



St Luke's High School

Monthly Newsletter

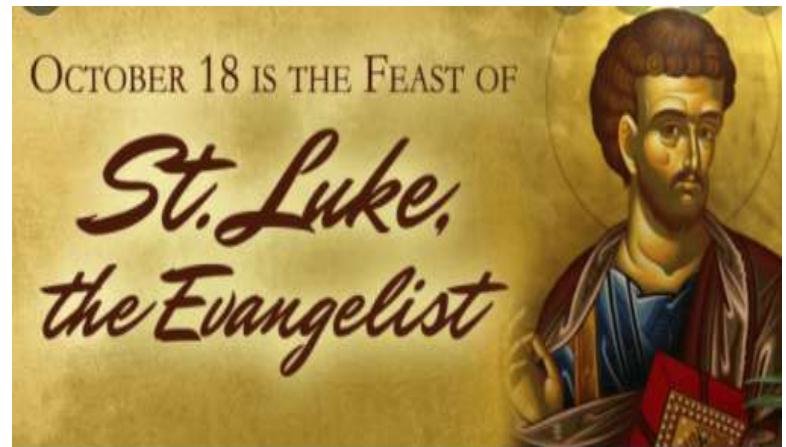
29th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that everyone had a lovely October Holiday week and enjoyed some time with family and friends. The young people and staff have come to school refreshed and ready for the term ahead. There is certainly lots to pack in and it is one of the longest terms in the school year so I am sure you will look forward to finding out more about all the amazing activities and experiences that are happening in the school during this term.

Mass of St Luke

We felt fortunate this year to be able to celebrate the feast day of St Luke with a special mass at St John's Church, Barrhead and welcomed Bishop John as the main celebrant. It was lovely to be able to have S1 and S6 young people together in the church and for S1 in particular to celebrate our patron saint as one community.





The time just seems to be flying by and already thoughts are turning to Halloween costumes and Guy Fawkes on the 5th of November. Young people in S6 have been working on their leadership skills and a group of volunteers helped to entertain our S1 pupils this afternoon and help them into the Halloween "Spirit" with some fun activities. S1 pupils enjoyed the apple bobbing (with forks and COVID mitigations), Halloween bingo and stick the nose on the witch game. Each S1 pupil received a sweet treat goodie bag. An extravaganza of photographs will follow I am sure.



With the clocks going back an hour this Sunday and the darker nights coming in, please remind your child to ensure they are extra vigilant in the mornings and afternoons, especially if they are walking home or using school or public transport. It is always a good idea to try to have some type of reflective labels or stickers on bags and jackets to ensure everyone stays safe.

With the weather really changing these past few weeks, we are pleased that more and more young people are well wrapped up coming to school to protect them against the

elements and please if you haven't already signed up for a locker, contact the school office to arrange this so that your child can put their jackets into their lockers when they arrive.

Young people are encouraged to wear an outdoor jacket over their blazers for outside at intervals and lunchtimes. Pupils will be asked to remove jackets and non-uniform items when they arrive at school. We are very proud of our school uniform and value your support in helping to ensure we maintain the highest standards of dressing for excellence. As a reminder, footwear should be black only and pupils should not wear converse boots/trainers or other trainers that are not all black. If you wish to discuss any aspect of uniform policy or need help to source an item, please contact your child's pupil support teacher.

Breakfast Cart

As it gets colder in the mornings, you may want to encourage your child to come into the canteen and have some breakfast from our breakfast cart. East Renfrewshire Council have introduced Grab and Go breakfast carts in all primary and secondary schools, offering a free and healthy breakfast to all pupils if needed. All young people who wish to access this resource should enter and exit the canteen using the direct access door from the playground, not the school's main entrance. The cart will remain open from 8.30 until the first bell, allowing those travelling on the Neilston bus to grab something to eat if required.

