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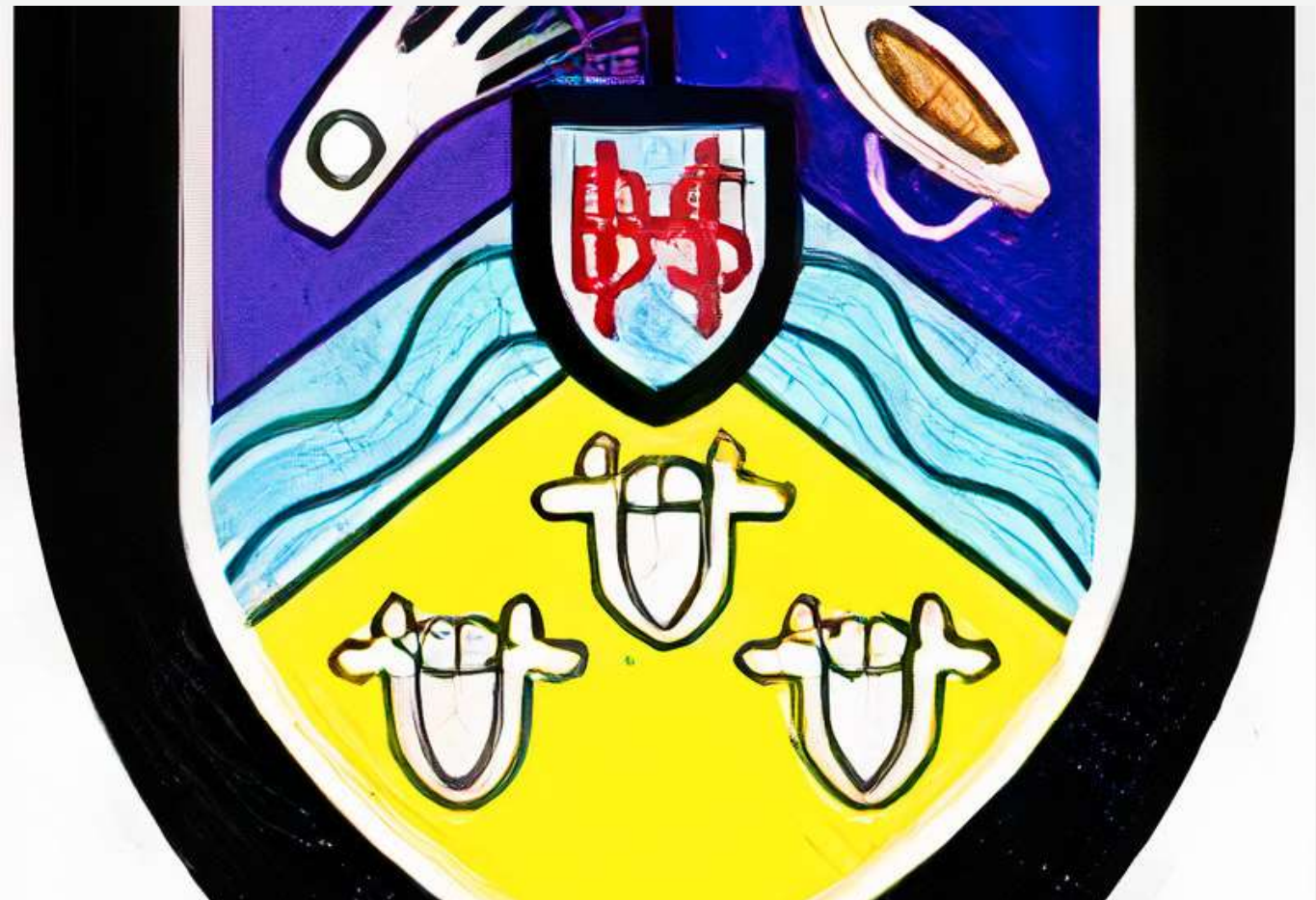
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CANCER TREATMENTS?

“So far this form of treatment has been extremely successful... describes the drug as a 'life-saver'”

Cancer is one of the most heart-breaking diseases on this planet, and so many people have lost a member of their family from it.

Most people undergo chemotherapy to try and kill off the fast-growing cells within your body, but it can be painful, deadly, and may not even fully cure the disease. But now there might be a new alternative to chemo called the Blinatumomab treatment (shortened to Blina treatment).

Currently Blina is licensed to treat adults and is proven to have helped and even been successful in killing cancer cells. Because of this, experts have made the decision to start seeing if this could safely have the same impact on children.



Blina comes in a bag, carried on the patient's back, and is fed to the them through a thin plastic tube in their arm for a couple months. In the backpack there is a battery-operated pump that administers the drug into the bloodstream.

