



'Rooted in Nature, United in Community, Growing in Kindness.'

Head Teacher Friday Blog (34) – 22 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Important Dates

15 June Parent Council Meeting (1800-1930) in person and online: meet.google.com/smr-osfe-ccw

Parents Portal

The parentsportal.scot app is available to parents and carers and allows you to view and manage a range of useful information and services including:

- Your child(ren)'s personal details, emergency contacts and medical information
- Attendance records and timetable
- The ability to complete annual data check forms online
- Access to ParentPay for school meal and trip payments
- Apply for Young Persons' Free bus pass

This has been introduced at all schools across Stirling Council. The app allows you to view the details of all of your children across different schools. More information and details of how to log in can be found here: [ParentsPortal](https://parentsportal.scot)

If you require any help or advise with logging in, please contact the school at this email address.

Pupil Shout Outs

Some brilliant sporting news to share from across McLaren High School!

U15 Regional Football

A huge congratulations to Autumn Luiti Adams, who represented Forth Valley in the semi-final of the U15 National Football Competition. The team secured an impressive 4–1 victory and have now progressed to the national final, which takes place on 1 June. This is a fantastic achievement for Autumn and the whole squad — we wish them the very best of luck in the final!

Flag Football – McLaren has found its sport!



Last Thursday, our U15 Flag Football team travelled to the University of Stirling to compete in the Scottish Championships — and what a day it was! The team delivered an outstanding performance to become Scottish Champions.

As a result, they will now go on to represent Scotland at the National Finals in Manchester this June. Even more excitingly, our U15 Girls team and U13 Mixed team will also be travelling to compete, meaning McLaren will have an incredible 30 pupils taking part at national level. A remarkable achievement for all involved, and a real testament to the commitment, teamwork and enthusiasm shown by our young people.

Stirling Schools Athletics

We had a *relay* great day yesterday at the University of Stirling — with an even better medal haul! Congratulations to all of our athletes who represented the school so brilliantly:

- Logan Scoular — 🥇 1st place, 800m
- Hugh Thomas — 🥈 2nd place, Long Jump
- Esti de Arkotxa Dougall — 🥈 2nd place, 800m
- Ness — 🥉 3rd place, Long Jump
- S2 Girls Relay Team — 🥉 3rd place
- Emily Watkin — 🥇 1st place, 1500m

Emily also placed in the Triple Jump, although she had to leave before the medals were presented, so we are still waiting to hear the final result.

Well done to every pupil who competed and represented McLaren High School with such pride, determination and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of you all!

Aspire Cup



Two weeks ago, our Junior Girls team travelled to Dundee to compete in the Aspire Cup, taking on teams from across Scotland in a highly competitive tournament. The girls performed superbly throughout the day, winning three of their four matches and finishing 4th out of 14 teams — an outstanding achievement.

What was particularly pleasing to see was the energy, confidence and teamwork displayed by the squad in every game. The players represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of their performances.

It was also fantastic to welcome some of our future S1 pupils from Callander and Doune Primary, who joined us for the event. They showed great promise, demonstrated strong skills and enthusiasm, and are already looking forward to continuing their Hockey journey at McLaren next session. Their involvement bodes very well for the future of the team.

Celebrating Success at McLaren High School

At McLaren High School, we are immensely proud of our amazing and talented pupils who achieve excellence not only in school, but also within the local community and on national and international stages. Their successes — whether in academics, the arts, sport, leadership, or service — reflect the hard work, commitment, and creativity of our young people.

We are always eager to hear about these fantastic achievements and to celebrate them as a school community. To help us do this, we encourage parents and carers to share any success stories with us using the form below. By recognising and promoting these accomplishments, we can shine a spotlight on the many ways our pupils make a positive difference and inspire others.

Celebrating pupil success is an important part of our ethos at McLaren, as it strengthens our values of **inclusivity, community, kindness, and respect**, ensuring that every achievement is valued and every young person feels a sense of pride and belonging. Please use the google form if you want to keep the school updated with any achievements: [Celebrating Success - Google Form](#)

Quote for the Weekend

‘The secret of getting ahead is getting started.’

Mark Twain

Kind regards,

Marc Fleming
Head Teacher