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Message from Head Teacher

Welcome to our December Newsletter!

You will see from the variety of items in this term's newsletter that we continue to have a lot going on in Campbeltown Grammar School.

Our parents' evenings for S1, S2 and Senior Phase have now taken place and your attendance was valued and appreciated. The role of parents and carers in supporting children's learning through encouragement and participation cannot be overstated. Our effective partnership is key to ensuring all our young people are inspired to achieve their full potential. To this end, you will read inside that we are working to increase participation. You are invited to complete a short survey that will help us develop closer and more effective partnership working. Your time on this is very much appreciated.

<https://forms.gle/oikHWZTNkhgs9nTM6>

We continue to work on our school improvement plan following the further inspection by Education Scotland. We expect to receive their report soon and a letter to all stakeholders summarising their findings will be sent out at this time.

I hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter and that you have a wonderful Christmas.

Wishing you all the very best for 2020,

David Fyfe

Merry Christmas





Primary 7 School Visits From Campbeltown Grammar School 1st Year Pupils

8 First Year Pupils visited their old Primary Schools in November to conduct a Question and Answer session with the Primary 7 pupils. They were answering questions on information and discussing thoughts that the Primary 7 pupils had about moving to the Grammar School, what Transition was like and if there were any concerns they may have at this stage. It was a very positive and relaxed experience and the 1st Year Pupils were excellent in their reassurance and information to the younger students.



In January there are another group of pupils going back to talk to some more of the Dalintober Primary 7's.



World Aids Day

Annually, we draw attention to the messages behind World Aids Day. At Healthy Me, students took part in a "treasure hunt" to find key points of information around the first floor notice boards. From the completed returns, Ms Murray picked at random the winning entry from Alice McKendrick, Knockscalbert and Satija Rose, Kilbrannan. Well done girls - enjoy your prize!



Children in Need Day



On Friday 15th November 2019 CGS supported Children in Need with a fantastic amount of £398.81 being raised. Fundraising activities included—

non uniform donation, who can shoot the most hoops, bake sale, obstacle course and leg waxing!!

Amazing effort from all staff and pupils, well done!

Springbank Christmas Markets



Special thanks to Amy Ross, Iona Renton, Leah Russel and Beth McPherson for singing and entertaining shoppers at the Springbank Christmas Market on Sunday. Great job girls!

Remembrance Sunday

Thankyou to all School Captains and all of our pupils and staff involved through many different community groups and organisations.



YPI Final

Sarah Campbell, Millie Lafferty, Aiden McGeachy, Murdo McLean, Matthew McKerrall and Lorne Paterson won the £3000 grant for their charity Shopper Aide who work tirelessly in the community to support the elderly.



Thank you to all who participated in the programme, supported them and Calmac for all their help in mentoring, judging and providing funding.



Panto Trip

CGS pupils really enjoyed the panto at the Kings Theatre in Glasgow on Thursday 12th December. Jack and the Beanstalk was fantastic!



Sumerian Cuneiform

Class 1.4 have been learning about Sumerian Cuneiform writing in History with Mr Jimenez. The pupils had fun creating their own cuneiform clay tablets. We would like to thank Mr Lewis and Mr Cosgrove for supporting us in this exciting experience.



Parental Engagement Survey

CGS wishes to welcome all parents, families and the community into our school to help deliver the best education and experience to all our young people. We strive to increase engagement with families and encourage more parents to become involved with and participate in the life and work of the school as outlined in our School Improvement Plan.

To help reach these priorities, we would love to hear your views. If you could spare a few minutes to complete this survey it would be appreciated.

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Respect Me

Once again we are using Respect Me materials with S1 PSE classes as well as in other areas throughout the school to draw attention to the importance of positive relationships for all. More information can be found on <https://respectme.org.uk/>



10th December – Human Rights Day

During Personal Support pupils investigated the differences between needs and wants and had discussions about what ones were more important. They also had the chance to share their knowledge and relate the awareness of rights to the media.



Their responses are summarised below and to the right

What do you WANT?	What do you NEED?
Laptop Phone / Tik-Tok Double Bed Shoes Make up Long life Happiness Purpose Tractors Tickets for concerts Air pods TV / Netflix Holidays Internet Money A cure to cancer A stress free life Yacht Horses To be famous Have a big house i-pad Pets New surfboard Gadgets PS4 Saxophone To win the lottery	Family Friends Food and water Shelter Clothes Social interaction Good health Exercise Sleep Job Money Safety Free healthcare Care, support and love Education Human rights

A human right

- Right to life
- Something everyone should have
- Ideas
- Right to shelter
- Right to food and water
- Education
- Respect
- Freedom of speech
- Can follow a religion

A human right that may not be respected in your society

- Safety
- Other religions
- Right to be free
- Sexuality

Something that should be a human right but isn't

- Right to money
- Being allowed to go to the toilet when needed
- Free healthcare
- To all have a home

An organisation that fights for human rights

- UNICEF
- Amnesty International
- Fairtrade

A country where people are denied their rights

- Afghanistan
- Africa
- North Korea
- Syria
- America
- South Sudan
- Saudi Arabia
- Dubai
- Iraq
- Iran

Healthy Me

Thank you once again to our partner agencies for support with Healthy Me. We have been raising awareness of November being Men's Health Awareness Month aimed at addressing some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health and suicide prevention.



