

Schools Focus is our feature showcasing primary and secondary schools across Edinburgh and the Lothians. Schools who would like to contribute news and photos, highlighting their achievements and activities, should email julie.douglas@jpress.co.uk for further information.

Kelsey and Sofia take the lead

TWO pupils from Castlebrae have participated in the Mark Scott Leadership Award this year. Kelsey and Sofia were part of a group who attended a week-long team building residential course at Loch Eil recently.

Liz Gilmore from Mark Scott LA said: "The group successfully completed a very challenging expedition - walking half way up Ben Nevis, camped at a very windy lochan and then walked 10km the next day."

They also planned, built and paddled a barrel raft, worked together to walk up a gorge, jumped off cliffs into water, ascended Jacob's Ladder and undertook several other challenges as they developed their confidence, co-operative ability and project management skills.

The students took it in turns to lead the team and gave and received feedback to support each other's personal development. The final evening was spent with reflective solo time on the beach as the sun set, followed by a review around the campfire.



"Both girls did extremely well through the week and engaged fully with all the challenges. They grew in confidence, applied their new project skills to complex tasks and supported others in the team to help them reach their goals," said Liz.



RME teacher Debbie Allan, second from left, is pictured with Manon Maurage, Caitlin Bell, Emma Shaw and Diane Mensone at Comic Con, a comic convention celebrating the world of Japanese manga and anime, as well as other popular cult shows, such as Star Wars and Game of Thrones. The day was fun with people dressing as their favourite characters - known as cos play - and browsing all the merchandise relating to cartoons and shows.



Hoping to make waves with new skiff

WORK on the new Castlebrae Skiff is progressing well! Project worker Stuart MacDonald is pictured with S3 pupils Daryl Macrae (front) and Danyael Anastasiades who have been working hard on the project, which is due for completion in the spring.



Pupils curry favour with catering skills

PUPILS Steven Banks, Frances Heath, Charley Reid, Callum MacDonald, Steven Dodds, Peter Robertson and Dion Sillar worked with food and hospitality teacher Rosie Ali to serve up curry to staff and community partners at Castlebrae.

Nigel Kennedy, who is director of the company Appetite Direct, was happy to share his business and catering expertise with the students, who will benefit immensely as they are studying a Skills For Work hospitality course. Nigel, pictured with Rosie Ali, has opened many doors for these young people, created a wealth of opportunities and raised their career aspirations.

Pair attend learning fair



S2 pupils Shannon Osprey and Natasha McKendry did a fantastic job of presenting their stall at the annual Scottish Learning Festival held at the SECC in Glasgow.

This is the annual conference and exhibition for the teaching profession in Scotland and a key event on the education calendar, aiming to inspire better teaching and learning and create a confident teaching profession for the 21st century.



INFLATABLES and birds of prey were popular with P7 pupils from Castleview Primary School at Castlebrae's community family fun day.

There's no such thing as too many cooks...



KEEPING busy in the Castle Kitchen are Curriculum Leader Food and Hospitality Partnership's Rosie Ali and her technician and right-hand woman Jodie Clark, seen here enjoying ice cream.

They are also pictured with "Castle Chefs" Michael Cowan and Steven Banks, both in S3. S1 pupils Terri-Ann Marr and Houria Shahbaz, right, are seen making shortbread, while Lewis Borthwick and Ahmad Khan, left, show off some they prepared earlier. Every Wednesday, the Castle Kitchen chefs - all S3 hospitality pupils - cook and serve a delicious three-course meal for staff. They

have to use their budgeting and culinary skills to the maximum to provide enough food for the hungry teachers!

Meet the ambassadors



LEAH Carrigan and Kieran Williamson are currently serving as Castlebrae's Young Ambassadors for sport, along with Daniel Whitney (not pictured). They are responsible for promoting sport and physical activity around school, being positive role models, supporting clubs, events, competitions and engaging with other Young Ambassadors across the City.

Daniel is in his second year of his role and is also part of the Young Ambassador Development Group. Leah said of the role: "This is a fantastic opportunity to me to get involved in different activities that I wouldn't usually do. I found the over-night training tough but I got through it - playing Dodgeball in the middle of the night was fun but I was absolutely exhausted by the end of it!"



Primary pupils encouraged to use grey cells

CASTLEVIEW Primary P7 pupils working hard in the science lab during their transition activities at Castlebrae. The pupils used microscopes to examine cells... including their own!



TODAY'S CINEMA SCREENINGS

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