



1. Events and Activities

Since our last meeting the following activities have taken place:

- Equally Safe in School Training
- Hate Crime and Challenging stereotypes workshop
- P7/S1 Transition Groups
- Heptathlon Finals
- Connect2Kilmarnock Event
- Future Chef Competition
- DYW Mock Interviews
- S4 Parents' Evening
- INSET Days
- Outreach Parents' Evening
- Post Inspection Meeting
- Ash Wednesday
- Governance and Scrutiny Report

2. Further Detail

Outreach Parents' Evenings

Mrs Kelly and Mr Kane attended two outreach events, one at St. Sophia's, the other at St. Patrick's. Parents/Carers were given a general update on progress and had the chance to raise any concerns. Attendance at St. Patrick's was good, and we were supported by a range of third sector organisations who provided parents/carers with access to information on the services that they can provide.

DYW Mock Interviews

Feedback from partners supporting our mock interview programme was overwhelmingly positive. Partners provided feedback sheets for all those interviewed. These sheets were shared during PSE lessons and provided young people with key strengths and areas for improvement. This is now a central component of our DYW calendar.

Connect2Kilmarnock Event

An early start on Saturday 22nd February for members of the Junior Leadership Team as they helped set up and welcome guests to the Connect2Kilmarnock event hosted by East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

The event which was based around the theme of Social Isolation and Loneliness, encouraged community members, groups and performers to raise awareness of the issue and attempt to find solutions to ending this.

The S3 Learner Participation class created an excellent mood wall which was on display in the street area alongside some fabulous art work designed by pupils across year groups and touching pieces of writing/poetry written by pupils in S1 – S3.

Three members of the S3 'Together as One' Dance group performed a powerful silent dance while some of our S2 Drama group delivered their message superbly through Drama bites. Music provided by the Vocal/Ukulele group kept everyone entertained and singing along. While our board game table allowed Families time to play together.

Feedback from the young people was positive and they had an opportunity to engage with their local communities in a meaningful way. #ThinkOfOthers #TakePart

Organisers and stall holders were extremely complimentary of our young people and many connections have been made which will benefit our school community in the future.

Equally Safe in School Programme

The main focus for the initiative is to address gender based violence and the attitudes and stereotypes that contribute to this. Rape crisis run the programme.

- 1) All year groups were given an assembly presentation.
- 2) All were offered a place in the Action Group. Those interested completed a paragraph on why they would like to be part of the group. A group of 15 pupils was chosen that represents all year groups.
- 3) Staff were invited to be on an Action Group. 8 staff expressed an interest.
- 4) Action group meeting will begin next week.
- 5) All pupils completed a questionnaire. The results are analysed by Glasgow University, who are involved in statistical analysis based on results.
- 6) There was one off staff focus group, where responses were analysed by Glasgow University. There will be similar focus groups with classes across 3 different year groups.

We are one of 4 schools in the country to pilot this iteration of the programme. Results of questionnaires and focus groups go alongside those from other schools to contribute to wider analysis of impact.

3. Staffing

The following appointments have been made since our last meeting:

PT Pastoral Care	Miss Cathie (joins Friday 3 rd April 2020)
PT Social Subjects	Mrs Cunningham (joins Monday 27 th April 2020)
RE Teacher	Mrs Devine (joins Monday 27 th April)
Clerical Assistant	Mrs Littlejohn (start date TBC)

There are currently no live vacancies in the school.

It should be noted that Mr Kane will now be out of school during the week beginning Monday 23rd March as part of an inspection team. The date of inspection changed after our last Parent Council meeting. Mrs Shearer, Mr Boyle and Miss Quigley will deputise for Mr Kane in his absence.

Miss Cathie does not join us until Friday 3rd April, and as such, Mrs Burnett and Mrs Marshall have divided responsibility for Andrew House pupils for the interim six week period.

4. Strategic Matters

Bus Warrant Consultation

Taxis will be reinstated for pupils living in what was St. Conval's catchment area as of Monday 16th March. All other pupils are still able to access bus warrants.

COVID-19

Extensive information is available on our website, with updates provided on twitter and facebook. Any further information will be communicated to parents/carers and as and when it is made available by the NHS or East Ayrshire Council.

Should a parent/carers or pupil be aware of any pupil or staff member having had direct contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they are asked to inform Mr Kane, Mrs Shearer, Miss Quigley or Mr Boyle as soon as possible.

The government requested a return in relation to planned overseas excursions. At the time of writing, the following trips are planned:

- Paris 30th April until 5th May
- Madrid 17th September until 20th September

We are awaiting further guidance from the government and local authority as to the viability of both trips.

Catholic Ethos

Mr Tomb (PT Technical), Mr X and a group of pupils have now finished creating over one hundred crucifixes for display in each teaching area of the school. Fr. Chambers will bless all crucifixes during our INSET day on Friday 3rd April. Mitie have agreed to cover the cost of installation as gesture of goodwill.

Our Patronal Feast Mass will now be celebrated in school on the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker (Friday 1st May) rather than on the Feast of St. Joseph on 19th March. This is due to the SQA scheduling all SQA music exams for the 19th March.

Easter School

A provisional timetable is being drawn up this week, with staff asked to make returns by Friday. Further details will be issued to parents, carers and pupils in due course.

5. Forthcoming Events

Dates stated are given in good faith. External providers may alter dates at short notice.

- Next Parent Council Meeting – Monday
- S2 Reports issued w/b Monday 23rd March
- Various SQA Coursework Deadlines
- Various Lenten Charity initiatives
- Additional INSET day (Friday 3rd April)
- Easter holidays (the final day of school for pupils in Thursday 2nd April, pupils will return on Monday 20th April)
- Easter School – Schedule to follow
- Next Parent Council Meeting, Monday 27th April 2020