Thank you to Catherine McTaggart for her much appreciated input, materials and demonstrations focusing on testicular cancer. We also marked the start of Anti-bullying focus week. Mandy and Nona engaged with students using materials to prompt discussions of scenarios which could lead to bullying situations and raised awareness of how and where support can be found.



Vision Schools

On 7 November CGS were honoured to be present at the Vision Schools Scotland Award Ceremony at The Scottish Parliament.

We received our level 1 accreditation. Well done to all staff and pupils involved.



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Internet Safety



Parents - do you need some support with your child being online or gaming? Our friends at Think You Know have Internet Safety help including some fact sheets about SnapChat, MineCraft and Instagram.
<https://parentinfo.org/article/snapchat-a-parents-guide>

Health and Wellbeing

The importance of sleep is now being fully recognised as an essential to all aspects of our health and wellbeing, no matter what age we are! Mindful of exams approaching, S4 students have recently completed a 3 week block on this subject in PSE classes. After investigating the impact of lack of sleep, they carried out a personal sleep hygiene audit to evaluate their own habits and routines, then used this information to prepare advice for others.

As always, Young Scot provides excellent information and might be useful as further reading for students and parents <https://young.scot/search-results?q=sleep>

The materials used in class can be viewed here <https://riseabove.org.uk/article/sleep-talk/> and there are several really good TED talks on You Tube which have been used with senior pupils in the past.



Health & Food Technology

Our Nat 5 Health and Food Technology pupils have been busy working on a 'Food for Health' unit where they have designed leaflets for the school canteen and made dishes which are low salt and fat free for people with heart disease. Their healthy dishes looked and tasted amazing! Well done everyone!



Argyll College

Please see list below for new Argyll College Courses starting in January—subject to viable numbers.



JANUARY COURSES

- NC Agriculture
- NPA Construction
- NPA Health & Social Care
- SVQ 2 Social Services Children & Young People, part-time
- SVQ 3 Social Services Children & Young People, part-time
- SVQ 4 Social Services Children & Young People, part-time
- SVQ 2 Social Services & Health Care, part-time
- SVQ 3 Social Services & Health Care, part-time

For further information or assistance with course applications; visit the Hazelburn Campus, Campbeltown

Email: accampbeltown@uhi.ac.uk

Phone: 01586 559310/ 01631 559670

Music

The Music Department are currently putting final preparations in place for the CGS sing-a-long Christmas Concert this week. Pictures to follow but in the meantime here are a few pictures of what has been happening in the Music Dept this term.

National 4/5 Technology pupils completing podcast productions



S3 pupils working on Gaming Music



Higher Music Technology pupils working on multi microphone techniques

S1 pupils getting on to their third instrument—tuned percussion



Mock Election

National 5 Modern Studies class took part in a mock election to learn how elections work and how political parties try to influence voters. They all created their own political parties with policies relevant to the local community and tried to win the votes of their fellow class members and Geography class.

In the end it was The Workers party led by Ryan McGrory and managed by Leon Adie that managed to convince over half of the voters that they were the right men for the job!

Well done everyone!



Girls Club

The girls had a go at 'Dancing in the Dark' on Monday which was led by fitness instructors Amy Armour and Jenna McIntosh. Dancing in the Dark is a fusion of dance, toning and combat moves performed in a dark room with disco lights and LED glow sticks to old and new club tunes.

The girls had great fun dancing around and making lots of noise!



Christmas Cookery

It's lovely being a Food Technology teacher at this time of year! Christmas music on quietly in the background and everyone busy working on Christmas treats.

You can see our S1 truffles and decorations for the tree, S2 shortbread, S3 gingerbread houses and Nat 4 Practical cookery's seasonal cupcakes and enriched Christmas bread. Our Cake Craft pupils are still working on Christmas cakes this week but you can look forward to seeing these in the January newsletter.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Machrihanish Airbase Community Company who provided the funding to allow us to make gingerbread houses with our 42 pupils in S3. It is one of the highlights of S3 and it is only with their assistance that we could continue with this. Hopefully all the delicate structures have made it home intact to form a lovely Christmas centrepiece.



Important dates

As we come to the end of another busy term please find a list of important dates in the new year detailed below -

Mon 6th Jan	School re-opens
Mon 13th Jan	S1-3 Tracking & Monitoring Reports issued
Mon 20th Jan—	
Fri 31st Jan	Senior Phase Prelims
Fri 7th Feb	School closes
Mon 17th Feb	School re-opens
Mon 24th Feb	S4-6 Tracking & Monitoring Reports issued
Fri 6th March	Senior Phase Options deadline
Mon 9th March	S3 Tracking & Monitoring Reports issued
Wed 18th March	S3 Parents Evening
Fri 27th March	S3 Options deadline
Fri 3rd Apr	School closes
Mon 20th Apr	School re-opens

Merry Christmas and a
Happy, Healthy New
Year from all at
Campbeltown
Grammar School

