

Parent Council – School Report

Monday 20th June 2022



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1. General Update

Windows

At the time of writing, we are assured that the work on windows and window frames across the site will commence over summer. We are not yet in receipt of a timeline but are to understand that it should be issued soon. As and when confirmation of works is received it will be shared with the Parent Council Chair.

Insight Input

We welcomed Lewis Paterson from the Scottish Government's Insight Team to school last week. Lewis met with SLT, Pastoral and PT Curriculum staff. The session was very positive and helped solidify a shared understanding of improving trends in attainment.

Working Time Agreement/School Calendar/School Improvement Plan

It is likely that the Working Time Agreement will be finalised next week. Without a finalised WTA, we cannot release the calendar or School Improvement Plan. The calendar will include one report and one Parents' Evening for each stage. There are no plans to offer interim reports next session (used during COVID as an alternative to either Parents' Evenings or Full Reports).

Parent Council 2022/23 Proposed Dates

The dates on the current draft calendar are as follows.

Monday 22nd August 2022

Monday 31st October 2022 – AGM

Monday 28th November 2022

Monday 30th January 2023

Monday 13th March 2023

Monday 8th May 2023

Monday 19th June 2023

Vision, Values and Aims – Internal Works

Work to remove our outgoing branding is ongoing. We have various quotes to consider. Art staff and pupils have nearly completed revised artwork to formally launch our new House Patrons. As of August, St Columba, St Margaret and St Andrew will be replaced with Blessed Carlo, St Theresa and St Francis.

Transition

We welcomed P6 and P7 pupils to the school during June. Our new S1 Parents' Carers also attended an Information Evening last week. Feedback so far has been very positive. The P6 event was added to our calendar this session and the new P7 will receive a fuller transition programme than those offered during COVID years. Mr Johnston is also working with all primary schools to develop a better shared understanding of working levels in Numeracy across both sectors. Miss Cathie leads on Primary/Secondary transition.

UCAS

S5/6 pupils have started to engage in UCAS preparation during PSE time. Pastoral Staff have issued various guidance over the past few weeks. Deadlines will be shared after summer.

Athletics

Following success at the East and Pan Ayrshire events, three of our pupils represented the school at the National Athletics Championships.

Abbey Kennedy	Shot Putt	2 nd Place
Aimee Thomson	Javelin	3 rd Place
Lewis Tidy	200m	2 nd Place

We are very proud of their achievement and recognise the dedication required to excel in athletics on the national stage.

S6 Life Skills Event

Mrs Marshall organised a Life Skills day for our new S6 cohort. Pupils covered:

- Finance Workshop
- Ironing Workshop
- Cooking Workshop
- Self-Defence Workshop
- Young Drivers Roadshow

Thanks are extended to our partner organisations that contributed to the event.

Kilmarnock FC School Supporters Group

Mrs Cassidy accompanied Joseph and Lewis to a meeting of all school based supporters clubs linked with Kilmarnock FC. Pupils were afforded the opportunity to suggest improvements that may lead to further pupil engagement with the club.

St. Joseph's Church Celebration

Fourteen pupils along with Miss Quigley and Miss Cathie attended Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock to mark the 175th anniversary of the parish.

Pupil Leadership Team

Interviews concluded on Friday. Those appointed to posts are listed below.

Head Boy - Lewis Tidy
Head Girl - Shelley Farrell
Depute Head Boy - JR Custodio
Depute Head Girl - Katie Gibson
Head Boy of the Junior School - Khalid Akhtar
Head Girl of the Junior School - Eva Grainger
Alexia Gillon - Francis House Captain
Bella Shek - Teresa House Captain
Jessica Lamont - Teresa House Captain

Holly Hopkins- Teresa House Captain

Kayla Herman - Pupil Wellbeing Officer (working with A Boyle on aspects of LearnWell)

Thanks to all panel members and all pupils to have presented across the various interview days. The Junior Leadership Team interviews take place this week.

Prom

The Prom takes place tomorrow evening at Brig'o'Doon with pupils asked to be at school for 5pm. Pick-up at school is around 12.30am.

SQA

SQA estimates were shared with pupils in late May. Appeals information has been sent to pupils and families. Reminders will follow around results day. Staff will communicate arrangements for contacting staff during summer prior to the break starting.

Awards, YPI, Sir Tom Hunter Challenge

S1-S3 digital award ceremonies will be shared prior to the end of term. Our YPI winners this year represented 'Beautiful Inside and Out' and the team secured £3,000 of funding for the charity. Our school qualified for the final of the Sir Tom Hunter challenge, where they finished fourth and secured £1,500 of funding.

Staffing

Mr Sikora (PT RE), Mr Ritson (Technical), Mrs Steele (Teacher SfL), Miss Martin (NQT Chemistry), Miss Ritchie (NQT PE), Miss McGrath (NQT History), Mrs Kennedy (NQT English), Miss Brogan (Maternity Cover Teacher of Modern Studies) and Miss Yasin (Teacher of English), all move on at the end of term. Staff will mark the departures of Mr Sikora and Mr Ritson before the end of term. Accumulatively, they have offered more than forty years' service to the school community.

We are recruiting as follows:

Principal Teacher RE – Interviews Tuesday 28th June

Teacher of History (1 year) – Interviews Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd June

Teacher of Music (1 year) – Interviews Thursday 23rd June

Teacher of Computing (1 year) – Re-advertised, closes Sunday 26th June, Interviews Wednesday 28th June

Teacher of Modern Studies (6 month maternity leave) – Interviews Monday 27th June

Classroom Assistant (6 month contract) – Interviews Monday 27th June

We have appointed the following staff.

Teacher of SfL (1 year) – Mr Avery

Classroom Assistant (1 year) – Mr Hamilton-Bolger