

ST. LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL

WIDER ACHIEVEMENT

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

December 2018



Welcome to our Festive Edition of our Wider Achievement Newsletter. As usual, it has been a very busy term at St Luke's. We have been working hard to ensure the highest quality learning experiences for our young people. I hope that you enjoy reading all about the wide range of activities which our young people have been engaging in with enjoyment and enthusiasm. As we approach the end of term, I should like to thank you for your on-going support of our school. At this special time of year I am, yet again, bowled over by the tremendous support and generosity of our parents and parishes. On behalf of all of our staff and pupils, I would like to wish you and your families a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year when it comes. I will look forward to welcoming your sons and daughters back to school on Monday 7th January for another vibrant term of learning and teaching at St Luke's.

Merry Christmas!

Christine Downie

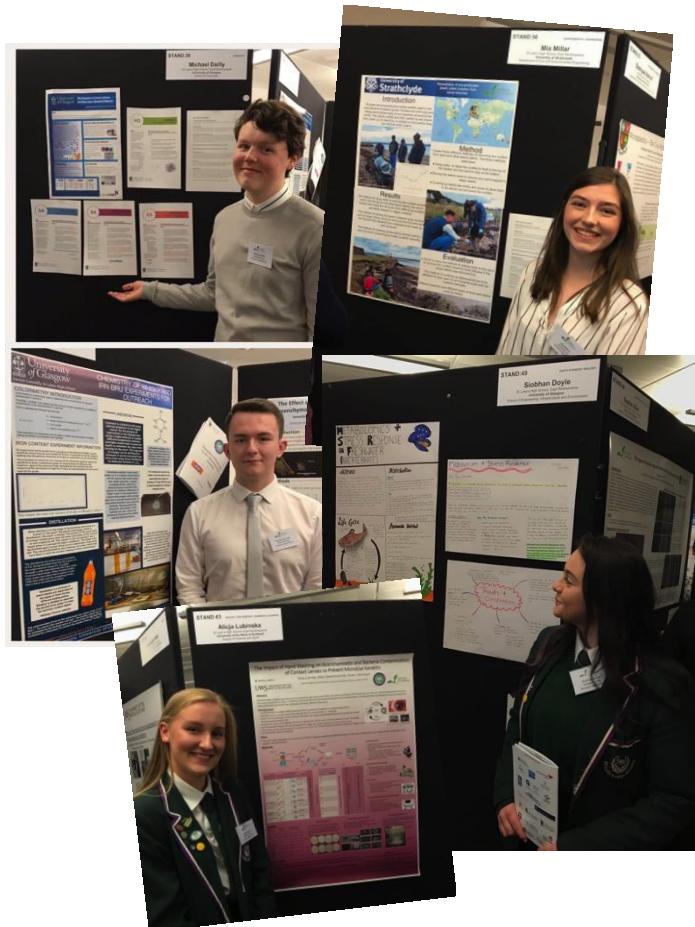
Lochgoilhead

S3 recently enjoyed some fantastic experiences whilst visiting the Lochgoilhead outdoor activity center. Pupils took part in many activities for character building and team building including kayaking, abseiling, a burn run and mountain biking. Well done!!



Nuffield Conference

Well done to our group of five senior students who attended the Nuffield Conference! All students confidently explained their projects to academics, giving details on what they researched. Topics included the chemistry of whisky, the chemistry of alginates and super absorbent polymers, environmental pollution, acanthamoeba contamination of contact lenses, and metabolomics and stress response in freshwater invertebrates.



Icon of Jesus our Teacher

Caritas students recently delivered presentations and explained the Icon of Jesus our Teacher to all year groups in our school oratory. The Icon has been traveling around Scotland during summer and was displayed in St Luke's, giving all pupils the opportunity to admire the artwork and enjoy learning about the Icon itself. The Icon was created to commemorate and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Catholic education in Scotland, and caritas pupils delivered presentations describing the various sections of the artwork excellently.



