



# King's Park Secondary News

## Message from our Head Teacher, Mrs Ayed

Dear All,

I can't believe how quickly this school year has come around. As always your children and our staff have worked incredibly hard and have been involved in a wide range of activities – from SQA exam preparation to school shows, award ceremonies and school trips.

This is the time of year when we say goodbye to some of our colleagues and look forward to welcoming new colleagues in August. This session we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Lyon, Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care for Lewis House. Mrs Lyon has been in the school since 1999 and she will be dearly missed by staff and pupils. Her kind and thoughtful approaches have been key qualities in her role and we wish her all the very best for a long, healthy and happy retirement. Our School Librarian, Mr Gallagher is also retiring and we thank him for his service within the Library and also supporting the curriculum across the school. Our final farewell is to Mr McLeod in our Computing Department. Mr McLeod has been a great addition to our team this session and we wish him every success for the future as he returns to the Glasgow Gaelic School.

I really hope you had the opportunity to come along to our school show – 'Little Shop of Horrors'. We had 3 really successful nights, where our pupils did themselves and the school so proud. They were absolutely fantastic and we look forward to next session to see how this success can be transferred to a school pantomime – "Oh yes we do".

We are already planning for next session – our new timetable is up and running, despite some delay and we have welcomed our new S1 pupils for their Transition Days and also a Matinee performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. As you plan for your children returning in August, please remind them of our high expectations with regards to timekeeping and attendance. Please also remind them of our standards for uniform. Branded, coloured hoodies and jeans/leggings, denim and leather jackets are not part of our expectations. Our school uniform consists of:

- Black blazer
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black skirt/trousers
- Black jumper/cardigan/hoodie

Pupils who consistently wear school uniform will be rewarded with merits as part of our Believe, Achieve Award Scheme, which sees this session's Award winners gaining rewards such as a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach (Gold winners), an afternoon at bowling (Silver winners) and a pizza/movie afternoon (Bronze winners). The standard of uniform is very important to us to ensure better consistency for our young people and also that they are easily identifiable as a member of our school community. If any parent/carer has a difficulty supporting these expectations, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care PT to discuss it and see how the school can help.

Thank you for your continued support this session and I wish you all a fantastic summer break, with fabulous weather.

Thank you.

Kirsty Ayed  
Head Teacher





## Little Shop of Horrors Production

Not too long before now, a plant came to eat the world whole, starting with the audience of the school's production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. The theatregoers were wowed with heartfelt acting, explosive dances and the props themselves - the all-round favourite being the plant itself - taking up a third of the stage, pure foam and fear! The whole of the principal cast, company and crew feel a great amount of gratitude towards the tireless Mr Carroll for sitting inside the plant and puppeteering it during all of those baking hot nights in the school hall!

*Little Shop of Horrors* is a delightful black comedy which follows Seymore Krelborn (Reece Folan) as he's sweet talked into feeding a flytrap which will only eat blood (Agnes Watupa), and his portrayal of the meek assistant made his descent into madness that even more gripping. The whole cast gave phenomenal performances. The technical team made sure the show ran smoothly. There's no doubt that everyone involved is going on to do great things!

All staff involved ensured that the production was a work to be proud of, but most importantly, something which the audience loved. Technicians, drama teachers, musicians and more dedicated their free time, and we thank them for their time and effort.

It was a great bonding experience for the cast and a thrilling night out for audience members. It looks like we'll be performing another musical next year, as long we remember one thing: don't feed the plants!

And one final thank you goes to Mr Carroll as he moves onto pastures new. We will miss him and wish him all the best.

By Emily McCluskey (S3)



'Little Shop of Horrors' cast—2018



## Little Shop of Horrors - Final Lines from the Cast

When auditioning for the show this year I had no idea how much I would enjoy playing Seymour and really getting into the crazy world of Skid Row! No matter how rocky they could be, the rehearsal process was always an exciting and enjoyable place to be. This show has been a perfect end to my final year of school and has inspired me to continue doing this full time at college! The cast, crew and directors all worked so hard (and even rewarded ourselves with some brilliant sweet and sour chicken).



- Reece Folan (Seymour)



Being a part of the cast has been such an amazing experience! Through a lot of hard work and long rehearsals we have managed to create a great performance. I hope that everyone enjoyed watching it as much as I have enjoyed performing it! And remember- DON'T FEED THE PLANTS!

- Rebecca Grainger (Chiffon)

This was my final year in school and having the honour to be a part of this school show has made this year a blast! Making new friends has been a delight and every person participating in this show put in so much hard work and effort. Thank you to the cast and crew of this show for making my last year amazing!

