

**Junior Dollar Academy  
School Archive 2010**

## SWIMMING GALA 2010

On the afternoon of November 8th, the Junior School Gala was held at the swimming pool. It was a great afternoon and the competitors gave it their all. They were cheered on by their teachers and classmates. Congratulations to all participants. Many thanks go to the PE Dept. for another well organised and enjoyable event.



**The overall winners were as follows:**

J1 Boys: Cameron McCall

J1 Girls: Erin Stevens

J2 Boys: Aidan Mitchell

J2 Girls: Deborah Meikle



## **Dollar Academy Junior School's Harvest Assembly**

Dollar Academy Junior School had their Harvest assembly on Thursday 28th October 2010. The pupils were trying to raise enough money to help their chosen charity, ShelterBox, to buy another box. To do so, each child had covered a small cardboard box with wrapping paper and collected money over the weeks preceding half-term break.

The children gasped at the size of the huge 10-person tent which had been erected in the hall on a small stage. It was awe inspiring! After the rustling of coats, the jangling of money in cardboard boxes and the lively chatter had quietened down somewhat, a teacher stood up and made a speech about why everyone was there. The Juniors were going to begin by singing a harvest hymn accompanied by the Junior School orchestra who were at the side of the hall. There was a short PowerPoint presentation about disasters which ShelterBox had supported. It was quite moving to see the people from the areas where disaster had struck, and gratifying to see just how much ShelterBox helped them, and how quickly too. The hall fell silent as the pupils contemplated the terrifying phenomenon- some people lost everything in real disasters. A teacher from the Senior School then stood up and began to ask people what they could remember of the contents of the ShelterBox. If someone guessed correctly, he asked them to come to the front of the hall and find it in the ShelterBox. They were asked to sit down as if they were a real family who had been given such a box. After another hymn, every individual child went forward and emptied their little ShelterBox into the clear plastic boxes on tables at the front of the hall. They raised a superb total of £1560 which is more than enough for three ShelterBoxes! Everyone is looking forward to tracking the Dollar boxes on their journey to help others.

By Amy Pope J2C

### **SHELTERBOX Junior School Harvest Appeal**

I was so pleased with the amount we raised for Shelterbox. It's amazing to think about the difference that we have made to the lives of three extended families whose possessions have been claimed by a natural disaster.

James J2H

The harvest day assembly was really enjoyable. It was good to see what we are giving people and how we are helping them. It was such a good feeling when we heard we had enough for three boxes.

Arabella J2H.

The harvest assembly was really good. I can't believe that we managed to raise over £1,000. We all feel so good that we are helping poor countries in desperate need of a home

Ellie J2H

I was amazed at how much money we raised at the harvest assembly in fact, I am about to count the last few coins! We raised over £1,500 and I'm sure that everyone is very happy about the three extended families that we got a Shelter Box for!!!

Jonty J2H



## Junior School Hallowe'en Party

A few comments from the Junior pupils.....

The Halloween Party was amazing. I didn't know it would be that good and I'm new! I took 8 pieces of chocolate and my favourite thing was the 'eating a doughnut off a string' game. Way better than at my old school. Great fun! The Halloween party was great fun. The games were amazing. I'm so sad that next year we won't be able to go to the party! The charities committee did a great job organising the party and running it all so smoothly!

The Halloween party was so much fun. I loved the chocolate game and also the dunking for apples although I couldn't get an apple! The charities committee put a lot of work in to this event and it certainly paid off we raised £400 for the RNIB.

Brilliantly set up, great entertainment and well thought out fun. My favourite game was the doughnuts on a string although I only got 3!

The doughnut game was quite hard but absolutely hilarious.





## Junior - Jonathan Stroud Visit

'Thank you for coming to our school yesterday. You really inspired me to try harder at writing because I have a lot of different ideas but I find it hard to write them down. So far I have read two chapters of your book *The Amulet of Samarkand* and I love it!'