Young Chef Competition

Our annual young chef competition took place recently and the competition was fierce! There was a great effort from all pupils who participated and there were some amazing dishes created! The winners were Mayabel and Keavy!! Well done to all chefs!



Primary 3 Maths Lessons

S5 pupils delivered financial education lessons to primary 3 pupils in St. John's recently as part of Maths week. Pupils really enjoyed learning about money in different countries and estimating the cost of various items! Well done!



Credit Union

The S1 Credit Union with Pioneer Mutual Credit Union - Barrhead, was recently launched. S1 were introduced to what a credit union is, the benefits of having a credit union and how to effectively put money aside and save for various events in the future. Pupils have already started paying into their credit union accounts and are already seeing how fast their savings can grow!!



Enterprising Maths

Well done to the winners of the S1 enterprising Mathematics competition. During Maths week pupils participated in station activities involving countdown, 'higher or lower' and relay race problem solving. S1 winners were awarded with certificates and geometry sets. Well-done first year!



S6 Caritas at Soup Kitchen

S6 students regularly help out at the SVDP soup kitchen, with each week four students attending with a staff volunteer. This is part of the S6 caritas award.

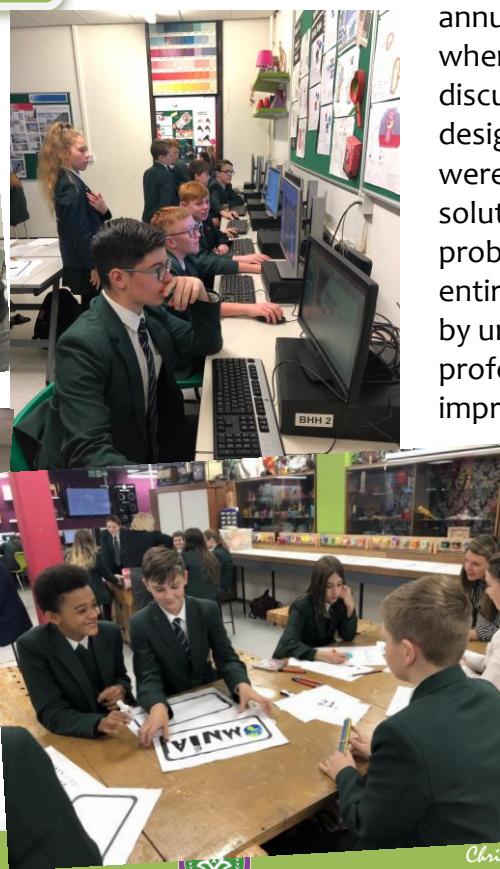


Malawi Visit

Five pupils from St Luke's spent time fund raising their trip to Malawi, and also organized items of clothing and toiletries to be taken over with them. Alongside nineteen other pupils from East Renfrewshire council schools, Aimee, Alicja, Rachael, Rachel, Alannah and Hollie enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime experience trip to Malawi to volunteer for the community.



Digital Design Day



S2 enjoyed taking part in the annual Digital Design Day, where pupils took part in group discussions and planning to design their own app! There were some very creative solutions to the unique problems discussed, and the entire event was fully supported by university lecturers and professors. Well done everyone, impressive work!!

Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to all award winners who attended the award ceremony recently.

The Senior School Dux winner is Thomas, and proxime accessit winners shared by Grace and Rachael.

Middle School Dux winner is Iain and the middle school proxime accessit winners shared by Aidan, Eva and Abbie.

Congratulations to Young Linguist winners India and Anna, and congratulations to Orla for winning the Creative Arts Award.

Congratulations to Senior Sports Trophy winners Aimee and Roddy.

Well done to all award winners!



Halloween Cakes!

Well done to all pupils that made some fantastic Halloween themed cupcakes. There were some fantastic planning involved and some really fantastic baking too!! Well done everyone!!