One of the first children to test this is Arthur, an 11 year old from London. Arthur had chemo for his leukaemia, but unfortunately it failed to remove all the cancer cells, and left him extremely weak and ill, so he turned to the Blina treatment instead. So far this form of treatment has been extremely successful, so much so that Arthur is back at school, and returning to his normal life. His family describes the drug as a 'life-saver'.

SCHOOL EVENTS



Burns Supper

At the Burns Supper, the event really came to life with Daniel's amazing bagpipe performance. The dancing by the S2/3 girls was phenomenal. Zoe, Nieve, Lauren and Mrs Dickov sang beautifully. Meanwhile, the Art department and other creative areas showcased their talents, contributing to the overall success of the evening. And we can't forget the talented and genuine speeches delivered by some of our S6 leaders!



YPI Finals

The YPI Finals are approaching in late February, where secondary school students learn essential aspects of philanthropy. This program allows pupils to actively contribute by making a financial grant to a local charity in their community. The goal is to support charities in our town that might need some assistance to keep helping people locally. Good luck to all contenders, everyone definitely deserves to win!



Careers Fair

The careers fair at our school is a valuable event where representatives from businesses and universities engage with individuals interested in specific career paths, or are interested in learning more. This occasion is important as it broadens students perspectives, introducing them to paths they may not have thought about before. Moreover, the fair provides insight into the requirements for jobs, university courses and apprenticeships.

AURS ROAD RENNOVATION



Work to improve the country stretch of Aurs Road began on 8th January 2024. The £22.8m project aims to make the road a safer connection between Barrhead and Newton Mearns. Because of this, the road is expected to be closed for at least a year.

Photos from East Renfrewshire council reveal that the project will strengthen the bridge near the Balgray Reservoir, which can currently only handle cars and small vans, straighten the already winding and bumpy road, and add a walking and cycling path. Along with this, there are rumours of new bus lines being added to connect Barrhead to nearby areas such as Newton Mearns and Clarkston.



INTERVIEW BY ELIZABETH AND MOLLY



TEACHER FEATURE: MR MCGREGOR

Learn more about our most recent RE teacher!

What animal would you compare yourself to?

“My favourite animals are Orcas, but I am probably most similar to a gibbon because I have a positive ape index, which means that my wingspan (the length of both of your arms) is longer than my height, like a gibbon.”

If you could teach any subject apart from RE, what would it be?

“I enjoyed History, English and Modern Studies at school, so probably one of those subjects.”

What are some hobbies you enjoy outside of school?

“I enjoy reading; this year, I’m aiming to read 30 books. I also enjoy comedy specials on Netflix and spending time with friends and family.”

What three words best describe you?

“Bookish, talkative, and knowledgeable.”

What is an unexpected fact about you?

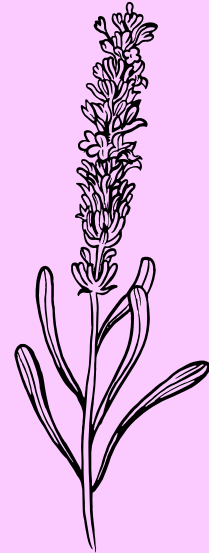
“I split my head open on a Mind your head sign and ended up with five staples.”

What’s your favourite year group to teach?

“I love teaching all years, and within that, I’ve enjoyed teaching S2 because I got to create the RME element of the YPI course since it hadn’t been done before. But all years are my favourite.”

What advice would you give people who want to study RE?

“Be curious and ask questions. My favourite question to ask, as my classes will probably tell you, is why. I think being curious to learn about people and their beliefs is really important for both RME and life.”



What’s your favourite thing about Barrhead HS?

“Definitely the people, my colleagues are super nice, and the students are engaged and up for learning.”

What’s your all-time favourite movie?

“Lord of the Rings, specifically the Two Towers. That was the movie I always watched when I was home sick from school, and I watched it on the morning of my wedding with my brothers and friends.”

What’s your most embarrassing moment from school/uni?

“When I was in P6, I was in the school choir and had a solo. But during the solo, I developed the flu and lost my voice in front of the entire school, parents and teachers.”

What made you want to become a teacher?

“I found school quite difficult, and I wanted the next generation to have a better experience

MR MCGREGOR’S PLAYLIST

Mr McGregor’s Top 5 songs:

- 1) Freedom by John Batiste



- 2) Master & A Hound by Gregory Alan Isakov



- 3) exile (ft. Bon Iver) by Taylor Swift



- 4) Nothing/Sad ‘n’ Stuff by Lizzy McAlpine



- 5) Dean Town by Vulfpeck



SOCIAL MEDIA AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY

WRITTEN BY FREYA WILSON

Social media has completely changed the way we share and consume information as well as how we communicate with each other as a society in both positive and negative ways. But do the positive impacts of social media way out the bad?

