

WINDSOR PARK SCHOOL AND SENSORY SERVICE

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END OF TERM REFLECTIONS FROM MRS WALKER

As we reach the end of another school year at Windsor Park, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've achieved together and to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful school community.

This year has been full of learning, growth and many proud moments. Our learners have shown great determination, kindness and enthusiasm in everything they've done. We are so proud of each and every one of them.

To our amazing families – thank you. Your support, encouragement and involvement make a huge difference. The partnership between home and school is so important and we are truly grateful for the trust you place in us.

Our staff have also shown incredible dedication and care. Every day, they give their best to help our pupils learn, grow and feel safe and valued. I'm so proud to lead a team that always puts children first.

And to our pupils – you are the heart of our school. We are so proud of all you have achieved this year. You've shown us time and again your ability to rise to challenges, support one another and embrace new opportunities with open minds and determination. You are a credit to your families and to our school and I cannot wait to see what your next chapter holds.

As we head into the summer holidays, I hope you all find time to rest, have fun and enjoy special moments (hopefully sunny!) with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming you back in August for another exciting year ahead.

Finally, I would like to give a special mention to our amazing S6 Leavers - Caleb, David, Gemma, Hayley and Morgan. Windsor Park are so proud of you. We love you - go and show the world what you can do!

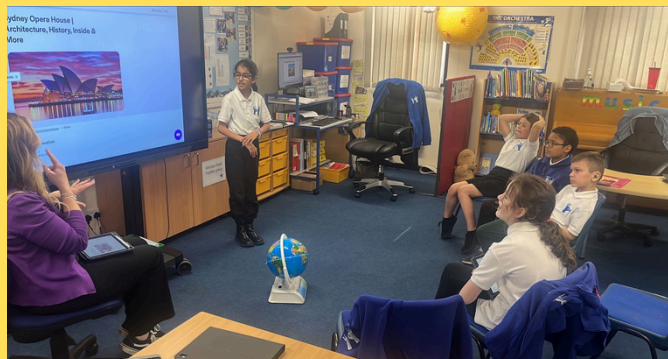
**Warmest wishes
Mrs Walker**



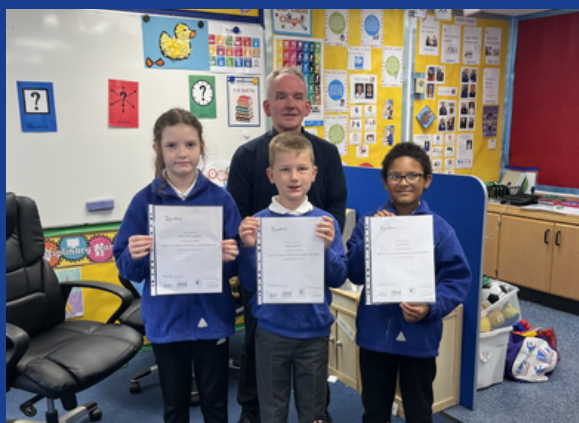


PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

This term the Primary Department have been learning about the Deaflympics. We have researched some of the participating countries, athletes and the sports involved. The children have enjoyed having their passport stamped as they visited different countries and have worked well together as a team, learning new skills for their sporting activities.



A huge congratulations goes out to Nessa, Noah, and Joseph who have all successfully achieved their 101 certificate in BSL. This is a brilliant accomplishment, showcasing their dedication to developing their signing skills.



We're equally thrilled to celebrate Adam, who has achieved his 102 certificate in BSL! What an outstanding display of hard work and commitment.

Our Primary Department recently participated in Deaf Awareness Week! The children engaged in fascinating learning activities within their own classes and then prepared a short assembly to share with each other. This was a very interesting experience and the children presented with great confidence.

They were then invited to share their learning with pupils from Bantaskin Primary and Maddiston Primary too!



Article 30

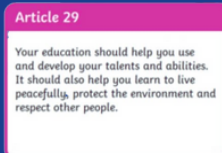
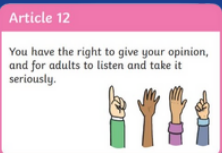
You have the right to practise your own culture, language and religion - or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.





PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Our Primary Department have been working incredibly hard in their Eco lessons throughout the year to prepare for a small enterprise project. The children had a brilliant idea: they asked if they could plant seeds from our apple tree to grow more trees and decided to sell them at the Bantaskin Fayre.



This idea blossomed and the children then explored other materials they could reuse and recycle to create even more produce for the fayre. What a fantastic selection they came up with!

This term, our P5-P7 pupils had a fantastic day gorge walking near Balquhider with Marc! Everyone worked hard, supported each other and had a great time filled with lots of laughs and smiles.



Our final Outdoor Education activity of the session was also a splashing success: paddleboarding on Loch Ard! We had a great time out on the water, and yes, we certainly got very wet! It was a fantastic way to round off our outdoor adventures this year and was definitely one of our favourite activities.

Primary pupils were invited By 'Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland' to share experiences of play and relaxation in connection with UNCRC Article 31, The Right to Play and Relax. Louise, Ezmie and Ben visited our school to share in some of the experiences and opportunities we enjoy. They also filmed us to appear in the national online assembly which was great fun. We were famous!



(click here to see the video)



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On Friday, June 6th our Primary Department participated in a fantastic Rainbow Walk to raise funds for Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS)!

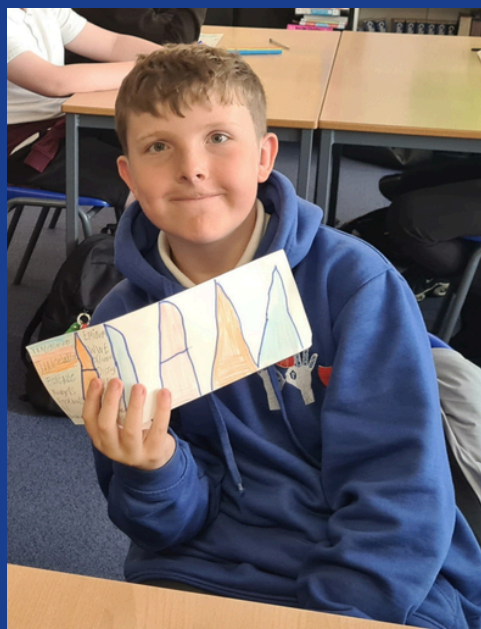
Children, staff, parents and volunteers from Forth Valley Sensory Centre met at Windsor Park to walk 5k. They then had even more fun with a rainbow powder celebration upon returning to school! We finished the afternoon with delicious rainbow cakes, baked by the children themselves. We are delighted to have raised an amazing £540 for the charity!



A huge thank you to everyone who donated!

Article 24

You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.



Our P7 pupil recently had a very successful transition visit to Falkirk High School! Adam spent two days following the S1 timetable, getting a fantastic taste of what to expect in high school. This valuable experience helped him to familiarise himself with the new environment and meet some of his future mainstream teachers and classmates.

We're sure he's now even more excited for his move up to Secondary!



Article 28

You have the right to a good-quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.





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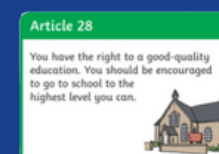


We recently had a fantastic time visiting Falkirk Bowling Club! We were invited to learn more about the sport and after scooting our way to the club, we got to try out some games and activities on the green.

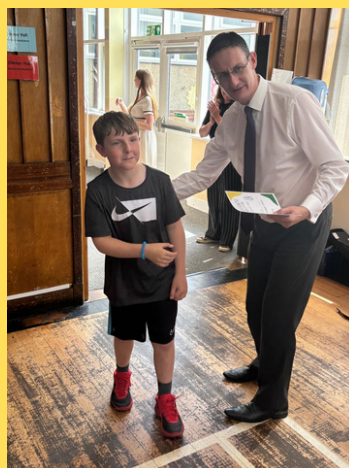
It was a really enjoyable experience as everyone participated enthusiastically and encouraged each other while trying out this new sport. What a fun day for all!



This week we held a wonderful gathering in the Windsor Park garden to celebrate the achievements of our primary learners this session. It was a lovely afternoon dedicated to recognising their hard work and positive attitudes throughout the year.



Every one of our primary students has achieved so much and we were delighted to acknowledge their efforts. The highlight of the celebration was the presentation of our Star Award to Adam, in recognition of everything he has accomplished in his time at Windsor Park. It was a truly special moment for all!



