

# FALKLAND HOUSE SCHOOL **fhs**

**Falkland House School is a residential school for boys of all ages who have Additional Support Needs and who find it difficult to cope in a mainstream educational environment.**

## Care Commission Inspection

The report from January's unannounced inspection by the Care Commission was published in April.

The school received 1 'excellent' and 3 'very good' gradings in the 4 statements inspected.

The report can be viewed on our website ([www.falklandhouseschool.org](http://www.falklandhouseschool.org)) or on the Care Commission's site.

Since the new grading system was introduced in 2008 we have gained a total of 5 'excellent' and 11 'very good' grades.

## Age Range Extension

Following a number of requests from local authorities we have lowered the age from which we will consider referrals to include the early primary years and are now in a position to offer residential and day placements to boys of all primary and secondary school ages.

Please contact Dave Laing on 01337 857268 or use the 'Send an Email' button on the school's website ([www.falklandhouseschool.org](http://www.falklandhouseschool.org)) if you would like:

- an information pack.
- to discuss further the resources we can offer.
- to visit the school.

## CfE Carriage Driving Gates Project

As part of implementing the Curriculum for Excellence framework within the school, pupils and staff are currently participating in a collaborative, interdisciplinary project designing and producing gate posts for the Scottish Carriage Driving Association. There will be a major annual carriage driving event taking place on Falkland Estate during the summer and pupils have been asked to produce 4 sets of decorative gates for the event. As well as constructing the gates, pupils have had to cost and design them, liaising with the Association to ensure the final product is both aesthetically pleasing and fit for purpose.

Pupils have also visited the Transport Museum in Glasgow as part of the Social Studies element of the project to look at transport through the ages. The project has certainly brought learning to life, improving their academic knowledge and developing skills for learning, life and work. The photo shows a member of the Association with her horse and carriage on a visit to the school.



# Drumdreel Pond

## Restoration

The school was very pleased to yet again see the pupils receive recognition in several local newspapers for the work they have been undertaking in the local community. The boys (and Mr. Bryson, the science teacher) have helped create a wildlife haven within Falkland Estate.

A Victorian pond formerly in use as part of a sawmill which had lain neglected for 150 years, has been brought back to life thanks to their efforts in conjunction with Fife Coast & Countryside Trust rangers and Falkland Centre for Stewardship.

Funding for Drumdreel Pond was provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The pond is to be used as an outdoor classroom by local schools, while the surrounding area is expected to become home to frogs, newts, ducks, bats and moths.

The pupils have not only completed valuable Science coursework but have also made progress in becoming **successful learners**, **confident individuals**, **responsible citizens** and **effective contributors**.

## Autism Accreditation

The school has just registered for the Autism Accreditation Programme with the National Autistic Society. Over the next 18 months, the school community will use self-evaluation to audit our practice against agreed standards to assist in developing the resource we offer.

The standards have been developed by the National Autistic Society to cover all the care needs for people diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

During March, as part of the training programme, all staff participated in an in-service day on autism presented by a visiting specialist.

**If you would like to visit the school to find out more about the provision we offer, please do not hesitate to contact us.**



Some of the boys who helped with the Drumdreel Project

## Website Development

We have made a few changes to the school website over recent months.

As well as simplifying the home page design to assist browsing and adding a video presentation, a 'News for Parents' section has been added to support the communication between school and home. We have already had positive feedback from parents and other site visitors about the food menus which are updated daily in this section.

The school would appreciate feedback on the website. Please use the contact menu or the 'Send an Email' button to give us your thoughts on the site.

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