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THE latest from behind the scenes at Selkirk High School...



On Thursday, January 25, Miss Swan, Mr Baxter and 10 S1 students travelled to the 'Big Smoke' for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Along with our friends at Kelso High School, we had been invited to celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns with the Prime Minister's wife Akshata Murty inside 10 Downing Street as part of

the Lessons at 10 programme!

We had the most fantastic short stay in London. On Thursday evening we walked around and saw some of the famous landmarks that London had to offer: Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly Circus and, of course, Big Ben lit up at night.

On Friday, we were up bright and early, buzzing for our chance



to knock on the famous black door. We were piped to the doorstep where we were met by local MP John Lamont who joined us for the day. Inside, we participated in a fantastic lesson with Glasgow poet Laureate Jim Carruth which celebrated the rich poetic traditions of Scotland as well as the Scots language itself. We even got the chance to teach Mrs Murty

a few phrases! Our day in Downing Street was topped off with a tour and a meet and greet with NOVA, the PM's dog, and Larry the cat, Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office.

We were then escorted by John Lamont MP and his team to the Houses of Parliament for lunch and an exclusive tour before heading back to Kings Cross to

catch our train.

We want to say a massive thank you to the team at Number 10 who looked after us so well and to John Lamont who went above and beyond to make us feel welcome on our whirlwind tour of the nation's capital.

We had 10 very exhausted but very pleased S1s on the way home!