

Campbeltown Grammar School

NEWSLETTER

October 2018



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Message from Head Teacher

Welcome to our October Newsletter - the first of session 2018/19. We hope you enjoy reading the items, many of which have been taken from our Facebook Page at:

www.facebook.com/campbeltowngrammarschool

Frank Chinn and Catriona Hood

Sadly, in my letter of 17 September, I had to inform our parents and young people of the deaths of Frank Chinn and Catriona Hood.

Frank was a much loved and respected teacher who worked wonderfully with our children in Learning Support and across the school. The contribution Frank made to Campbeltown Grammar School and the whole community is irreplaceable and he will be very sadly missed by all of us.

As you know, Catriona Hood was Head Teacher in Campbeltown Grammar School. Catriona was also much loved and respected, not only by everyone in Campbeltown Grammar School, but throughout the whole of the Campbeltown Community, Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Argyll & Bute.

We are very grateful to the families of Frank and Catriona for donating the following collections to us.

Frank - Learning Support Department £417.03
Catriona - Children's Mental Health £3691.91

The funds are much appreciated and will be used to support our young people who meant so much to Frank and Catriona.

BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra

The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's visit to

Parking within the bus turning area

All parents dropping off or waiting to pick up their child in a vehicle are requested to refrain from parking in the bus turning areas. There have been recent incidents where our children's safety has been compromised. We have received reports of children walking onto the paths of vehicles being driven past the waiting buses. Buses are also hindered as they manoeuvre within this area.

Parking within the bus turning area is extremely dangerous and could lead to serious injury.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Campbeltown was hugely appreciated by all pupils



and staff on Wednesday 3 October. Two wonderful concerts were held for all our cluster primary schools and for all staff and pupils in Campbeltown Grammar School. Workshops in the afternoon gave our young musicians a unique opportunity to practice with SSO professional musicians.

Uniform

Following wide consultation last year, it was agreed that the basic uniform for **all pupils is:**

- Black shoes (no trainers)
- Black trousers or skirt (no jeans or leggings)
- White shirt
- Black cardigan or v-necked jumper
- Dark blue and gold striped tie (clip-on ties are also available)

We would also appreciate your support in encouraging your child to wear a blazer. As stated in the June Newsletter, it is a source of pride to see our pupils wearing their Campbeltown Grammar School blazers. Members of the community and visitors to the school often comment on how impressed they are with our young people's smart and mature appearance. The Wee Toon Sports have all of the sizing kits for the blazers which can then be bought online (with gold badge already affixed) at Gilmour Sports Online at a cost of £35-£40 (depending on size). No postage to be paid.

We depend on parental support to enforce our uniform policy and our previous work together on this policy has been very successful.

I hope you find this Newsletter informative and enjoyable, thank you for taking the time to read it,

David Fyfe

LAUNCH OF CONSULTATION ON CGS' RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS CHARTER

We are delighted to announce that thanks to the excellent work carried out by Miss Rigney and our Rights Respecting Steering Group, we have achieved our Bronze Award. The group has been working on a Charter that reflects our Vision and Values and we are hoping that all stakeholders will follow the link at the end of this article to help us choose a Charter that we can then publicise throughout the school.



Many of you very kindly took time in May to contribute to our survey on our Vision and Values and we very much appreciated this. We received 200 responses in total and the most popular key words and values identified as being important to Campbeltown Grammar School and our wider community were;

**ACHIEVEMENT
RESPECT
CHALLENGE
KNOWLEDGE
CREATIVITY
GOOD HUMOUR
RESPONSIBILITY
COMMUNITY**

We are also looking to summarise our Vision and Values with a short statement that captures and articulates our unique identity and the overall direction of our work. The survey provides some examples that stakeholders have already suggested and you are invited to contribute to this by suggesting edits or offering your own statements.

Some examples from the survey are;

A school that fosters positivity and motivation with responsibility and citizenship resulting in high achievement.

Challenging and supporting our children to thrive, build self motivation and learn how to be successful adults.

For the students to gather the knowledge they need to go on to their future careers and life and how to be respectful and kind to others.

Young people from Campbeltown Grammar School will achieve within the school community, gaining knowledge, earning respect and learning the value of perseverance as they prepare to take their place in the world as healthy and fulfilled adults, ready to make a positive impact.

The Charters that the Steering Group produced are illustrated below.



Please do take the time to follow this link and let us hear your voice - we really want to be sure that our Vision and Values reflect those of the whole of the Campbeltown Grammar School Community and that as many of you as possible are involved in making this important decision.

The Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group and all the staff and pupils in Campbeltown Grammar School would like to thank you for your kind assistance with this.

<https://goo.gl/forms/zX9KDf0YLNyz0cWC3>

We will soon be asking for your views on a new subject options structure and hope that you will again assist us in ensuring that we create a curriculum that meets the needs and aspirations of our school community.



