

WOODFARM HIGH SCHOOL

PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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Important Dates

21st Dec	School Closes
7th Jan	School Reopens
14th Jan	S2 DYW Day
18th Jan	S2 Reports
24th Jan	Curricular Choice Evening
28th Jan	S5/6 Prelims

Head Teacher News

Dear Parent/Carer

We have again reached the end of a very busy year for the school and, as ever, the pace seems to quicken through December with a wide range of activities taking place in the school. This newsletter and our Twitter feed are great examples of this and I am sure you will agree a fantastic way to celebrate the wider achievement of our young people and our staff.



Looking forward to the New Year we have some key dates to share with you:

- Friday 18th January 2019 - S2 Full report will be issued.
- Thursday 24th January 2019 - Getting it Right for Your Child – come and meet staff from all faculties to discuss the various pathways available to your child at this Curricular Choice Evening.
- Monday 28th January 2019 – Senior Phase Prelims begin. See our website for full details.
- Thursday 14th February 2019 — S2 Parents Night.
- Thursday 21st February 2019 – S4 Parents Night.

Finally, the school will finish on Friday 21st December at 2:30pm and resume at 8:45am on Monday 7th January 2019. It only remains for me to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Achievements at Woodfarm

Acknowledging the achievements of our pupils is exceptionally important to us at Woodfarm High School. Talent and hard work deserves to be recognised and also allows pupil to contribute points to our House Competition.

To make it even easier to let us know about pupil achievements, we have created an online form that can be completed in seconds at any time or place.

Use the link below and it will take you straight to our online form. It only takes moments to fill in and can be used on any device.

https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/woodfarm-high-school-pupil-achievements-2/consult_view/

Rights Respecting Gold Award



Congratulations to Woodfarm High School pupils, staff and parents for achieving the Rights Respecting GOLD Award in recognition for our work in placing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the heart of our ethos and curriculum.

Eco Update



S1 litter pickers doing their bit for the environment recently.

Already positive feedback from community.



Congratulations to Eve C and Ruaridh E, who achieved an incredible 100% in the 2018 Higher Modern Studies exam – a feat managed by only 9 pupils across Scotland!

To recognise their achievement, they were awarded certificates by the Modern Studies Educational Trust.

Well done!

Higher Geography Field Trip

Higher Geography pupils enjoying collecting fieldwork at the river Allander.

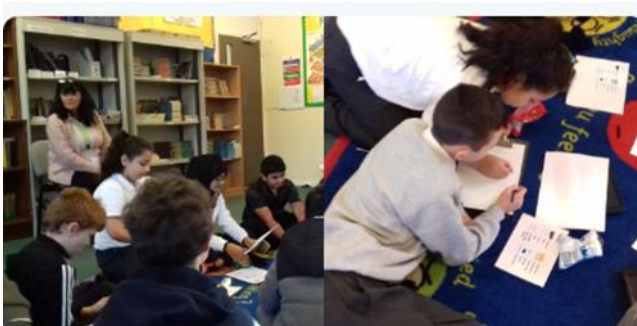


Cluster Skills Challenge Group

The Cluster Skills Challenge Group have been out and about.

Here Woodfarm pupils are engaging in map making at Braidbar Primary.

This project culminates with participants gaining a John Muir Award.



Higher History Conference



Higher pupils had a very rewarding experience learning at Stewart's Melville Higher History Conference.

Thank you to [Colour Heritage](#) for organising fascinating presentations for S3-6 pupils from historians [Ghee Bowman](#) and Major Naveed about the contribution of soldiers from India, Pakistan and the Empire to the two World Wars



A treat for Higher Modern Studies pupils as former Cabinet Secretary Douglas Alexander visited to give his insights on topics such as representation, Brexit and poverty.

Health and Well-Being Highlights



We were delighted to welcome Commonwealth Badminton Athlete Martin Campbell to work with our young people.

Thanks!

Woodfarm High was excited to take full part in European School Sport Day 2018.

We joined hundreds of schools across Europe in promoting physical activity and sport with our young people



We were very excited to welcome Clara Maasz to dance club after school.

Clara currently attends London Studio Centre and took a masterclass as well as sharing her experiences to inspire our pupils.

Health and Well-Being Highlights



Well done to Woodfarm Junior and Senior Badminton teams who both placed 3rd in their team events



Well done to Zoe G (bronze) Ross P (Silver) and Kirsten B (Gold AND Silver) who had successful swims at the Renfrewshire Heats for Scottish Schools 2019



Woodfarm High getting ready for the big game.

Manchester United vs Young Boys at Old Trafford

S4 Home Economics pupils at our allotments recently..

Planting hyacinths, cosmos and muscari.

Will blossom in spring, hopefully.



S3 Business Management pupils enjoying their educational trip to Edinburgh Zoo



Well done to our newly appointed S1 Code Busters.

