

ST. LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL

Wider Achievement

Easter newsletter 2019



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our Easter Edition of our Wider Achievement Newsletter. It has been another very busy term at St Luke's! As you read through the contents of our newsletter, I am sure that you will be impressed by the wide range of excellent experiences our young people are benefitting from both in school and in the wider community. As Head Teacher, I am incredibly proud of our talented and gifted young people who so readily demonstrate our school values of love, faith and understanding.

At this time of year, we have been working hard to support our young people in S4, S5 and S6 in the run-up to their forthcoming SQA Exams. I have been very much impressed by their commitment to their studies and their engagement with the supports on offer. As we look forward to our spring break, our thoughts and prayers are with our senior students and I am delighted that so many of them have signed up to benefit from the supports available through Easter School.

It is, of course, with a tinge of sadness that we will celebrate our S6 Leavers' Mass on Thursday 28th March at St Thomas' Parish Church. Our S6 students have been an absolute credit to their families and our school this year. They have put their faith into action through acts of service such as working in food kitchens, fundraising, supporting younger students and participating in liturgical events. As a result, I am delighted to share with you the news that an incredible 45 sixth year students will receive their Caritas Award from the Bishops of Scotland this year.

During Lent, our young people have been instrumental in leading our Lenten observances. They have been speaking at assemblies, attending lunchtime mass and fundraising for SCIAF. In particular, our S3 St Luke the Evangelist Award participants have been washing cars and making pancakes to raise additional funds for SCIAF.

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 29th March for our spring holiday and reopens at 8.45am on Monday 15th April. School will also be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a lovely break and to thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Christine Downie

School Show

Well done to all pupils who have taken part in this year's school production of 'Popstars'. The fantastic team of pupils displayed such an array of talent on stage in both acting and drama! There were also a terrific team of pupils working as backstage crew, performers in the band, on lights and sound, and makeup and costumes to assist in making the show a phenomenal success. Well done to all pupils, the show was an amazing display of hard work and talent!



Sports Leaders

Sports leaders in PE have recently been working at the Foundry in Barrhead to deliver sports sessions of dance, basketball and football to a mixture of primary pupils from St John's Primary as part of the gold health and wellbeing award.

Pupils have also been helping to umpire at the primary school netball competitions recently, in addition to assisting at cluster clubs for multisport. Well done everyone!



Glasgow Police Museum



S2 pupils from the St Luke's High Safeguard group recently visited Glasgow Police Museum and enjoyed a very informative experience and tour round the museum. Pupils enjoyed learning the historic background of policing and the judicial system.

Book Launch

St Luke's High recently welcomed Anne Donovan to launch our 40th anniversary novel, containing an accumulation of stories and achievements written by pupils of St Luke's High School. What a fantastic way to mark the recent 40th anniversary and document some excellent work by pupils!



'I can do anything' day

S2 pupils recently enjoyed 'I Can Do Anything' day, where guests, employers and partners from the wider community worked with pupils to inspire and assist pupils in their future choices. Pupils enjoyed a fantastic day of variety with brilliant experiences from different lines of work. Well done everyone!



Soup Kitchen

Senior pupils still regularly volunteer at the local soup kitchen. This also contributes towards their caritas award. Keep up the great work!



Drymen Mountain Biking

Pupils from S2, S3 and S4 have recently been taking part in a Mountain Biking course at the Drymen mountain biking track. Pupils have been developing their confidence cycling in challenging and tricky conditions in all weathers, whilst also learning how to maintain mountain bikes effectively. Well done everyone! This looks excellent!



World Holocaust Day



First year pupils Sarah, Andrew and Cerys recently presented at S1 assembly and did an excellent job engaging their year group to raise awareness of some the events that took place during the Holocaust.

Head girl Eve and Depute Head boy Ryan also represented St Luke's High School at the East Renfrewshire memorial evening for a very moving ceremony.

3rd Year Drama Performances

S3 pupils put on a fantastic display of hard work at the S3 drama performance night in January. Families, friends and staff were treated to a variety of productions, which were all written, directed and performed solely by pupils. In addition to this, pupils also ran all the lights and sound!

What a fantastic display of pupil achievement!



Maths trip to Paris

Pupils from St Luke's visited Disneyland Paris for a Mathematics and culture trip. Pupils were able to experience various different parts of the French culture including food, tours round Paris and historical buildings and monuments. The group also enjoyed a fantastic experience in Disneyland, were able to take back information to be more informed for their 'Design a Theme Park' Maths Challenge!



S2 certificates from Police

Sgt. Boyle and our Campus Police officer PC Danny McFarlane presented certificates to some S2 pupils at assembly. The group of pupils successfully completed a twelve week activity looking at crime, criminal justice and community supports – further developing them as responsible citizens! Well done, everyone!



Digital Design Day

Pupils in S1 have celebrated Digital Design Day by designing their own app to solve a current day issue in small groups. Pupils issued various roles of responsibility to each other to ensure progress is efficient and effective. The apps that were planned were truly fantastic and could all have been developed, however only one winner could be announced. Well done to all pupils and groups, some amazing achievements here!



Dundee Rejuvenation competition

Senior pupils Rachel, Holy and Mia visited Dundee University to take part in the Dundee Rejuvenation Competition and left with the 'Best Design' Award! What a phenomenal achievement!



Dental Trauma Training



Senior students studying Higher PE and Dance were the first school in Scotland to undergo emergency dental trauma training with dentist from Glasgow Dental Hospital! The students are now trained in how to best help someone if a tooth gets knocked out whilst playing sports! Well done everyone, what excellent skills to have!

Cross Country

Junior pupils recently took part in the annual cross-country competition. Pupils braved the elements and challenging running conditions however all pupils demonstrated excellent fitness and endurance throughout the event.

Particular mention goes to the Cross Country Champions:

S1: Ryan and Millie

S2: Ben and Diana

S3: Darragh and Lucy

Well done everyone!!



Fishing Lessons

A group of S2 pupils enjoyed taking their learning outside and developed a further understanding of how to cast using spinning reels and rods! This is a fantastic skill developed and will surely be a skill pupils use in the future! Well done!



West College Salon

Some S3 pupils have recently started attending West College campus for the start of their Friday morning placement. Pupils have been learning hairdressing and have developed excellent skills for life and work. Well done! What excellent skills to learn!



DYW Vocational Banquet



Well done to Erin who won best in front of house at the recent DYW Vocational Banquet, and to Kira and Bethany who also helped out at the event.

24 Hour Fast for SCIAF

Senior pupils in S6 recently took part in a 24-hour fast at the start of lent for SCIAF, and stayed overnight at St Thomas church hall in Neilston.

Pupils entertained themselves by playing games, taking part in a quiz, and enjoying sharing the time together. Pupils and staff were treated to hot rolls in the morning from members of SLT, which went down a treat!! Terrific job!



Pancake Tuesday

2nd and 3rd years celebrated pancake Tuesday by making many batches of pancakes, then sold these in the social area at break time. All money made went straight to SCIAF and certainly raised the morale in the social area!

Well done to all pupils and staff involved!