Everyone's excited about our great panto this year!

There will be three viewings -

Thursday 6th December 7.30pm

Friday 7th December 7.30pm

Saturday 8th December 1.30pm

Tickets will be on sale from CGS Office, £7 adult, £5 Concession, £20 family ticket (2a+2c)

Follow our CGS Facebook page for more information and to find out when tickets will be available.



Congratulations to members of Class 2.3 who were 17/18 Points Ahead winners.

Class members were rewarded with a trip to the Campbeltown Picture House to watch Mamma Mia 2.

They were then treated to lunch at Café Bluebell followed by an afternoon watching films in CGS.



Students & Teachers Exchange in CGS – Erasmus +

During the academic years, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, students and staff of CGS will take part in an exciting new project with schools from the following other European countries. Spain, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.

The project is funded by the European Government and comes under the Erasmus Project, which is organised and promoted by The British Council. We are extremely fortunate and excited to be participating in this project as it could be the last occasion when British schools are able to participate.

Mr. Fyfe, Mrs McGeachy and Ms McAnerney will be attending the 'kick off' meeting in Granada, Spain in November, where they will introduce CGS to the other participating countries using a recently made video.

The key objective of the project is for each participating centre to create a product and promote it for sale within the other participating countries. This will be an Interdisciplinary project with many different departments taking lead roles.

Some possible examples are as follows:

Home Economics:	Development of Product
ICT:	Business Plan and Web design
Technical/Art:	Design and creation of packaging



English Department Library visits

All surveys show that reading for enjoyment has great benefits to many areas of a child's development.



Reading will increase a child's vocabulary, stimulate their imagination and may help with spelling and basic grammar. Therefore as part of the BGE syllabus all First, Second and Third Year pupils have been taking part in this learning activity for the last four weeks.



The visits have been a great success and most pupils now have a book that they can read for enjoyment. As part of this learning we are also introducing Bronze, Silver and Gold Reading awards. The pupils have to carry out activities throughout the year relating to books they have read to achieve each award. The library visits will continue throughout the year and an updated timetable will be added to the



SPORTS INFORMATION

Monday	Lunchtime	Gymnastics	Gymnasium
	After School	Girls Club	PE Department
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Badminton	Sports Hall
		Dance	Gymnasium
	After School	Rugby: Boys S1 - S2 & Girls S1 - S4	Sports Field
		Climbing	Gymnasium
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Badminton	Sports Hall
		Strength & Conditioning	Gymnasium
	After School	Inter-House Competitions Football & Touch Rugby	All Weather Pitch Aquadrome
		Running and Cross Country Club	Meet at the changing rooms
Thursday	Lunchtime	Basketball	Sports Hall
		Table Tennis	Gymnasium
	After School	Rugby: Boys S3 - S6	Sports Field
Friday	Lunchtime	Volleyball (Seniors)	Sports Hall
	After School	Archery	Sports Hall

Don't forget the cross country club on Wednesdays after school at 3.45pm!

Activity & Club Information

Tuesday:

Lunchtime – 1.10pm until 1.35pm
Resource Room Lunchtime Opening.
After School - 3.35pm-5pm (drop-in facility, leave at any time). Homework Club Learning Arena/Resource Centre
Junior Art Club - Rm 2.2
Panto Rehearsals, until 5pm

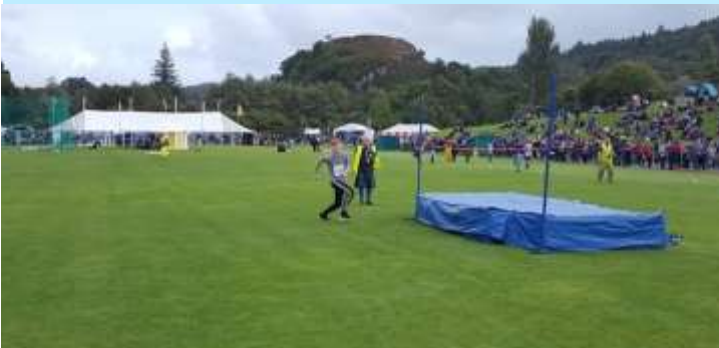
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Well done to CGS and Lochgilphead High School athletes who travelled to the Oban Highland Games. Some fantastic performances and an enjoyable day out despite the rain.



No excuses for not ironing school shirts now.