The breakfast options that are available are:



- Shredded Wheat
- Weetabix
- Toast and butter
- Fresh fruit



Faculty focus – Mathematics & Numeracy

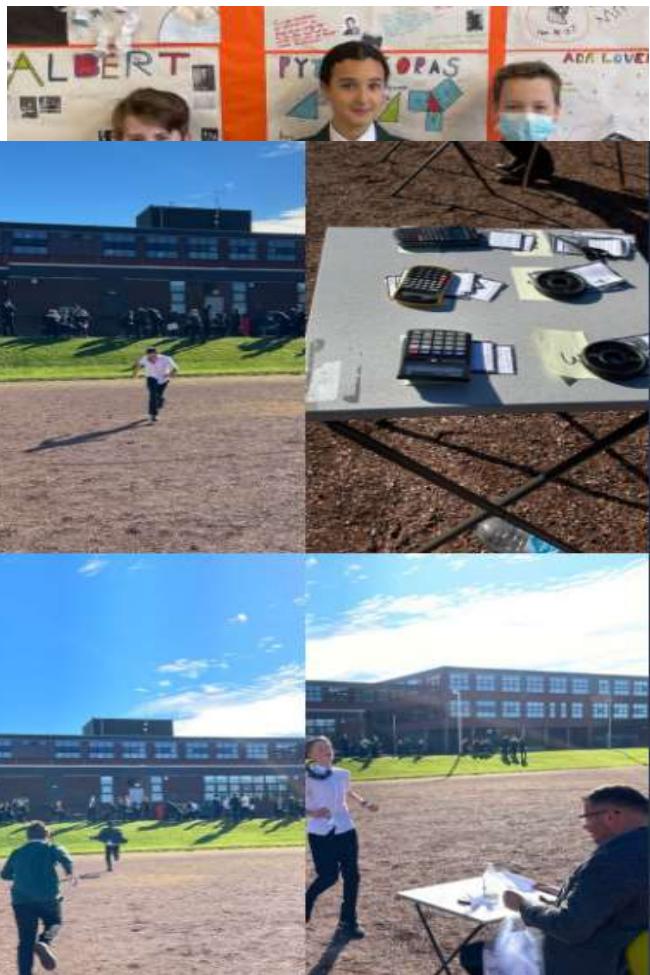
We are continuing our faculty focus section this month so our whole school community can see the range and variety of activities and learning experiences that are taking place. Thank you to the faculties of Mathematics and Numeracy for their contributions this week!



27th September– 1st October 2021

Maths Week Scotland is now in its fifth year and is an initiative that aims to put numeracy in a positive light and highlight the benefits, joy and beauty of maths in exciting new ways.

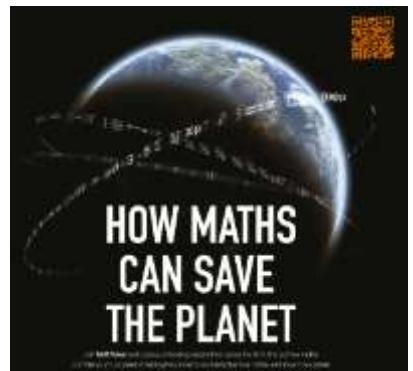
St. Luke's pupils celebrated Maths Week by participating in a wide range of events including Maths Wi Nae Borders, an enterprising maths competition, an escape room challenge, Geometry City & maths relays.



Upcoming Events

COP26

As part of the COP26 theme, our S3 – S6 pupils will enjoy an online Maths Inspiration show hosted by Matt Parker 'How Maths Can Save The Planet' and learn how careers that deal with climate change make use of a variety of maths skills.



Talk Money Week

Talk Money Week begins on Monday 8th November. This marks the start of a national campaign to get everyone across the nation talking about money. S1 – S6 pupils will be participating in various activities to help them develop the skills and knowledge they need to manage their money well now and in later life.

Supported Study

Supported study is currently offered to BGE/Senior pupils in the faculty on the following days:

Monday	S4 N5 Applications	3.35pm – 4.35pm
Tuesday	S5/6 N5 Maths/N5 Apps	3.35pm – 5.05pm
	S5/6 Higher	3.35pm – 4.35pm
	BGE	3.35pm – 4.35pm
Wednesday	S5/6 N5 Maths	2.45pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	All Levels	3.35pm – 4.35pm

Weekly updates to this timetable are highlighted through our faculty Twitter page.

