

Benmore

Thirty one of our senior pupils were away at Benmore outdoor centre last weekend for two jam packed days of outdoor fun. Pupils enjoyed a range of activities from kayaking on Loch Eck to scaling the high ropes course and braving the pizza box leap of faith! Tradition lived on at the Saturday night disco with a great turn out of fancy dress outfits, including the Science teachers.

Benmore is a special place on the west coast with views for miles and it looks even more impressive at this time of year in full autumnal glow. The weather was fairly kind to us with only occasional showers but that didn't stop us getting soaked on the gorge walk and accidental capsizing!

Thanks to Mr Walker for organising this fantastic weekend.



S4 Hospitality

S4 Hospitality completed a mini design challenge to produce these weird and wonderful Halloween Cupcakes including this ghoulish eyeball design by Ciaran Boyce .

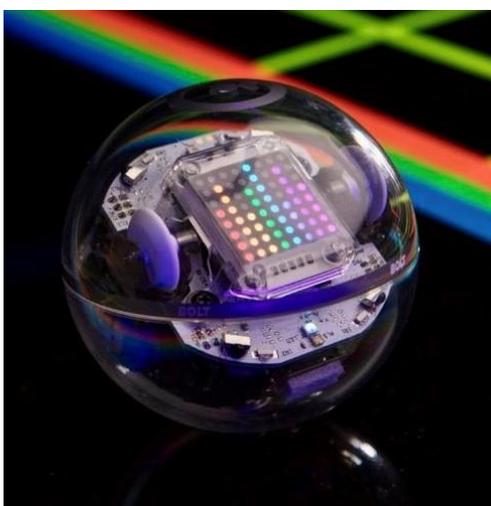




Robotics

The Computing department has recently purchased a set of Sphero robots! A Sphero looks a bit like a transparent tennis ball, but it's actually a very capable robotic device that we can use to develop coding skills. You can read more about them here: <https://www.sphero.com/education/>

This week we started using our Spheros with an S2 enrichment class, but plan to extend their use into other classes and a robotics club.



Water Polo

Congratulations to Jemma Cruickshank S4 who was selected for the Scottish Saltire U16 Girls Water Polo team to take part in the International Water Polo Training Camp in Barcelona, 20-24 October 2019.

Basketball

The School Basketball teams were back in Scottish Cup action this week, well done to the players involved in securing some fantastic results:

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| S1 Boys | Portobello HS 26 | Holy Rood HS 8 |
| U15 Boys | North Berwick HS 18 | Portobello HS 84 |
| Open Girls | Portobello HS 66 | Tynecastle HS 20 |