



Campbeltown
Grammar School
Fortnightly
Update

4th October 2024

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Aim High

Welcome to our Parental Update before the School Holidays. All pupils should now have received their first tracking report. If you have any issues please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We are currently working on a new school website, details to follow soon.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday. School closes on Friday 4th October at 3.35pm and will reopen on Monday 21st October.

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Argyll College

Pupils who attend Argyll College for Sports and Rec and Sports Development took part in a Tennis Leadership course which was organised by Stuart Crossan.



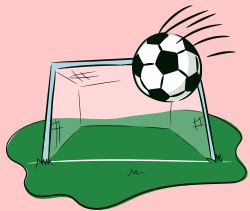


56 Pupils held a Bake Sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer and raised an amazing £272.57! Thank you to everyone who donated baking



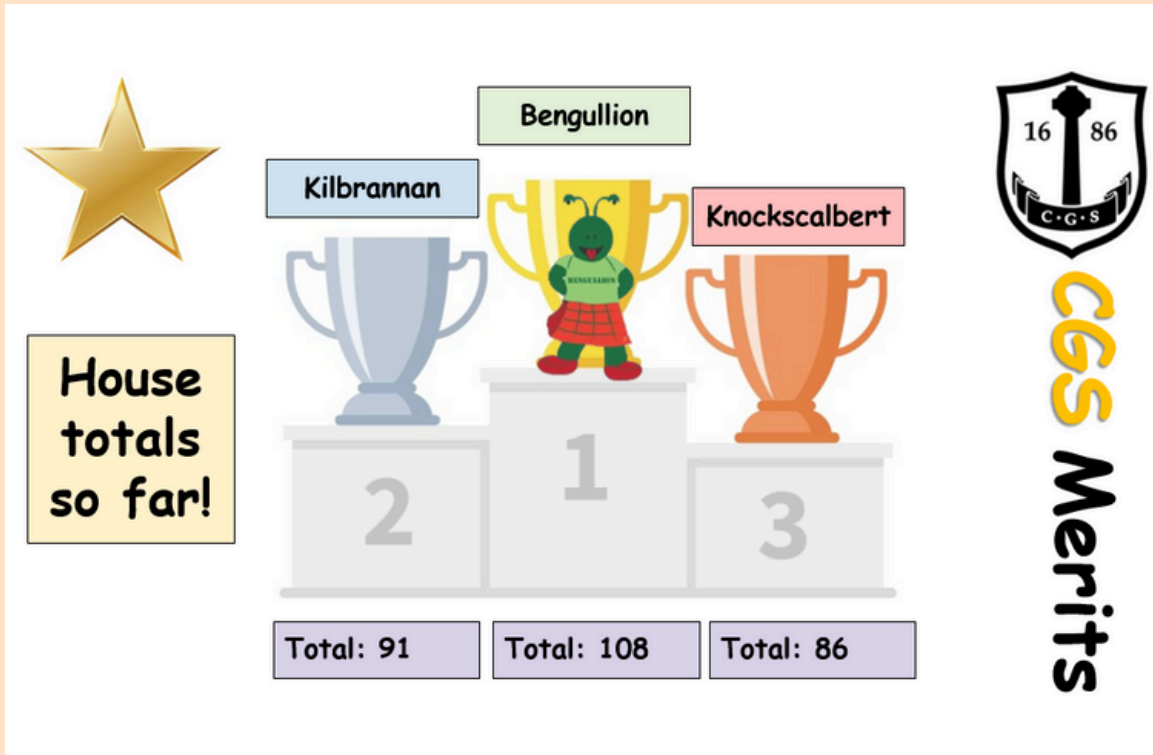
SPAR football

Big shout out to the S1 & S2 girls who represented CGS in the SPAR girls football qualifiers in Lochgilphead last week. The girls played extremely well & came top of the group & have gone on to qualify for the regional finals in the New Year. Well done!




House Assemblies

House Captains lead House assemblies this week for our 3 houses – Bengullion, Knockscalbert and Kilbrannan



JOB WELL DONE!



CGS Merits

Merits can be earned by:


- Helping others
- Consistently trying your best in class
- Doing really good work
- Going above and beyond

Rewards:


- ❖ Every month the top 2 pupils from each junior phase class and top 6 pupils from senior phase will get a turn to skip the lunch queue for a week!