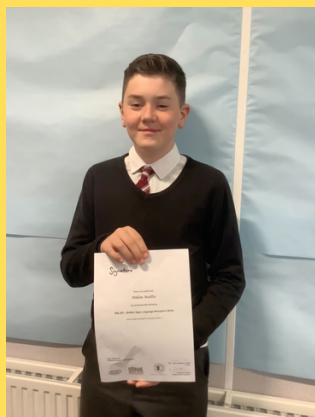
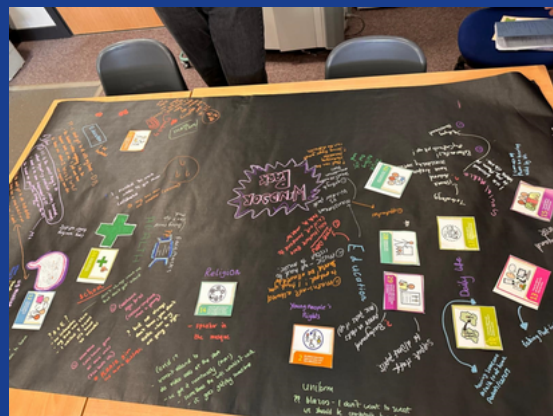
On Thursday 26th June, we celebrated P7 preparing to start S1 as Adam performed in the P7 assembly with his mainstream classmates. P7 shared memories of P7 before receiving their high school ties. We are very proud of everything Adam has achieved in his short time in Windsor Park and look forward to hearing about future success with the secondary dept.



SECONDARY DEPARTMENT

On Thursday 8th May, we had a special visit from Elaine, Alice, and Jane from the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland. Our learners took part in a lively discussion about education and healthcare, sharing what they felt was working well and identifying areas where improvements could be made.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our learners to exercise their rights by freely expressing their opinions on issues that affect them, and they did so in a really creative way! We're excited to continue our work with the Commissioner's office. We're even planning a visit to their Edinburgh office and hope to learn more about how our students can get involved with their Youth Advisory Group.



More BSL success, this time for our secondary pupils. Well done to Dillon and Maisie Lou who both achieved their BSL 201 certificates this term.



And well done to Brooke who achieved both her BSL 202 and 203 certificates this term, meaning she has achieved her Level 2 qualification. A fantastic achievement!

Our Secondary pupils recently took part in the West of Scotland Deaf Children's Society Football Festival at Rouken Glen Park. Our team warmly welcomed pupils from other schools, making it a fantastic opportunity for everyone to mix with other deaf young people and have a lot of fun. And luckily, the rain held off for most of the day!





SECONDARY DEPARTMENT

For FHS Rewards Day, Maisie Lou enjoyed a fantastic, sunny day out at Foxlake Adventures in Dunbar.



She kicked off the day with some fun team-building activities before diving into the excitement of the Aqua Park. After a well-deserved lunch, Maisie Lou got to experience the thrilling Ringos and then bravely tackled the Foxfall low ropes course challenge over the water. What a busy and exciting day.



Rayyan and Dillon embarked on a thrilling trip to the Edinburgh Dungeons. They had a truly spooky and exciting time, experiencing the chilling tales and immersive attractions the Dungeons had to offer! It was a memorable and exhilarating outing for everyone who attended (including Mr Young).

Brooke had the opportunity to join the FHS Languages and Social Subjects trip to Paris. Prior to arriving in Paris there was the opportunity to visit Vimy Ridge War Memorial. The group then spent a couple of glorious days exploring the picturesque sights of Paris, which included the Musée d'Orsay, Eiffel Tower, Brie Comte Robert, Sacré-Coeur and Montmarte. Each day returning to the Chateau de Grande Romaine for a most welcomed dip in the pool. A wonderful time was had by all, experiencing the culture and history of a grand city.





SECONDARY DEPARTMENT



Canva Event Newsletter Information

The pupils and staff arranged a Canva event for all the secondary parents and carers and included our P7 pupil and his family.



Parents and carers were given an invitation to the Canva event via seesaw and a paper invitation.



We had the Canva event in the Windsor Park secondary base with workshops in G50 and G48. Pupils led the workshops.

