

## News from Charleston

Welcome back to a new session at Charleston. This session we extend a warm welcome to all the new pupils and their families. Pupils are all settled in their new classes and becoming accustomed to new routines. Our Primary 1 pupils have begun full days and are coping well with the dinner hall and busy playground. The Primary 7 “buddies” are supportive and caring towards them, which has been a great help during the settling in period. Well done P7!

There are a number of new staff members joining us this session. We welcome Mr Daniel Hall – P1; Miss Sophie Brackenridge – P1/2; Miss Alice McGhee – P3/4 and Mrs Jacqueline Smart – Support for Learning. Mrs Smart is covering Mrs Grieve’s maternity leave. We look forward to working together and hope they enjoy being at Charleston School. At this point in the term, we are very fortunate to be fully staffed.

Last term I wrote about the success



achieved by two pupils who represented the school and the city in an engineering initiative we had taken

part in in conjunction with Babcock’s Engineering in Fife.

Those same pupils, Emma Gamble and Kyle McGregor, along with Gabi Pirie and Ben Cowper, were invited to attend a seminar at the AECC to discuss and share their learning with representatives from the Scottish Government, Education Scotland, Business and Council members. Pupils from schools across the city also attended

to share their experiences of working with business partners and the skills they had learned.

The pupils from Charleston were the youngest there. They paired up to answer questions from adults at round table discussions and then took to the stage to present to 250 delegates! Mr McLennan, Quality Improvement Officer, in an email remarked “The children were truly first class”. We are all extremely proud of them and how well they represented Charleston School.

We were also very proud in the holidays to see our Charleston “allotmenters” on The Beechgrove Garden. Everyone featured on the programme was excellent and well done to all who showcased such a wonderful community spirit. Over the last two weeks Mr Pirie and our pupils have been taking up the onions, beetroot and potatoes from the Charleston plot. Everything has been delicious and the staff, children and even the kitchen has benefitted from the wonderful crops.

Having also taken part in the City’s tattie growing competition, we were delighted to come 2nd! What a lot of green-fingered children there are at Charleston!

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