Iain Geddis, J2D

'I very much enjoyed meeting you and listening to your talk. I am inspired by what you told me about how I could fulfil my dream of becoming an author. As soon as I got home I got cracking on some material to use in the book I am writing. I hope that your advice helps me become an author and also encourage young people to write! Many thanks.'

Alex Parker, J2D

'I was surprised to hear how many books you have sold and that you wrote your first book when you were my age. You have inspired me to start writing my own little story, but it would be based on reality and not mythical world like yours. I enjoyed your visit very much.'

Ellen Niven, J2D

Meeting Jonathon Stroud was a very exciting thing. I didn't know he wrote a book when he was 8! I liked his drawings especially the one of the imp. His presentation was fantastic and I am reading his first book of the Bartimaeus Trilogy, 'The Amulet of Samarkand'. I would like to be an author when I'm older and he has inspired me even more to become one.

Alistair J2H

Jonathan Stroud is an inspiring author and it was obvious that he is extremely passionate about writing. During his visit everyone was listening intently to every word he said. I cannot wait to see what book he comes up with next!

James J2H

I thought the visit from Jonathan Stroud was really good. He was great fun to listen to and his books sounded really action packed and very exciting. He had a different way of presenting his talk than other authors I've listened to and I thought that it was good.

Arabella J2H

The visit was a great success and the author had a great way of presenting his talk to the audience. Not only was it interesting but it was fun being involved in how he wrote his books - very clever presentation. I hope that he sells lots more of his books like he did to J2.

Ross J2H

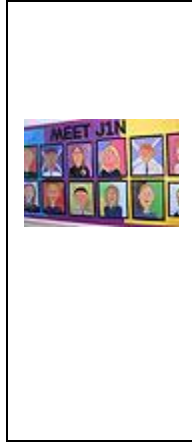
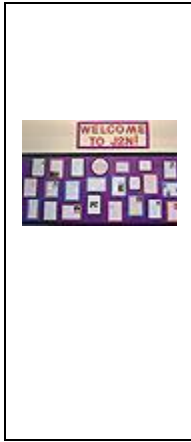
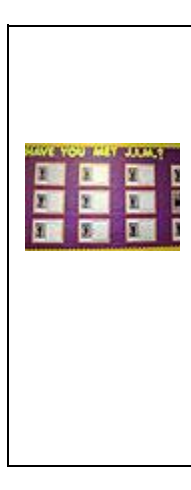
I have never been so happy to sit in a room with 175 other people and listen to someone talk, even if I had wanted to "drift off" then I would have found it very hard! At the end I bought one of his books and I'm definitely enjoying it. He even signed it for me!

Jonty J2H

I was inspired by Jonathan Stroud and the way he presented his talk was brilliant. I enjoyed how he included everyone there. All in all he is the best author that's visited the Junior School.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL RETURN 2010 GALLERY



## Junior School J1 Largs Trip 2010



As we left Dollar on the bus, it was very exciting. It took about two hours to get to Vikingar. When we arrived, we went into a big hall to have a snack and then we went outside. After that, went to find out about the Viking clothing and then we found out what a typical Viking Longhouse was like – it was very interesting.

The walk from Vikingar to Sportscotland was quite tiring as it was sunny. When we arrived at Sportscotland, we had a snack. There were 4 really fun activities to choose from and I chose rounders and football. After one of the activities, we had dinner which was really nice and then after dinner, we did our other activity. We then got changed in pyjamas. When we had got changed, we went downstairs and Mrs Morrison read us a chapter from 'Boy' (a story of Roald Dahl's early childhood). After the story, we went back upstairs and went to bed. In the morning, we got up and had breakfast. Shortly after breakfast, we left for the Science Centre.

It took about an hour to get to the Science Centre and when we got there, we went to the top floor. There were lots of Wallace and Gromit exhibits on this floor which were quite interesting. There was also a singing shower which everyone seemed to enjoy!

Then we went to see a 3D movie called Under the Sea which was fascinating. Shortly after that, we went to the first floor which was also interesting. After that floor, we went to have lunch and then we saw a show called 'Imagine That!' There was a lady who did lots of experiments which was very motivating.

