

Rosyth and West Fife Branch School Presentation Team



The School Presentation team was put together in 2018, after the branch's commitment to the 'Battle's Over,' the National's Tribute to 100 years of Remembrance of World War 1 held at then the MOD Caledonia, in which local youth organisations and local primary schools took an active part.

Our current team have presented a variety of topics Highlighting Naval actions, to P7 students at Aberdour, Dalgety Bay, Donibristle, Inverkeithing, North Queensferry, St Johns, Park Road Rosyth, Camdean Rosyth, Limekilns and Kings Road Rosyth Primary Schools.

The team prepare the topic for the year around the middle of August and present it late October early November. Past topics include Battle of the Atlantic, The Home Front and the Blitz and D-Day Landings and Scotland's involvement in it.



The Presentations consist of a PowerPoint presentation given by the team plus a static display covering the topic both in the classroom and main hall environment.

We have been fortunate, when giving the talk on the Home Front, that we are able to borrow artefacts from 'The Rosyth Garden City Association' which give pupils a hand on experience.





Items include, adult and child gas masks, working stirrup pump and bucket (children really enjoyed this) and a gas rattle amongst other things.

We also use a display board which has proved to be a great success as we can show, a lot of photographs in a professional and user-friendly manner.

This makes it easier for the children to be able to visually connect with the information they are being given.



The Team speak to an average of 400 P7 students per year from the 10 schools in our area. Head teachers and class teachers fully endorse our involvement and are keen that we maintain our relationship with them.



Rosyth and West Fife Branch School Essay Competition

In addition to presenting to schools, in 2024 the branch instigated an essay competition aimed at P7s at the 10 local schools with the winning child's school presented with a trophy now called the' **Captain Tom Sunter Trophy**.

Captain Tom Sunter RN (Retired), was the last Commander of the Rosyth Naval Base, and ex Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Fife is kindly sponsoring the winning school trophy.

This is a competition to encourage P7 students to investigate and produce an essay on a naval topic chosen by the branch. In which they can win an individual prize and a monetary prize for their respective school. Essays should contain no more than 2000 words and must be written by the author alone.

Judging is carried out in two parts

Part 1 –

- Individual School assessment by late October early November
- Each school is to mark and submit the best three entries per school prior to submission to the RNA panel via Fife Council teacher representative, for anonymising before forwarding to the RNA Judging Team.

Part 2 –

- The RNA Judges consists of 4 branch volunteers, who will assess and deliver their findings to the branch

The winning entry qualifies the winning school to hold on to the Capt. Tom Sunter Trophy for a year, qualifying students also receive

1st Prize – Gift card/book token and a Monetary donation to their school

2nd Prize - Gift card/book token and a Monetary donation to their school

3rd Prize - Gift card/ book token and a Monetary donation to their school

The value of the gift card and monetary donation are calculated at the time of dissemination to schools, Pupils, parents and teachers are invited to collect their award Prizes are awarded at our Annual Branch Christmas carol service in December at the Wardroom HMS Caledonia.

Rosyth and West Fife Branch School Essay Competition Hall of Fame

Winners 2024

Cup holder - [North Queensferry Primary School](#)

1 st	Charlie McIntyre	North Queensferry Primary School
2 nd	Emilla Henderson	Donibristle Primary School
3 rd	Alisdair Rudd	Dalgety Bay Primary School



2004 Winners with S/M Norman Thoroughood

Winners 2025

Cup holder – [Donibristle Primary School](#)

1 st	Heidi Atken	Donibristle Primary School
2 nd	Georgia Kelly	Dalgety Bay Primary School
3 rd	Hunter Welsh	St John's Primary School



2005 Winners with Captain Sunter RN Retd