

Weekly Update – 22<sup>nd</sup> February

### Careers Fair and S4/S5 Pathways Information Evening

On 28 February we will be holding our annual Careers Convention. During the day pupils will be able to speak to employers, training providers and representatives from Colleges and Universities.

In the evening, we will be holding an information session about Pathways for S4 and S5 students. This will start at 6:30 and will last approximately an hour. Pupils will be given this information at assembly and they do not need to attend.

### Purple Friday

Well done to the members of the Equalities Group/Pride & Unprejudice for organising events for Purple Friday where we raise awareness around LGBT issues. During the week there have been assemblies and Key Adult activities to encourage discussion and also look at some of the LGBT role models in different areas of industry. This work will contribute to our journey towards gaining the LGBT Youth Charter Silver Award. A cake sale on Friday raised around £500 which will be donated to LGBT Youth Scotland.



### Edinburgh Child Protection Committee and NSPCC Scotland

Edinburgh Child Protection Committee and NSPCC Scotland are working together to design a city wide campaign on neglect. As part of this we are keen to develop a better understanding of what parents in Edinburgh understand by the term neglect, what they would do if they suspected a child was being neglected and where families access support with parenting. We have created a [short survey](#) to do this, which should take between five and ten minutes to complete. By completing this survey, you are helping us ensure that the final campaign will be relevant to all families and contribute towards keeping all children in the city safe. Closing date for responses is 18 March.

## Mandarin Enrichment

S2 Mandarin Enrichment class wrapping dumplings in celebration of Chinese New Year and the start of the Year of the Pig - they did a fantastic job!



## Careers in the Space Industry Event

**Careers Launch**, a careers evening aimed at students aged 15-18. This is a great opportunity for students who are considering a future in the space sector, which has seen significant growth recently, especially in Scotland. Careers Launch will be held at the University of Edinburgh on the 1st March 2019, 5:30 - 8:00pm.

The evening will feature talks from speakers from industry and research, who will be providing an introduction to space careers, giving examples of what such roles involve and answering questions from the audience. There will be a chance to speak to individuals from nearby universities, as well as industry professionals.

The organisers are The Ogden Trust, The University of Edinburgh, and UKSEDS (the UK's national student space society).

The event precedes the National Student Space Conference 2019, which is taking place at the University of Edinburgh on the 2nd & 3rd of March. You can find more information [here](#).

Both individuals and groups are welcome. For more information, and to register for **free** tickets, please visit our [website](#).

## Edinburgh Fair Trade Festival

Local, free, family-friendly event, to which all (staff, children and their families) very welcome.

It's the Edinburgh Fair Trade Festival on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Portobello Town Hall (poster attached).

The Lord Provost's Piper will attract a crowd in from Portobello High Street, after which the event will be formally opened by Edinburgh's Right Honourable Lord Provost Frank Ross. We are in the process of organising speakers from a Rwanda coffee co-operative, and will have a community choir providing musical interludes. There will be free fair trade coffee, tea and tray bakes, and a range of stalls with fair trade products such as food, clothes and crafts to browse. We will also have free activities for younger children, such as face painting and storytelling. There'll also be an information stall with a lot of free practical fair trade information to give away. You can find more details [here](#)

We hope there is something for everyone and that as many people as possible will come along. Anyone who can't make it but wants more information on fair trade can contact us at [edifairtrade@gmail.com](mailto:edifairtrade@gmail.com) or [russell.salton@outlook.com](mailto:russell.salton@outlook.com)