We went to the floor, which we hadn't been on, after that. Again there were lots of different, fascinating exhibits on this floor!  
Overall the trip was very enjoyable and interesting!

*Rachael Cartwright J1G.*

## Junior School Enterprise Club 2010



The J1 Enterprise Club was formed in order to give pupils the opportunity to raise money for charities that they would like to support. This session we have held 4 different fundraising events and the club members have proven themselves to be confident individuals and effective contributors. The members decided on the charities supported and the club discussed potential ideas to enable them to support their chosen charities.

We have been able to give to give £235 to 'Save the Children' for their Haiti appeal and £113 was sent to Cancer Research UK. After recent activities we will be able to send £130 to Childline. Activities this session included a 'Book Fair', selling handmade Christmas cards and decorations, 'Crazy Tie Day' and the recent 'Table Top Quiz', held in the Captain's Room.

Miss Gannon would like to thank all members of the club, all of whom worked hard, with enthusiasm and good humour, over the last two terms to achieve their goals. Members have planned, prepared and organised each event responsibly and successfully. It is also important to thank all the pupils and staff of the Junior School who have helped and supported each of our endeavours.

Members: Ellen Niven, Freddie MacFadyean, Aidan Mitchell, Daniel Gilbride, Charles Worsley, Martin Jones, Jonty Haywood, Olivia McKenzie, Jacob Smyth, Imogen Watson, Catriona Ferguson, Katy Robson, Orla Douds, Georgia Summers, Ross McCran, Rebecca Johns and Elise Drummond.

### Winners of the 'Table Top Quiz':

#### Junior 1

1st

Anna Wright, James Ewing,  
Yasmin Rasool, Guy Stewart

2nd

Ben Montgomery, Scott Ewing  
James Barlow, Jamie Wills

3rd

Angus Cooper, Gordon McGregor  
Ross Simpson, Finlay Balfour

#### Junior 2

1st

Imogen Macleod, Duncan Fiskin  
Steven Bortels, Reece Crawford

2nd

Hannah Parker, Robert Watson  
Ross McKechnie, Shona Carr

3rd

Andrew Graham, Gregor Stewart  
Alex Thomson, Andrew Jackson

## **J2H Evacuee Day, March 2010**

You may be pleased to know that World War II is over!

J2H spent Monday 30th November back in 1945. During the day, the children experienced World War II style lessons which included reciting their tables, handwriting with 'dippy' ink pens, a nature walk, learning to play hopscotch and even eating a war style packed lunch!

....I liked Miss Horne trying to be strict!  
*Alex Thomson*

.....writing with dippy ink pens was fun but it was also a bit of a challenge.  
*Katie Mills*