Plus more end of term and end of year treats!


Knockscalbert





Kilbrannan



Bengullion







London

HISTORY AND MODERN STUDIES TRIP

The History & Modern Studies senior pupils set off for the bright lights of the big city on Thursday morning, and arrived on Friday morning! The pupils kept their spirits high and despite closed train lines, we made it to our chalet.

We arrived at the Westminster parliament on Friday morning and had a very informed tour, visiting the Palace of Westminster, we were in the House of Commons & the Lords, saw the plaque where William Wallace was executed & King Charles I stood trial - and it wasn't even noon. We then had a Q and A with Baroness Barker, which offered a wonderful insight into the inner working of parliament, and she was very kind to give of her time. This was followed by a 'snap general election' which was won by the Annie, Cara & Eva!

The Imperial War Museum was next, after stopping for photo opportunities with London landmarks (the household cavalry at Horseguards parade were very popular) The pupils built on their knowledge of the Great War and took in the astonishing display and interactive WWI section. They then had the opportunity to visit other key periods in History with displays on topics such as the Holocaust & the battle for minds using psychology in war.

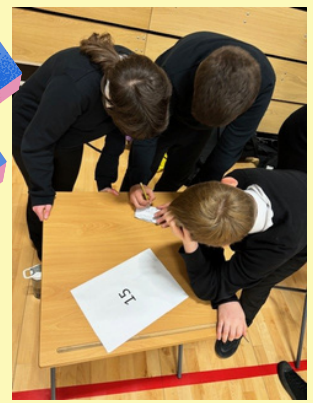
After a quick shopping trip and an ever quicker trip to Pizza Express, we went Back to the Future! We had a fantastic night at the Adelphi theatre on the Strand watching this 80s classic.

The pupils were a credit to the school at all times and should be commended for the way they represented the school.

A big thank you to Mrs Coffield who had to endure the outward trip and was an invaluable help throughout the trip.

Finally, on behalf of myself and all on the trip, we would like to say an enormous thank you to the Campbeltown Common Good Fund & the Parent Council for their extremely generous funding





Maths week Scotland is a week of events and activity celebrating the maths all around us. The pupils of CGS have taken part in a number of activities such as the 'Daily Challenge' - a puzzle set by the Scottish Mathematical Council shared on BBC Bitesize - or hearing from professionals via video 'Maths Tales' how mathematics is used in their line of work. This initiative is called #ShowYourWorking and can be found on social media using the hash tag.



On Wednesday 25th September, S1 pupils participated in a competitive maths relay. Pupils were split into teams of three or four, working with pupils from a mixture of the classes to solve some tricky mathematical problems. Pupils were actively engaged in their learning, communicating strategies and solutions with each other, and running from one end of the hall to the other to have their answers checked by our great team of S3 helpers. Everyone worked really hard and some pupils shared their thoughts on the activity:



'It was really good.'

'Fun.'

'It made us communicate.'

'Good having to run up and down.'

'It was different.'

The winning team will be announced at the next S1 assembly.



Another one of the events is a competition called 'Maths Wi' Nae Borders'. Mr Hamilton's S4 class started their attempts at solving the problems on Thursday 26th September and hope to submit a full class entry before the October holidays. To tie in with Languages day, one of the questions is written in Gaelic and Scots. The pupils also need to submit their answer to the question in Gaelic or Scots using a maximum of 30 words. We wish them luck with their entry.

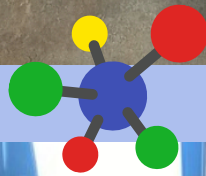


If you would like to get further involved at home, there are activities you can complete as a family. For inspiration visit <https://mathsweek.scot/families>





Last week representatives from ALIENERGY came to run STEM workshops for our S1 classes. They each got to take part in experiments relating to renewable energy and had to decide which they felt was the most efficient. There were wind, solar and hydro tasks to carry out.



MUSIC



In their composing lessons, Senior Music students explored the value of creativity and ways to overcome perceived barriers to it. Challenged to create original music using unfamiliar instruments, the students discovered that creativity does not require technical mastery - their group compositions, though fun to produce, demonstrated that skill is not a prerequisite for being creative.



Enjoy your holiday!

School will reopen on Monday 21st October 2024