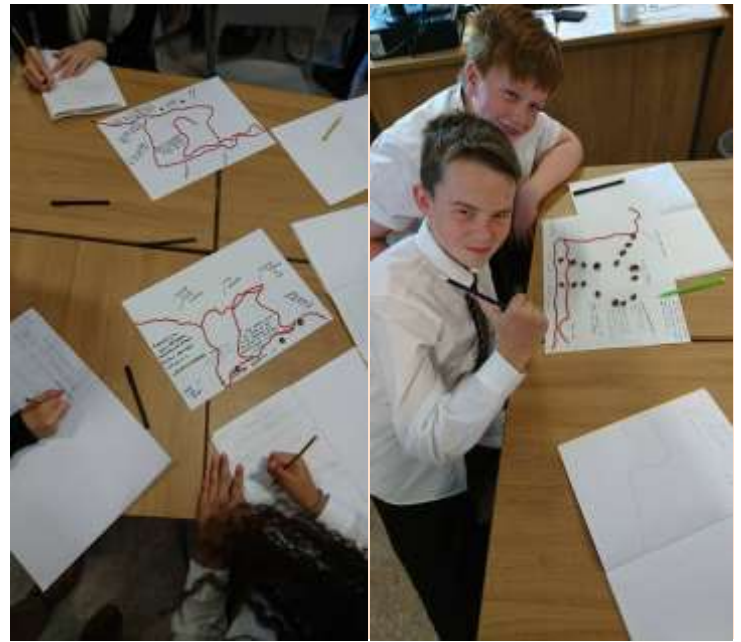
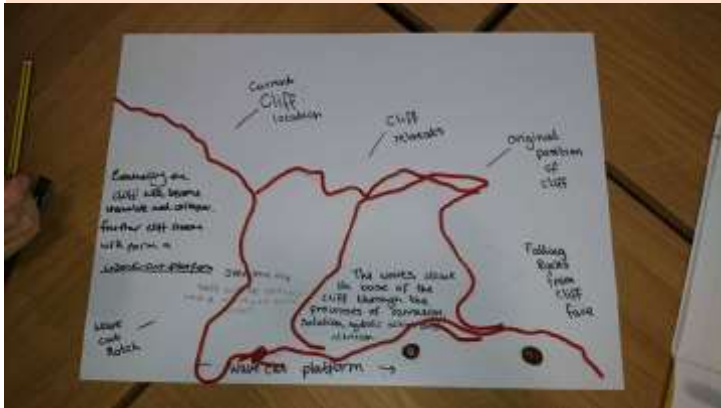
Our CGS pupils were learning to perfect their ironing in Lifeskills - good job!




Parent Council Meeting on 4th September:
There has been strong support for reintroducing a Parent Teacher (& Student) Association. As you can see, it's a friendly and informal group, but we need more parents (and teachers and students) to get involved. Hope to see you next time.



Some of our S3 pupils enjoying group work in Geography - creating coasts using strawberry laces!



We have been using local produce to celebrate British Food Fortnight. S2 have been busy making Eve's Pudding and S3, Dutch Apple Cake.



Thank you to everyone who donated apples to us.



Success Criteria for today

I can make a large flan using the skills and knowledge learned previously.

Success Criteria

- Pastry- neat , even sides to the quiche, a good cut round the top surface. Baked well.
- A golden colour on the filling
- An effective garnish or finish
- Use of local produce – Mull of Kintyre Cheddar and Bellochantuy Eggs



Congratulations Susan...

Highly Commended Argyll & Bute TSI Volunteer of the Year 2018!



Congratulations to Melissa Chambers. Her work has been selected to be showcased in the Young & Powerful Poster Exhibition. With 1535 entries to the competition this is an incredible achievement as only 80 have been selected.

Melissa also has the chance of winning her age category and which has a trophy and £300 prize.

The results of the competition will be announced during the Young & Powerful Exhibition Opening and Award Ceremony on Monday 22nd October at The Lighthouse in Glasgow.



The Art Club takes place on Tuesdays in the Art Department. Come along to try something new or work on a project you have already started in class.

We have been making Halloween based items this week – you can design and buy badges, keyrings, fridge magnets, vanity mirrors (all £1) and now even t-shirts (£5)! Art Club is open to all S1-3 pupils and finishes between 4.45 and 5pm.



Outdoor Education is amazing at CGS!



Well done to A Hamilton for her marvellous beach theme cake in Cake Craft.

All sugar craft shells and creatures were made from scratch - no mould used!



A fantastic turnout for girls' rugby after school on a Tuesday.



17 girls this week and we would love to get more of you involved!

It is a chance to make new friends, try a new sport or improve your performance.

All ages and abilities welcome – Tuesdays after school.

S1 Cyberbullying / Internet Safety

PC Karen Cairns, our Police Youth Engagement Officer, delivered workshops to S1 pupils on 2nd October on how to keep themselves safe online and how to respond to the growing concerns amongst young people everywhere about harassment and bullying online and the dangers to mental health of online use. Topics covered included how to ensure that your settings keep your personal information secure, how to spot accounts that might be a danger, keeping yourself safe from predators, how to report concerns and how to ensure that you are respectful to others online.

