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HEAD TEACHER UPDATE WEEK 38

STEWARTON ACADEMY

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STEWARTON ACADEMY EAST Ayrshire Council
HEAD TEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



S4 Trip Disneyland Paris



Before we get ready to say "happy holidays" may we take time to share some of our exciting trips, events, celebrations and general news that our school community has been busy engaging with over the last few week's throughout this sunny month of June.....

"Bonjour, Disneyland Paris!"

Starting with our annual Paris Trip—thirty-seven Stewarton Academy pupils jetted off to "The City of Light" on 10th June. Certainly, on arrival, the Dream

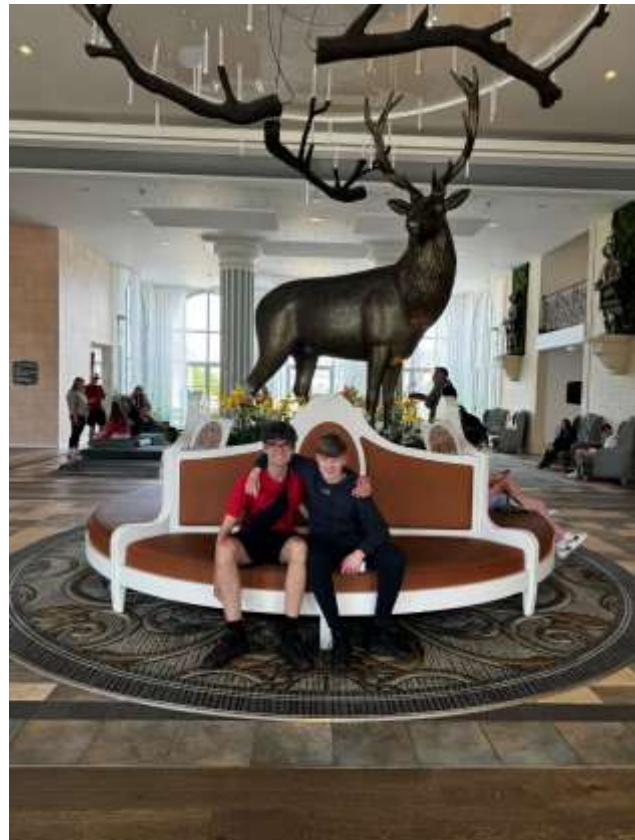
Castle Hotel proved to be adequately named—preparing pupils for an early rise and a first full day of taking in the sights of the Arc de Triomphe, the Trocadero and the Eiffel Tower (and time out of the rain showers at lunch!!). The day would not be complete without visits to the Sacre Coeur, Montmartre, the Louvre and Notre Dame. A brilliant day touring and a chance to get those steps up—counting over 20,000!! **Day 2** held the pace and excitement with a visit to the parks, followed by a night of fireworks. Truly a trip of happiness, fun and delight. **Well done #TeamStewarton and thank you to all staff for the planning and organisation of Disneyland Paris 2024.**





Disneyland Paris 2024
#TeamStewarton







Scottish FA Sports News: KFC Under 16s

Well done to our S3 and S4 pupils: Brogan B [Team Captain], Callie A, Brooke C and Kayla B who won the NextGen Plate last weekend after successfully playing their cup final game of the season for Kilmarnock FC U16's.

The girls are ecstatic following their win, and with a number of years of play between them they look forward to future opportunities to come.

[NextGen is the Scottish FA Girls Performance Programme which governs the development of players aged between 12-18 years old.]





S6 Advanced Higher RMPS: Competition Runners Up

Congratulations to S6 RMPS pupils Kirsty A and Holly B who were runners up in the University of Edinburgh's "School of Divinity 3 minute video competition".

Entry included creating a video to address the specific questions, including: *Why is it so important to study religion? How does it help us understand our world and what can this understanding bring? Why do you study religion and what makes you passionate about it?*

The competition was open to all pupils studying Higher, Advanced Higher and A Level RMPS across the UK.

Certainly, this is brilliant result for Stewarton Academy! Kirsty and Holly are looking forward to receiving their prize at the start of next term. And of course, we will be sharing the girls' video entry with you, once it has been published by the University of Edinburgh. Well done again to both pupils!

EAC Water Safety Event: S3

Well done to the group of 24 pupils who took part in East Ayrshire's Water Safety event at Loch Doon. Pupils engaged well with topics, including: CPR Awareness, Hazard Perception, and Wildlife Crime. All were a credit to the school in terms of their behaviour and enthusiasm. Thank you to all who took part in the organising of this informative event.





“The Graeme Johnston Testimonial Match”

Stewarton Academy's pupils gathered to support this morning's staff team basketball match, as our school prepared to bid our final goodbyes to our Deputy Head—and keen sportsman — Mr Johnston.

Mr Johnston joined our school in 2011, and as head of the senior school has helped guide thousands of pupils into further and higher education and fulfilling careers, ensuring that they had chosen the correct subjects and pathways to allow them entry into their chosen field. With Mr Johnstone's knowledge and calm and kind manner, we will be very sad to see him go.

We sincerely wish Mr Johnston best wishes with his new post at Kilmarnock Academy.

“The Helen Biddiscombe Library”

After 42 years of teaching English at Stewarton Academy - since joining in 1982— Ms Biddiscombe has retired, leaving behind a legacy that is the renamed school library.

Certainly, generations of Stewarton pupils have had their horizons broadened by Ms Biddiscombe's expert knowledge of literature and enthusiasm for sharing it. We will miss her years of expertise and calm professionalism, as we wish Ms Biddiscombe a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.



Activity Day Round up.

Yesterday's end of year Activity Day proved to be a fun filled day across the range of outside trips and in-house options—including; swimming, skating, climbing, Blackpool, Topgolf, the cinema, Build-A-Bear, FIFA gaming, sports and movies.

The vast majority of young people who took part were a credit to themselves and the school. A sincere thanks to all staff for facilitating this valued time.

School is Out... Enjoy the summer!
We look forward to welcoming you back to
Stewarton Academy on Wednesday 21st August 2024