Twitter

Please follow us on twitter **@MathematicsSIhs** to keep up to date with all faculty news.



European Day of Languages

At the start of October, S1 pupils celebrated European Day of Languages in the Modern Languages Department. Working in small groups, they used their sense making, collaborative and curiosity skills to reflect on different cultures. Pupils had so much fun talking about food from different country. It made them very hungry! They also reflected on different stereotypes linked to French, Spanish, Italian and Scottish cultures and travelled through Paris using a Metro map. Languages teachers were very impressed with all the good discussion points brought up by the pupils and everyone went home with a nice certificate to show off their achievement! Well done S1, Bravo i Que Bien! Bien joué!



Author and Poet visit

Our S1 and S2 pupils got the opportunity to work with professional writers this term in conjunction with their topics in English. The experience was a positive opportunity to get real-world advice from a published author and award-winning poet.

S1 Digital Design Winners 2021



Business, Technology
& ICT

Congratulations to the winners of the S1 Digital Design Event. The team were all from Mirin House - Paige, Owen, Riley, Sarah, Stephanie.

All S1 pupils were 'off timetable' to enjoy this interdisciplinary learning experience on Tuesday afternoon.

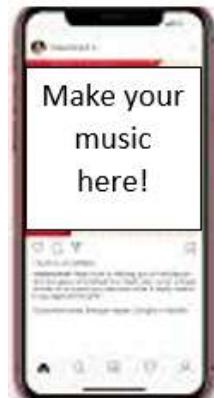


The winning team designed a phone 'app' to support small, budding musicians to create their music to publish online. The 'app' had the extra function of allowing the musicians to

broadcast their music online through various music web sites. The judges were unanimous that this group's design was outstanding as it showed great enterprise and creativity.

Each member of the groups took different responsibilities to develop their strong team: Stephanie and Riley were the "Graphics Managers", Sarah was the "Business Manager", Owen was the "Finance Manager", and Paige was the "Marketing Manager".

Although there was one winner, the quality of all of the other designs was considered to be of the highest standard and showed our pupils to be extremely able to bring their fantastic ideas to life. The winning team will go on to build their design into a working "app" within the faculty. You never know, we might have the makings of our very own 'app' entrepreneurs!



Wider Achievement

The S3 HFT Events team catered and served a two course lunch for the Feast of St Luke, following out mass at St John's church. They meal was enjoyed by Bishop John, Fr Jonathan, Mrs Downie, Mrs Hunter, the head boy and girl and their deputes. They served up traditional Scottish dishes of Chicken Balmoral and Cranachan. The team did very well and were organised, professional and worked as part of an excellent team. Well done!



Football Superstars

The S2 boys' football team brought home a 3-2 victory against St Ninian's last week with goals being scored by Zak and Liam and goalkeeper Jamie making some fantastic saves. The boys work so well together as a team and Miss Gillan from the faculty of PE and Health is an excellent coach. Fantastic effort everyone!



Learning for Sustainability - Update from Mrs Girasoli

Morrison's It's Good to Grow Scheme

We need your help!

The school has registered for the Morrison's It's Good to Grow scheme. This allows anyone who shops at Morrison's to collect grow tokens and then donate them to their local school. We would really appreciate it if you could donate any tokens collected to St Luke's. To do this please scan your 'My Morrison's' card at the checkout or link it to your online shopping account or via the app. For every £10 you spend you will receive one grow token. On your MyMorrisons account, go to the Good to Grow



section and donate your tokens to St Luke's High School. We will exchange the tokens for gardening equipment! Thank you!

Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning

We are thrilled to announce that St Luke's High School has forged a partnership with Groupe Scolaire Kamina in Rwanda as part of Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning, a unique global education programme.

Connecting Classrooms is run in over 30 countries by the British Council in partnership with the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). It works with schools across the globe to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make a positive contribution to their world.

