



Bell Baxter Diary



September 2010

"Much ado about Nothing"

S3 to S6 pupils will be performing scenes from "Much ado About Nothing" as part of The Shakespeare Schools Festival at the St.Andrews Byre Theatre. This is the second time that Bell Baxter has taken part. Our actors, dancers and musicians will be performing alongside three other local schools on the 6th of October which will be the SSF's 10th anniversary. The production is a great example of collaboration and teamwork. All the pupils involved have worked extremely hard by attending after school rehearsals. Other pupils throughout the school have also contributed - a group of talented musicians have composed music for the play, pupils from the art department have designed and made masks and another group of pupils have been in charge of publicising the performance. Drama teacher, Ms.McGladdery, is directing the play; she said "It's great to introduce young people to Shakespeare and show them that there is nothing to be afraid of, and it's great fun to work with the pupils."

Tickets are on sale to see what promises to be a memorable performance at the Byre Theatre Box Office, £7.50 and £5.50 for concessions. Booking early is advised following last year's success.

S1 Neon Night

S6 Young Enterprise group 'Inspire' would like to invite all first year pupils to a neon themed party on 16th September from 6:30 to 9:00pm. This is a great occasion for first years to meet each other and their teachers in an informal way as well as celebrating their arrival at high school. Everyone should dress in their brightest neon outfits, for which there will be prizes for the best dressed boy and girl. Other items will be on sale such as glow sticks, and refreshments. The tickets are on sale from Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th September and then again on Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th September for £2.50. Tickets will be on sale at interval and lunchtime at the back of the Assembly Hall.

Book Amnesty

Pupils, former pupils and parents please rake in those cupboards, attics, school bags for any books which belong to Bell Baxter. They can be returned with any pupil to the appropriate department - no questions asked!

American author inspires..

On Wednesday the 1st September a group of S2 pupils taking the English and Teenage Fiction elective went to an inspirational event at the Rothies Halls, in Glenrothes, as part of the 'Fife's Best Children's Book Festival Ever.' This event, organized funded by Fife Council, only happens every two or three years and it's a powerful way of promoting reading and new books for teenage readers in Fife. Our students listened to American author, Michael Grant, one of the authors short listed in last year's Bell Baxter Book Award, discussing his popular series: 'Gone', and promoting his new book 'Lies'. Grant went on to describe the craft of writing and through his energetic and charismatic approach, together with a lively, informative and entertaining power point, he gripped the attention of the 400 students in front of him and had everyone desperate to read the next instalment of this enthralling series. Bell Baxter was fortunate to be the first school to arrive at the venue and gained front row seats as well as Michael Grant's undivided attention for the first ten minutes! During the one hour event, the pupils also got to meet illustrators, story tellers. Bell Baxter's librarian, Miss Doig, one of the organizers commented, " It was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to meet the people who write the books they love to read."