What is social media? Social media is a way of communicating with others all over the globe. With social media you can share ideas, Educate and be educated, express yourself and so much more. Social media enables people to make lifelong friends without even meeting, or leaving the house. This makes social media a system that has so many possibilities to do good to the world. People can build large platforms that when used effectively can change lives by promoting different important causes and asking people to donate. Important news about our current political and environmental status can be shared on different platforms helping younger generations understand it better.



Most of these strong points in favour of social media have negative counterpoints. Not everyone uses social media for good, many people use it to share hateful and abusive messages online. Cyber bullying has become an apparent problem in recent years and in serious cases has caused many to take their lives in particular young adults and teenagers. A lot of information spread on social media is false or is manipulated to give young people certain points of views on subjects they know little to nothing about. This can have huge impacts on elections and many other important decisions people who use social media make. Social media can also be dangerous with millions sharing personal and important private information online. From a few clicks of a button you can find out someone's name, address, phone number, birthday and even important information like card numbers, passwords and school. This makes it very easy for people like scammers to destroy lives by taking life long savings and impersonating others. These aren't the only negative impacts of social media, with more people communicating online they are less inclined to go outside and when they do might find themselves clinging to their phone the whole time or taking hundreds of pictures. Lastly people are easily influenced to buy whatever is trendy at the moment and bin whatever is out, causing a lot of waste and unnecessary consumerism.

To conclude I would like to say there are both positives and negatives when it comes to social media but it is safe to say the advancement of this relatively new technology has completely changed the way this generation thinks whether that's for the good or bad it's important to embrace change and try to develop social media to make it safer and healthier to use.



The Positives



The Negatives

BY CARLY FERRIS



GOLDEN GLOBES- JANUARY 2024

The recent golden globes awards were awarded on the eighth of January to some of the many great actors, directors and other people who took part in the making of all the amazing movies/shows that were made in 2023. These are the movies/shows that were made in 2023 and won awards:

Winning Movies	Winning Shows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppenheimer • Killers Of The Flower Moon • Poor Things • The Holdovers • Barbie • The Boy and The Heron • Anatomy Fall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Succession • Beef • The Bear • Ricky Gervais Armageddon • The Crown

Although the Golden Globes were an amazing event that celebrated many of the talents that helped make our favourite pieces of entertainment last year, it wouldn't be an award show without a bit of controversy, and man did we get controversy. 2024's host, Jo Koy (Joseph Glen Herbert) made some incredibly unfunny jokes when presenting directed at multiple A-list celebrities including Taylor Swift, and many members of the Barbie cast. Many of the jokes were of putting as well as being misogynistic and generally rude, and unsurprisingly didn't receive many laughs from the crowd, mainly confused and disturbed faces.



The film with the most wins: Oppenheimer



The TV show with the most wins: Succession

GOLDEN GLOBES FASHION REVIEW



Celebrities often use award shows and events as an opportunity to wear their best outfits, and maybe shed some light on smaller designers. This is clearly displayed in 2024's Golden Globes red carpet. Almost every attendee wore a stunning gown or suit, and definitely made it difficult to choose the best. Nonetheless we've chosen 9 of the best looks of the night, in our opinion. (not in order)



1 Greta Lee in
Loewe

'Past Lives' nominee Greta Lee . stunned in an angelic white dress, fit with delicate ruffles and two gold clasps on the shoulders. Certainly a gown fit for an amazing actress.



2 Margot Robbie in Armani
Privé

Known for her most recent role in 'Barbie', Margot Robbie came dressed for the job in a vibrant pink dress and boa, looking as if she were ripped from a Barbie box itself.



3 Barry Keoghan in Louis
Vuitton

Keoghan seemingly decided to match with the carpet he walks on, in a striking Vuitton suit. Nevertheless, variation from a plain black suit is always welcome in men's fashion.



4 Lenny Kravitz in Alexander McQueen

As said before, a plain black suit is constantly overdone, so when Kravitz showed up in an elegant, asymmetrical jumpsuit, it's safe to say that everyone breathed a sigh of relief.



5 Jennifer Lopez in Nicole + Felicia

There supporting her husband, Ben Affleck, Lopez sported a stunning pink dress to the red carpet, adorned with ruffles on the sleeves and an elegant matching train.



6 Hunter Schafer in Prada

Hunter Schafer came ready to present the Best Male Actor in an ethereal gown, resembling wisps of smoke. The whole outfit was topped with a wind machine that allowed to dress to fully shine.