- Claudia Kinloch (Audrey)





# Sprinting to Success - KPSS Sports Day

## **Congratulations to the multitalented Mull House!**

Despite the threat of rain and tremendous winds on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of June, Sports Day at King's Park was a huge success. There was an air of excitement on the hillside as spectators settled in for an afternoon of sporting triumphs. Whilst the PE department organised the events; the English department employed sports journalists who interviewed staff and pupils, and other staff played integral roles for the smooth running of the event. Alan, the Active Schools coordinator, commented that, "It's good to see so many people that are involved with the clubs competing today". Ms Mundell admired the positive attitude of competitors, praising their good sportsmanship. Whilst fellow PE and Pastoral Care teacher (also Lewis House's biggest fan), Mrs Lyons, enjoyed the atmosphere and said how proud she was of everyone who took part.

The final event gave the exhausted competitors a chance to relax and was a favourite among many of the spectators: some brave staff members competed in their own relay race which got all pupils off the hillside and running down to cheer them on.

When the final results were collated (and thoroughly checked by Mrs Pryde) Mull House were revealed as the winners scooping a victory with 398 points. Lewis came second, whilst a once triumphant Skye House fell back to third place. Arran House followed up with 328 points. There's always next year!

Most importantly, sports day was a great opportunity for all pupils and staff members to come together for a common goal, supporting friends and their houses. It was, to paraphrase Mr Callaghan, a day full of memories and outstanding sporting achievement.

A massive thank you to Mr Thom, Mr Callaghan, Ms Mundell and Mr Hayworth for organising such a fun-filled day.

By Emily McCluskey (S3)



**S2 girls storming to the finish line in the 100m**

### House Points Breakdown

**Arran House - 328**

**Skye House - 351**

**Lewis House - 371**

**Mull House - 398**





## Words of Wisdom

A number of competitors offered some advice to our aspiring athletes:

Keep Trying!  
- Josh Mason (S4)

Believe you can win and imagine crossing the line before everyone else- and it will happen!

-Charlotte Mackinnon (S2)

Compete against yourself; not others

-Ruby Garret (S4)

Eat bananas!

-Charlie Hewes (S4)

## Highlights from the Day:



S4 winners: Brian Brooks, Charlie Hewes and Josh Mason.



S2 winners: Katie Barbour, Charlotte MacKinnon and Lauren Sandford.



S2 boys enjoying the team spirit!



## KPSS is Home to the Strangest Writers



Congratulations to all pupils who are about to become published authors on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August in The Stranger Sagas collection of short stories. Five pupils from King's Park made the cut with their excellent 100 word story openings. Louise Agee, Emily McCluskey, Adam Ross, Alex Stevenson and Andrew Tait will all be competing to become overall winner which will be announced on the Young Writers' website mid-September on the link below.

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/stranger-sagas/>



## Skye's the Limit for our Future

Throughout the year, pupils have been immersed in the world of work, developing skills which will benefit them beyond the gates of King's Park. From building to banking, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities presented by our Developing the Young Workforce teacher, Ms Egan.



Hollie Sweeney and Emma Baranyovits graduating from the Career Ready programme.

The pupils absolutely loved the Traditional Building skills event on Sauchiehall Street. They learned how to use slate tiles to roof a building.





## The Connection of Language

Some of our seniors participated in maintaining an education link that KP has with Hampden SEN school. Our pupils attended fortnightly sessions over a period of a few months at Hampden where they supported and taught a small group of SEN pupils some Spanish vocabulary games, activities and songs. The highlights among these activities included helping them to create some Scottish bagpipes for Burns Day which were then shared with their e-twinning schools in Spain and Peru. At Christmas time they translated and sang a Spanish Christmas song into English and created a short video clip which was again shared with the aforementioned schools.

A big well done to all involved!

We hope to maintain this link throughout the coming academic year.



## A Special Thank You!

The production of this year's final newsletter would not have been possible without the dedication and talents of the following pupils: Emily McCluskey (S3), Kimberley Bratton (S2) and Christopher Defelice (S2).



## Celebrating Success

The Senior Phase Awards Ceremony celebrated the achievements and commitment of our young people throughout the year within, and out-with, the school. Pupils were awarded a certificate of Merit for subject awards where they had performed exceptionally well. Commitment Awards were based on nominations made by teachers for outstanding effort, behaviour and attitude in school throughout the year. We also recognised the wider achievements of our young people. The fantastic event took place at Cathcart Old Parish Church and was well attended by staff, parents and carers. A huge thank you to all staff who supported the event. *In the picture below:* Stuart McFadden receiving his S5 Dux Award from our guest speaker Olivia Giles and our Head Teacher Mrs Ayed.



### Key Dates:

Activities Day - S2	25/06
Non-uniform Day	26/06
Summer Holidays (1pm finish)	26/06
School Return (pupils)	15/08
September Week- end	21/09- 24/09