We were introducing Canva to our families and also our P7 Pupil as well, showing them what Canva is about and what you do with Canva as well.

We wanted to show parents and carers what we have been learning about on Canva and to show them our work that we previously done on Canva.

Our Secondary pupils worked hard in planning and organising their special Canva event for parents! They put together a fantastic Canva document to share all about their planning and organisational process.

Click on the image to the left to be taken directly to their Canva document and see their amazing work!



We were delighted that all four of our S1 and S3 pupils received Achievement Awards at the recent FHS Junior Prizegiving! Brooke also received a Leadership Award for her leadership work in PE this term. We are incredibly proud of all their accomplishments – well done to our fantastic pupils!



SECONDARY DEPARTMENT

On Thursday 24th April, we held a special Leavers' Celebration in the beautiful Windsor Park garden to say goodbye to our amazing S6 pupils. It was a wonderful day filled with shared memories and heartfelt appreciation for the incredible impact they've had on both staff and other pupils over the years.

We're so proud of everything they've accomplished and can't wait to see all the amazing things they'll do now that they've finished school. To Caleb, David, Gemma, Hayley, and Morgan – we'll miss you all dearly and wish you the very best for the future!



On Wednesday 18th June, staff and pupils celebrated the end of an era at the annual Leavers' Prom, held at the beautiful Inchyra Hotel. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and shared a fantastic evening together, making it a truly special celebration to mark the end of our S6's school journey.





WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Our Primary Department, S1, and S3 pupils recently had an amazing outdoor camping experience at Spoke and Boot in May! They participated in a fantastic variety of activities, including music, a woodland walk, a slip and slide, and lots of fun games.



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed delicious pizzas cooked in the outdoor pizza oven and an evening barbecue was also a big hit. The children embraced true camping fashion by sleeping in their pods and had an absolutely fantastic adventure!



Our students recently enjoyed a fantastic day out at the Royal Highland Show! They had the opportunity to see a variety of impressive shows and demonstrations, including wood carving, exciting mountain bike displays, and thrilling horse jumping events.



A highlight for many was getting to make their own pizzas using delicious, locally grown produce. The sun even shone for us, making it a truly enjoyable and fun day for everyone who attended!



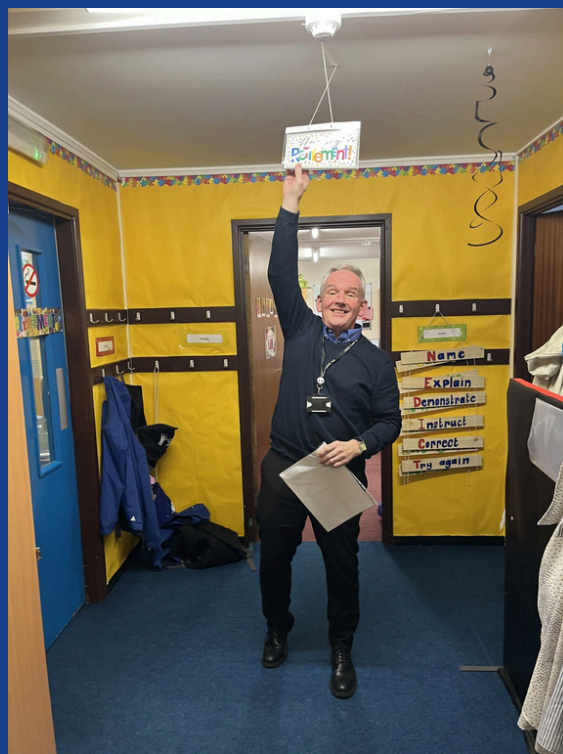


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After an incredible 26 years of dedicated service to Windsor Park, Mr. Alan Sanders is retiring! This week, pupils had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate with him, wishing him all the best for a well-deserved retirement and of course, enjoying some delicious cake!

For over two and a half decades, Mr. Sanders has been an invaluable member of our community, not only at Windsor Park but across the entire Falkirk area. He has taught sign language to countless children and adults, making a profound and lasting impact on so many lives. His passion and commitment have truly enriched our school and the wider community.

We thank Mr. Sanders for his unwavering dedication and wish him a retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures! He will be greatly missed.



Wishing all our pupils, staff and families a safe and happy break. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for the new term in August.