.