Karen will be back in school in November to help S2 pupils to understand and deal with the dangers of knife crime.

Information about Head Lice: Head lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.



Stewart Ivory Financial Education Trust Presentation

On Tuesday, 2 October, Mr Rene Kleyweg from the Stewart Ivory Financial Education Trust, delivered a Finance workshop called "My Money Talks" to S6 students. This has become an annual part of the S6 Careers Programme, although this is the first time Mr Kleyweg has visited the school. For students who were absent and for parents/carers, the statement below - from the Trust's website - gives an indication of the work the charitable trust carries out.

The web link is: <http://www.sifet.org.uk/>

The Stewart Ivory Financial Education Trust ('SIFET') runs a programme of financial education which is principally aimed at senior pupils in Scotland about to leave schools. The purpose is to prepare them to take control of their own finances in the short term, not only while they are in higher education (universities, colleges etc) or starting work, but to encourage them to think about financial issues for the longer term, including savings, mortgages and pensions.

The work of SIFET is particularly important in raising financial awareness and increasing financial literacy and capability of young people.

Mr Kleyweg also directed students to the GrantFairy app (!) from which grant-related information can be found, as well as direct links on how to apply for these.

The web link for this is: <https://www.grantfairy.com/>

Following the October holiday, S5 and S6 students who are considering applying to University (in this or next year's cycle) will have the opportunity to hear presentations from a representative from St Andrew's University. Together with the Careers Education in school, these are some of the events aimed at helping students make informed decisions and enhancing their UCAS applications in what is a very challenging and competitive process.

Fire Up Scotland 2018



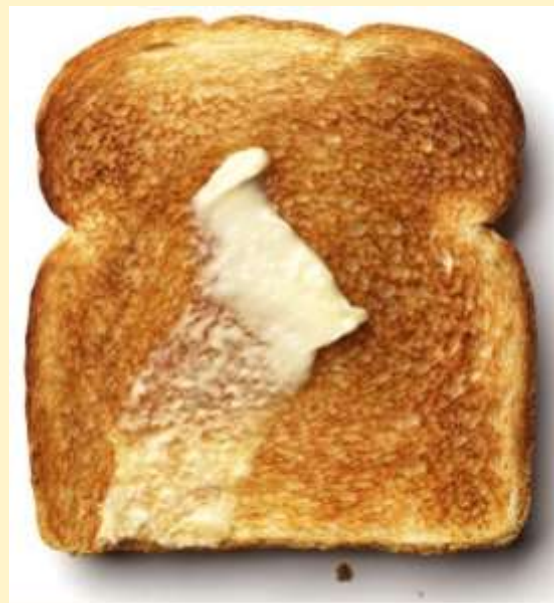
On Wednesday the 12th of September 2018, myself and five other students went to Glasgow with Mr Fyfe to the SSE Hydro. We were there to attend the first ever Fire UP Scotland. The event was hosted by Gavin Oattes and was two years in the making! It included lots of different speakers who talked about their achievements, how they got there and top tips. We were still learning, just in a different way. One of the things I really enjoyed about it was the fact that all the speakers interacted with the audience and that the whole thing was very down to earth. Each person was very inspirational and had everyone gripped with their fascinating stories of how they got to where they are today. The idea of the event was for us to walk away with more of an open mind and inspire us with thoughts for our future and know that there are many ways to be successful that aren't necessarily based on grades and schoolwork.

Personally my two favourites were Darren Connell – who plays Bobby on BBC's *Scot Squad* – and John Loughton, Outstanding Youth of the World. It was hard to choose because everyone was so inspiring! I liked Darren Connell because he hadn't really planned his and "spoke from the heart" about completing your dreams and not always following the same pattern as others. John Loughton was one of my favourites because his talk was about standing up for Young People and making sure we're heard. He is 31 and has already completed some amazing things, including winning *Big Brother*. During his talk he called himself a weirdo. This touched upon the fact that right now for a lot of us, school is hard because it's the place where you're supposed to express yourself but it's so hard to do that when there is so much pressure to fit in. He was extremely inspiring, and I can see why he is the Outstanding Youth of The World!

Overall I would say the day was a definite success... and the KFC on the way home was good too.

Lizzie Bell

FREE TOAST AVAILABLE EVERY MORNING IN CGS!



Everyone is welcome to come to school early (if you can) and join our Breakfast Club... with FREE toast!! Even if you cannot come in early, there's still FREE toast available before the bell.

Please encourage your child to take advantage of this. If we begin to attract sufficient numbers in the morning, we may be able to consider supporting a homework / study club.

Halloween Dance

Last chance to buy your ticket is Monday lunchtime