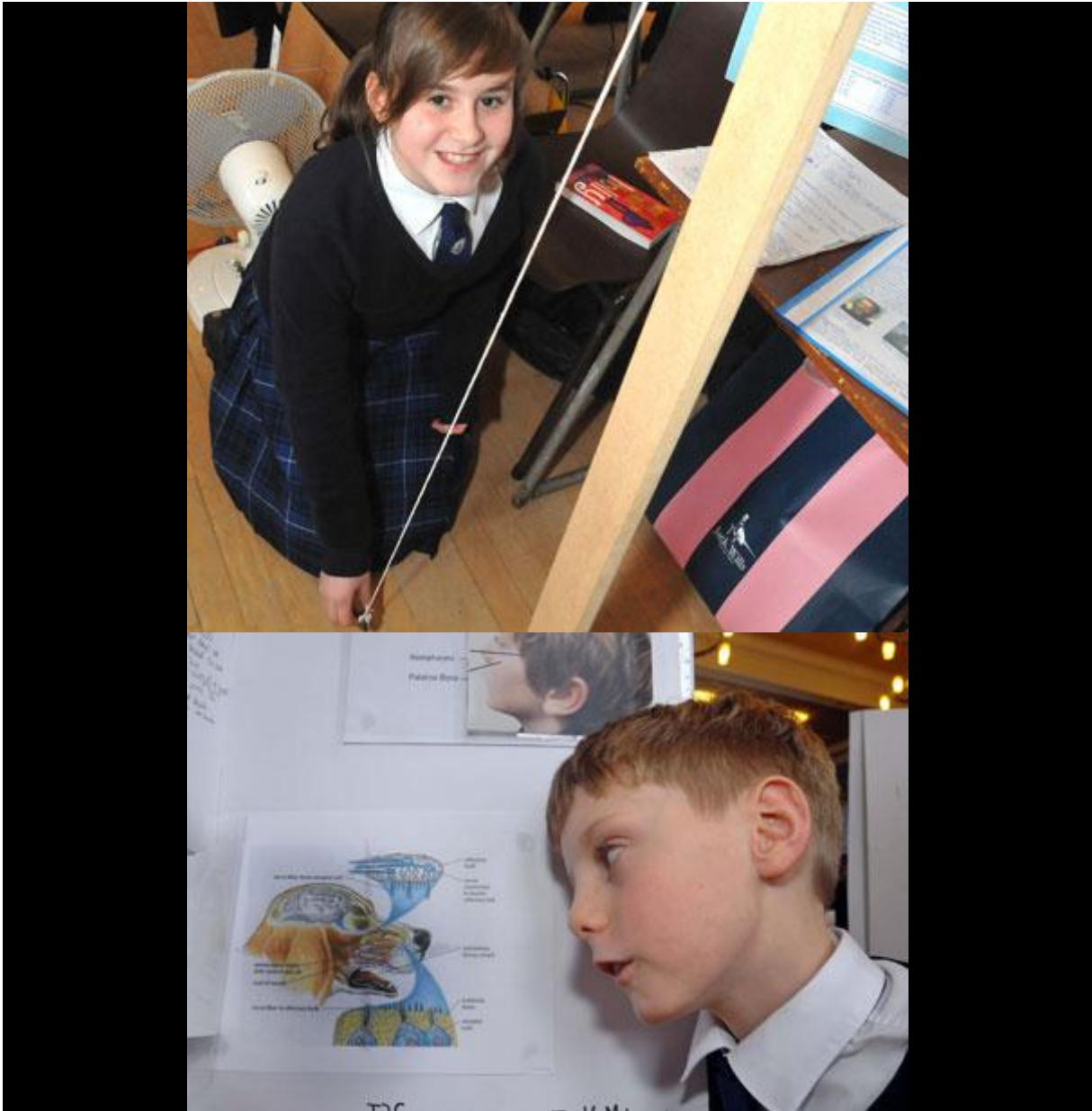
...I liked writing on every line and also the 14 times table! It was also funny when Shannon "got the cane"!  
*Imogen Macleod*

...the nature walk was great fun as was dressing up as an evacuee!!!!  
*Steven Bortels*

...I wanted to laugh so much when I saw Miss Horne acting strict! It was especially funny when I had to tell Miss Horne that BD was in Africa when she was doing the rota!  
*Duncan Fiskin*

..I liked the nature walk because afterwards we got to draw the leaves that we had just collected. My leaf was dead and ripped so I thought it was pretty!  
*Rory Anderson*

## Junior School Science Fair 2010



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### **Judges' Report**

It is always a great pleasure to be invited to your Science Fair. Judges look forward to exploring a wealth of fascinating investigations into a tremendous variety of scientific topics.

Dollar's pupils are famous for the quality of their projects and this means that judges come with the highest expectations of the work that you display.

It is usual, in schools, for teachers to make important decisions about which investigations pupils should carry out. But what makes Dollar's Science Fair so special, is that each one of you decides what you are

going to investigate; you plan how you are going to work; and you choose how to exhibit and share your discoveries.

It is clear, from the studies on display, that when you choose to work on an issue that you feel is personal, remarkable and important, this has a special effect on the outcome. We have seen ample evidence that you have worked hard and long on your selected projects; and that your individualistic choices and dedication have produced much that is rare, humorous, original and inspiring.

