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Divided – a film about Lee Craigie and Rickie Cotter’s Tour Divide adventure.

On 18 March six pupils: Niamh Gellaity, Emma McIntyre, Amelie Hunt S1 and Harris Imlach, Jack Morgan S2, and Louis Moore S3, accompanied by Firrhill parents Clare Hunt, Fraser Moore and Environment Group member Stella Thomson, went to see the film *Divided* at the Pleasance Theatre as part of the Edinburgh Cycling Festival. The film was followed by a question time with cyclists Lee Craigie and Rickie Cotter.



“It was pretty impressive that they managed to film it while completing the cycle. The footage was of really high quality, too. I was amazed by the distance they covered, and it was also good that they came and introduced the film and answered questions”, said Harris Imlach, S2.

This film aims to show how cycle adventures can be character-forming and are worthwhile experiences.

The film *Divided* tells the story of Lee Craigie and Rickie Cotter, members of the Adventure Syndicate, as they travelled the Tour Divide in 2017. This is a self-supported ride from Canada to the Mexican border. The route follows the Continental Divide down the spine of the USA and covers 2,745 miles, climbing equivalent to approximately 20 Mount Everests! The women have to deal with lightning storms, bears, snakes and snow. They self-filmed it on a mobile phone and a Go-Pro, the resulting adventure being a result of various unplanned events.



An article about the film *Divided* <https://www.cyclinguk.org/article/divided-film-about-lee-craigie-and-rickie-cotters-emotional-tour-divide>

A short video <https://www.vimeo.com/202209980> about Lee Craigie Cycling the Caledonia Way.

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Thanks to Environment Group member, Stella Thomson who donated tickets.



Well done to all who took part in the cycle challenge!
#matchthemiles
#southboundtas.

Match the Miles Challenge

From 22 to 29 April Firrhill pupils and staff took part in The Adventure Syndicate’s “Match the miles challenge”. The Adventure Syndicate team cycled approximately 900 miles, from Bristol, through France, to Casteil on the Spanish border. Ten Scottish Schools tried to “match the miles”. Dingwall Academy won with an astounding 2287.7 miles; Firrhill achieved a respectable 5th place with 968 miles. Firrhill’s “pupil role model”, Louis Moore S3, contributed an amazing 70 miles on the first day of the challenge when cycling at the velodrome.



We are delighted that The Adventure Syndicate are rewarding all the participating schools with a free showing of the film “Divided”, which will be introduced by Lee Craigie and Rickie Cotter.

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