7 Heidi Klum in Sophie Couture

The international supermodel attended with her husband Tom Kaulitz. Klum donned a incredibly beautiful red gown with a thigh-high slit, delicate ruching and rhinestone bodice.



8 Carey Mulligan in Schiaparelli

Attending for her nomination in Best Female Actor in a Drama, Mulligan wore a gorgeous, ruched, form-fitting dress with a superbly sparkly rhinestone neckline.



9 Andra Day in Georges Chakra

Presenting alongside John Batiste, Andra Day sported an elegant black dress, detailed with feathers, asymmetrical neckline, and some on-trend sheer gloves and skirt, designed by Wouri Vice



BURNS NIGHT- SHORTBREAD RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:

- 340 g plain flour
- 227 g salted butter, softened
- 100 g sugar
- Extra sugar to sprinkle on top

1. Preheat the oven to 190C, 175C fan, or gas mark 5
2. Start by mixing the butter and sugar together, but don't cream them. The butter shouldn't be too soft, but also not straight from the fridge, especially if you use a mixer. These two ingredients should be thoroughly amalgamated, but not creamed.
3. Then add the flour and mix to a stiff consistency. Don't overwork the dough; stop when it just comes together. That's it, you've just made shortbread dough: I told you it was easy!
4. Roll out into the shape of a pan or tin you want to bake them in. I baked this in an 8 x 8 pan. Trim the edges to the approximate size.
5. Place the dough in the pan of your choice. One mistake many people make is rolling the shortbread too thin. Proper shortbread should be quite thick (no less than 3/4" or 2cm if making fingers). Tip: make sure your bars are wide enough that a fork can prick them. Use a knife to cut the dough into fingers. Next, prick the shortbread with a fork, about half way through.
6. Place in preheated oven for 15 to 30 minutes (depending on which thickness or shape) or until slightly brown on edges. Sprinkle with sugar immediately upon removing from the oven. Shortbread shouldn't be darkly coloured. Let your shortbread cool on or in the pan or tray before moving to rack to cool completely.

STUDYING PLAYLIST

Classical music has been scientifically proven to be the best kind of music for studying, as there are no lyrics, and here are some which will keep you engaged in the studying without distracting you.



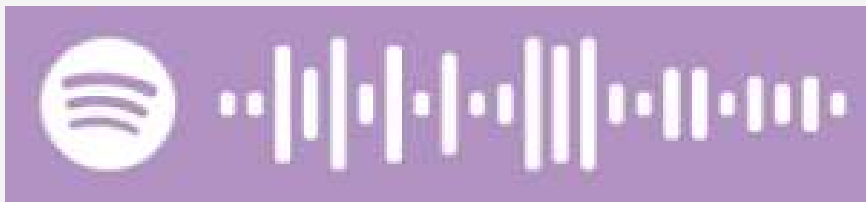
Eine kleine Nachtmusik K.
525: Allegro: Mozart



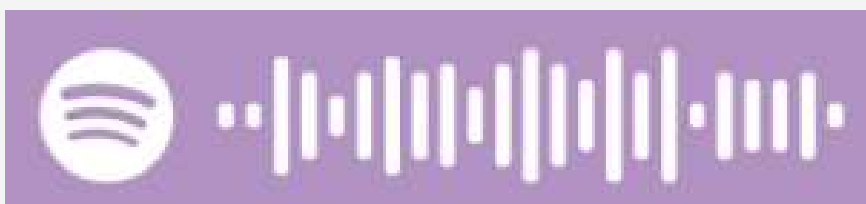
Bolero (Ravel): London
Symphony Orchestra



Serenade for Strings,
Op.20: Elgar



Scheherazade: Rimsky-
Korsakov



Pines of Rome:
Respighi



Rondo Alla Turca:
Mozart



Concerto for Two
Violins- Bach

ACHIEVEMENTS



Take a look at the past few month's achievements from all around the school. Well done everyone!



U18 Football

Another incredible performance from the senior football team, progressing to the next round of the St Mirren Cup.
MOTM- Alex with his 3 goals!

Art and Design

Art & Design trip to JUPITER+ in Ayr. Their world was turned 'upside down' as they stepped in Rachel Maclean's 'Don't Buy Me' exhibition!



ACHIEVEMENTS



Curriculum Ambassadors

Our S2 curriculum ambassadors joined a whole staff meeting in December to discuss their ideas with staff. Great collaboration about IDL and learning projects!

Wildlife

Fantastic collaboration between our Eco Group and Stem Club to create bug hotels to enhance wildlife in our school grounds!



Ada Scot

A massive congratulations to Mrs Sabba who won the Ada Scotland Inspiring Teacher 2023! Well Done!

HT Values Award

Well Done to Amy, Sophie and Freya for researching how to improve P7 transitions. They received the HT excellence badge!



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