They will be supporting the learning and teaching of code by applying their leadership skills.

Well done from the BIT Faculty.
#Who are you going to call? Code Busters!



Library Highlights



S2 Art & Design pupils receive a sneak preview of their Greek Mythology illustrations in print.

Thank you to our school librarian for bringing the English and Art Department together to work on this exciting project.



BOOK CLUB FIRST MEETING:

Date: Wed 14/11/2018

Time: 245-315

Place: Woodfarm Library



First meeting for the new Book Club.

Students got the chance to talk about books and read books they would never have read otherwise.

S1 students visited Paul Murdoch's creative workshop at Giffnock Library, exploring attitudes to differences and racism through interactive work



Technologies



Perfect examples of problem solving and higher order thinking coming together to achieve a common goal during the P7 Woodfarm Design Challenge



S1 pupil Kara R was the proud winner of the prestigious Anne Macleod Gold Award for her winning entry in the Glasgow Museums Annual Art Competition.

Well done Kara on this amazing achievement!



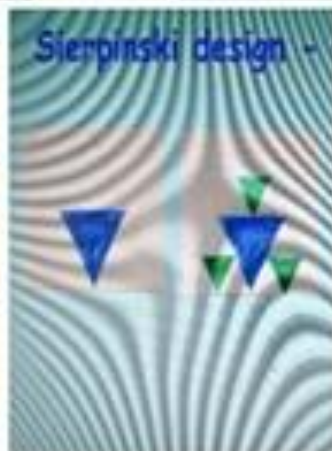
More S5 3D Design Challenge in Art and Design.

Body Ornament plan and construction in 90 minutes.



Maths

Woodfarm pupils demonstrating their learning during Maths Week Scotland.



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S2 Using their teamwork skills to work through the treasure hunt challenge for Maths Week .



English

S3 and S5 pupils attended the Warhorse Press Launch at the SEC. A unique opportunity to gain insight into the design of the production and get up close and personal with Joey!

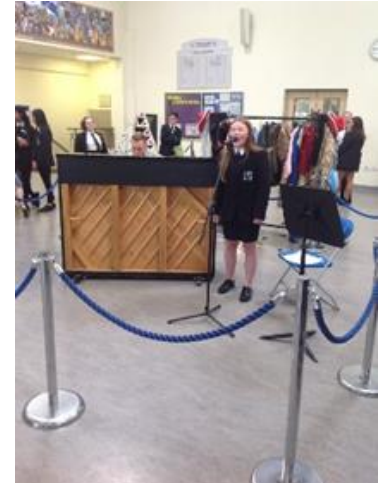


Huge congratulations to Mrs Reilly's S3 English class for achieving their SQA N3 Literacy Award! All of the pupils worked incredibly hard and deserve to feel proud of their success. Well done!



Performing Arts

We enjoyed a fantastic evening of musical delights on Thursday 13th December at the Woodfarm Christmas Concert. A huge well done to all the talented pupils involved and thanks to everyone who supported the event.



Drama pupils getting help with stage make up from visiting make up professionals.



Charity Update



Orienteering Event

Well done to our S2 pupils whose Sponsored Orienteering Event raised £400 for East Renfrewshire Good Causes.

Pictured with some of our fundraisers is Russell McMillan, founder of the charity.



Islamic Charity Week

Representatives from Islamic charity week and former head girl Sara K speaking to S6



Woodfarm learners raised a staggering £1,343.95 for Charity Week, placing 4th from all participating schools. Here they are collecting their certificate and sharing their fundraising ideas with other institutions across Scotland. Well done !

Charity Update



A great morning at the **Woodfarm Big Scottish Breakfast**.

A special thank you to former Woodfarm pupil and STV presenter Jennifer **Reoch** for a flying visit.



Jennifer joins Woodfarm pupils in promoting the Big Breakfast



Aftab and Daniel meet Celtic and Scotland goalkeeper Craig Gordon who was supporting the event.



Senior Prefects organising our MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee morning.

Thanks to all who helped and supported this event.

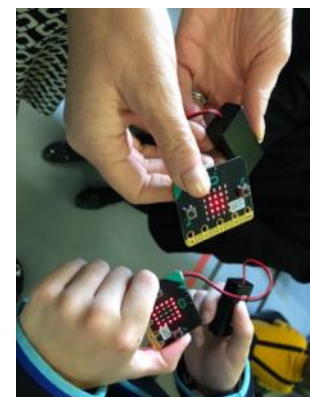
Cluster Showcase

Action packed event demonstrating the breadth and depth of learning at Woodfarm High School.



Giffnock Primary School pupils applying co-ordination skills when using Doclet's car.

Superb!



Art & Design pupils showcase their creativity at the Woodfarm Learning festival.