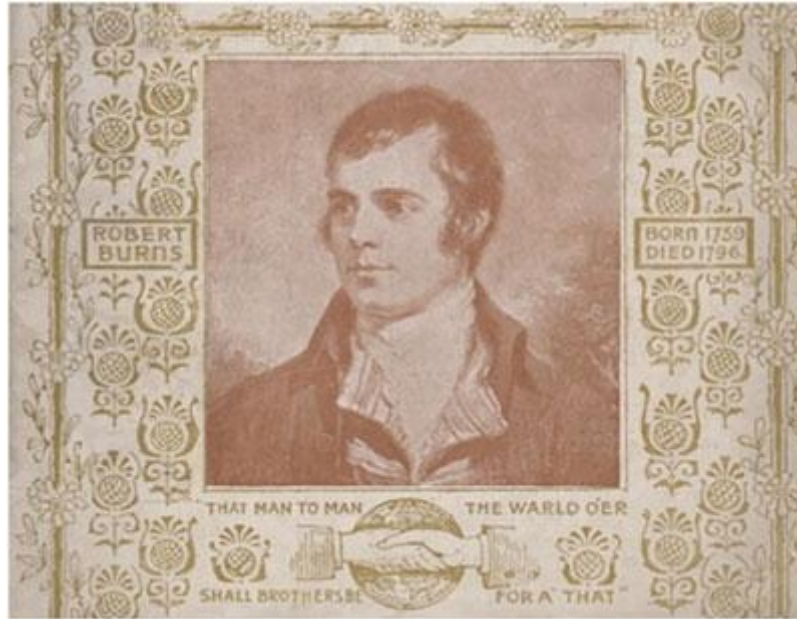
So this is an example of science education of the highest level – generally, characteristic of universities and colleges. Science is a particular way of thinking and exploring the world, and it is exciting for judges to see so much real scientific work being done in a school – actually, in a junior school!

We want to congratulate all pupils for your hard work and careful thinking; and for your intelligent planning and organisation. We have been impressed and delighted by your endeavours and, importantly, by your enthusiastic explanations of your thinking, methods of investigation and problem-solving.

Finally, we note how special your teachers are – for recognising you as real scientists; for trusting you to make mistakes and to learn from these; and for giving your work such serious respect.

Pupils, families and staff should be very proud of this outstanding event, which deserves the highest admiration, praise and celebration. Judges offer a heart-felt “thank you” for sharing all this with us.

## BURNS COMPETITION 2010



42 finalists from across all 7 Junior classes took part in the finals of the competition held on Tuesday February 2nd, before a panel of three judges, Mrs. Kate Murray, Chair of English and Mr. Graham Pearson and Mr. Iain Johnston from Dollar Burns Society.

The standard was very high and the works chosen extremely varied, including, this year, a larger than usual number of songs, sung solo and unaccompanied.



