

# Cairnlee Newsletter

Spring 2017

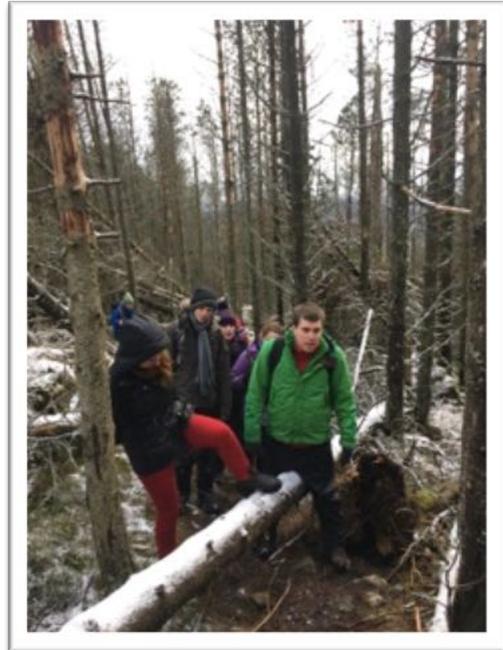
Dear Parents and Friends,

As the daffodils sparkle in the spring sunshine and the trees are beginning to burst into leaf, it is once again time for an update from Cairnlee.

The new year got off to a good start with everyone coming together to mark Candlemas day with five earth candles; some burning for up to 24 hours.

In February, Callum had a leading part in the Gilbert and Sullivan society performance of the HMS Pinafore at the Aberdeen Arts Centre. Many people from Cairnlee managed to go and see him perform. It was a great show.

This year for Carnival the students chose the theme of 'at the circus'. Everyone had great fun dressing up and putting on circus inspired performances, which was topped off with a feast.



In March, two students travelled down to Loch Arthur, a Camphill Community close to Dumfries, for a Community Day that has participants from Camphill communities across Scotland.

After a long fundraising campaign, we have successfully reached our fundraising target for the new greenhouse. The new greenhouse was installed in April.



This year Holy week, which leads us towards Easter, was filled with many special activities where we explored the different qualities of each day and took part in creating living pictures. For Easter Sunday, we had 46 people for lunch and a fun filled afternoon of searching for chocolate bunnies in the garden.



The Cairnlee house refurbishment is slowly creeping towards completion. We are still working towards the timeline of moving back in June. At this point most areas are finished inside with landscaping still to be done outside.



At the beginning of April, we said good-bye to Bel and Chorpaka who have returned to Thailand after completing their year with us. just before Easter we welcomed Julia and Diana who both come from Sao Paulo in Brazil. In May, we will welcome Josh as a day student to Cairnlee. He will start coming one day a week and once he has finished school this will increase to five days a week.

Left:



Chorpaka



Bel

Arrived:



Julia



Diana