Drama Performances



Drama pupils recently performed a series of performances written directed solely by themselves! The theme of the short performances related to current day issues of mental illnesses, gambling and old age, and was a very entertaining evening! Well done all!

Flat Pack Empire

Well done to the advanced higher design and manufacture pupils who presented their final 'flat pack empire' projects to S1 pupils. The advanced higher pupils explained the process of laser cutting and inspired the first years to continue to be creative in design and manufacture! Well done!



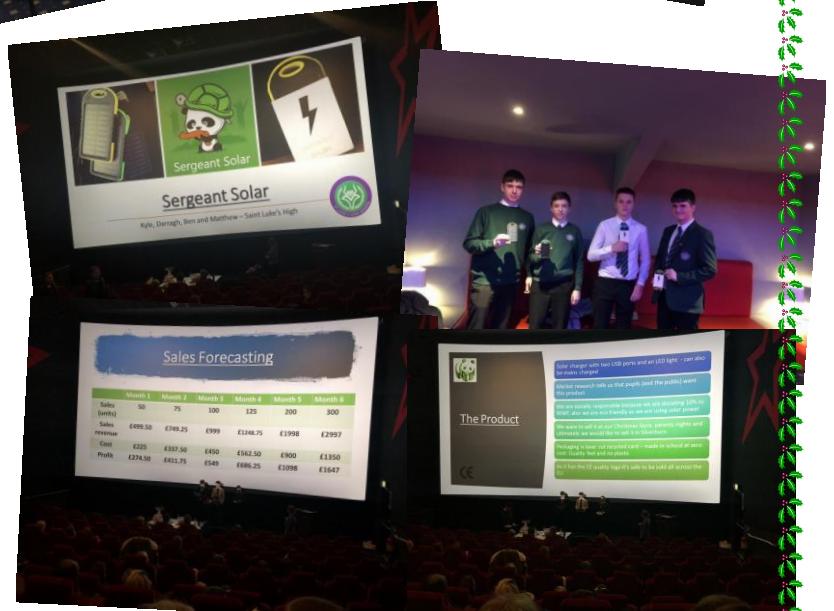
MBE Celebrations

Pupils from St. Luke's were asked recently to perform a selection of performances to celebrate Mr Dougray's MBE award. Pupils performed on an array of instruments, and performed excellently!! Well done musicians!



Silverburn Competition

Kyle, Darragh, Ben and Matthew recently visited Silverburn shopping center to deliver a presentation on their product 'Sergeant Solar'. This is a portable phone charger, developed by themselves, which is powered by solar power and can be sold in the shopping center. The boys were commended on their presentation skills, enthusiasm and relevance of product. Well done!



Carol Singing

Well done to members of the St Luke's School Choir and to the Brass Group who recently performed at the St John's Parish Christmas Coffee Morning! The musicians performed excellently and really set a Christmas atmosphere for the community! Well done everyone!!



Prayer Breakfast

Well done to Caritas and junior pupils who put on an amazing cooked breakfast for a selection of staff, guests and pupils for our recent prayer breakfast. Father Joe held a service in the school Oratory, then staff, guests and pupils made their way to the conference room for a full English cooked breakfast. To do this, pupils arrived as early as 7:45 to start preparing and cooking. What a fantastic effort, and what fantastic service! Well done everyone!!



Christmas Fair

St. Luke's High recently hosted our first ever Christmas Fair to raise funds to help buy a defibrillator for the local community, and to raise funds to support our young people. There were thirty stalls in total, spanning from sweets and snacks stalls, arts and crafts stalls, caricature drawing stalls, in addition to fashion, jewelry and home decorations! To entertain guests pupils also performed a selection of Christmas music to set the atmosphere just right. Pupils also displayed a fantastic dance display, giving further variety to the evening! Pupils and staff were also delivering games entertainment in the second gym to ensure there was not a spare minute! Over £1,000 was raised, with money still coming in from continued sales and orders!!

Well done to all staff and pupils for a fantastic festive evening for a great cause!