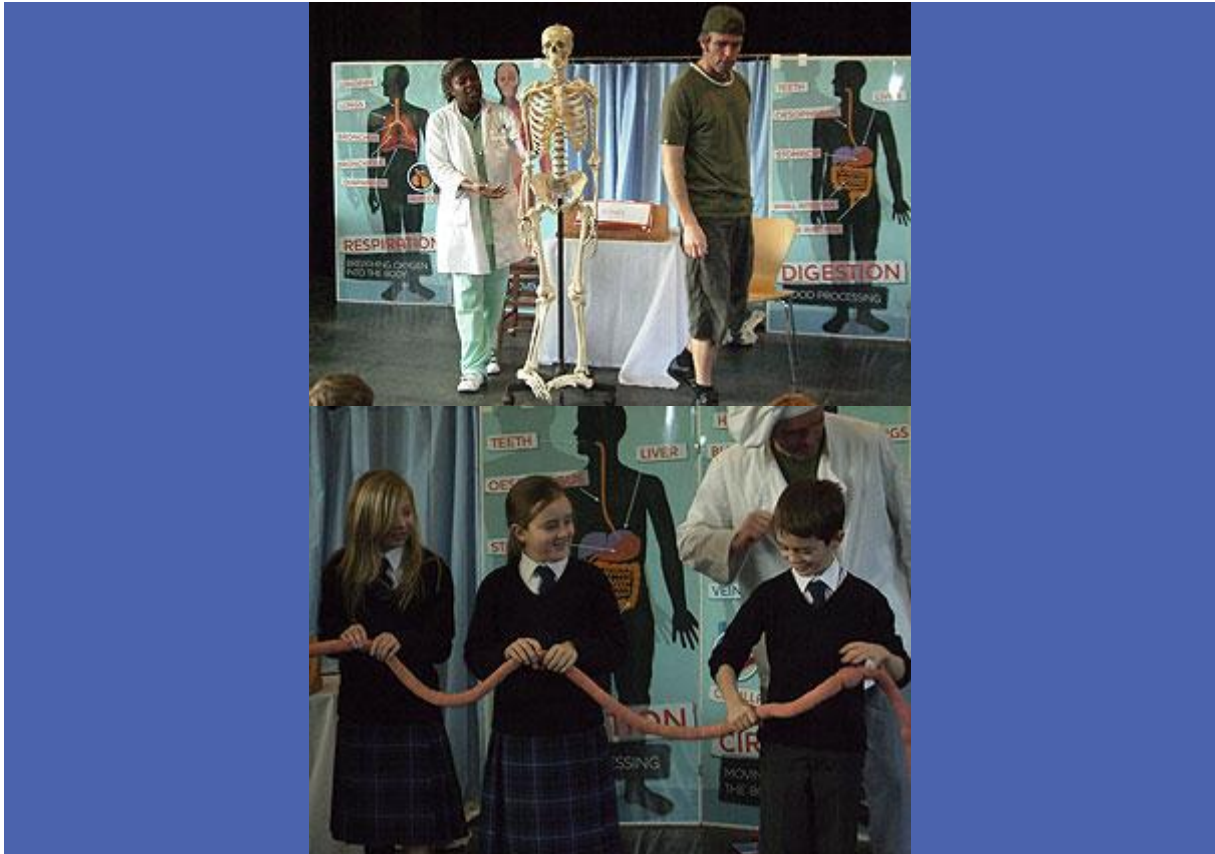
After an engrossing afternoon the judges picked 8 winners: Amy Hogarth, Maeve Quigley, Callum Lawrie, Vicky Walls, Tommy Henson (singing) , Keir Fairley, Lucy Cousin (singing ) and Catriona Ferguson (singing).

The overall winner, who was presented with the Quaich, was Vicky Walls who performed an energetic and emotional recitation of the whole of Tam o'Shanter - 12 and a half minutes long!



Congratulations go out to all the Juniors who took part and put in many long hours learning their poems and songs from heart.

## J1 Generation Science



On Wednesday January 27th, Junior 1 played host to Generation Science in the drama studio. The group is part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival. Their show 'Body Builders' covered systems such as respiration, circulation, digestion and the skeleton. J1 really enjoyed this interactive learning experience which gave them a chance to revise what they had learned in J1 Science class. We look forward to seeing them again.

## JUNIOR 2 DRAMA CLUB

On Friday 15th January the Junior 2 Drama Club was busy adding the final touches to their performance called *Bats*. Each group had prepared their own dancing routine and, with some wonderful costumes, the occasion was full of surprises. Here are some reflections from our young actors:



*'Even though we practised so many times, I still got tingles in my stomach when it was my group's turn to perform.'*

*Isla Keith*

*'I enjoyed performing Bats because we dressed up and had fun with our friends.'*

*Samantha Crabb*



*'The build up for the Drama Club production was a lot of fun. I liked our costumes.'*  
Emma Dearden

*'I enjoyed performing and working in groups.'*  
Duncan Lennon



*'I found Bats inspiring.'*  
Nicky Reeves

*'The Drama Club helps me to express my feelings.'*  
Katie Mills



*'I loved performing Bats and spending time with my friends.'*  
Emma Thompson

*'It took a lot of preparation but I was pleased with our final performance.'*  
Ariane Power

*'I was really nervous but four weeks of practising really paid off.'*  
Sarah Rasul