The programme enables teachers not only to teach these skills to children in their classroom, but also to visit partner schools in other countries to exchange insights and ideas on how to improve teaching and global learning in their schools.

St Luke's is taking part in the programme as part of a cluster of schools, including St Mark's Primary School, because of its commitment to preparing young people to make a positive contribution to their world.

On hearing the news that St Luke's High School has successfully applied to take part in the Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning programme, Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of the British Council, said:

'I am delighted that St Luke's High School in Barrhead is taking on this excellent opportunity to develop their professional practice by collaborating with teachers from Rwanda and the UK. Their commitment to equip young people with skills and understanding for life and work in an increasingly global economy is to be commended.'

Our young people will be working with their counterparts in Rwanda on an exciting project learning about the Sustainable Developments Goals. Connecting Classrooms will also allow the teachers involved to share experiences and success in teaching and implementing global learning in both schools.

COP26

With COP26 due to begin on Monday 1st November pupils will take part in a range of activities across curricular areas. All S1 and S2 Science pupils have already been involved in creating innovative ways to generate renewable energy to power schools. This exciting project is part of the Education Scotland Countdown to Cop. We will be sharing the pupil's ideas on Twitter as well as all out other COP26 related activities.

Black History Month

In English class, pupils have been celebrating black history month. Pupil across S1- S3 have engaged in many different activities. S1 and S2 had the opportunity to learn more about important figures in black history. They then had the chance to use what they learnt, do more research and create a poster about someone of their choosing who they found inspirational. You can see some of the great examples in the photos and on the school twitter. S3 were learning about black history in the UK and Scotland in particular. The class had the opportunity to research and share their ideas which were then presented on posters to be displayed in the school corridors to educate others.



Active Girls Day 2021

This week is active girls week and events are being held across the Scotland and the United Kingdom to mark the occasion. Miss Gillan and Miss Lister from our faculty of PE and Health did a fantastic job of arranging a “Tough Mudder” type event for all girls in S1-S3. This event was a huge success and we were so impressed with how well all the girls did in throwing themselves into the events, especially the slip and slide. The girls were all so keen to participate and, as the name suggests there was lots of mud involved! Although the weather was wet, the temperature was relatively mild for this time of year so it was a great event. The girls absolutely loved it and the pictures from all three year groups involved help to show how well received it was. Events like this help young people to develop a number of important skills including resilience and bravery and to challenge themselves to take on something they may not have done. The girls enjoyed some hot chocolate and treats after the event. Thank you to staff in PE and our active schools coordinator Ryan for helping with the event.

There are some greats photographs and videos of the event that can be viewed here, see if you can spot anyone. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-Ge5DVJvHs7iHNNrl5DRFcRq1IAU_DsA?usp=sharing

In addition, there are some great videos from the S2 and S3 event on the faculty Instagram page@stlukespeandhft

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CVIJAB7AAN8/>

There will be a similar event organised for boys in S1-S3 to take part in later in the term.



Monday 1 November – All Saints Day

As you will know, Monday is All Saints Day (November 1st) and normally we would celebrate mass in school with all year groups. Unfortunately this is still not possible due to restrictions however we are committed to ensuring that all young people are able to have the opportunity to attend in some way. This year, we will do this using the power of technology. Being Catholic TV have extended an invitation for those schools who are unable to attend a mass on the day, to join them for a live broadcast.

Being Catholic TV will be televising 3 masses for schools from St Augustine's Parish at the following times:

10am Primary School
11:30am and 1:30pm High School

These will be broadcast live on the www.beingcatholic.org website.

Fr Jonathan will also offer a Mass in school at lunchtime for staff and pupils who wish to attend.

If technology fails us during the day there will be Masses at St John's at 10am & 7pm on Monday and at 10 am in St Thomas'.

There is a link to St John's for online Mass <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd6hmthkjiw>

S6 Virtual Walk to Knock

Our sixth year Caritas students have taken part in a Virtual Sponsored Walk – although some did cycle, scooter or even row! They decided to raise funds for local charities and had a fun time doing it – some even dressed up as it is Halloween! They are still to reach a final figure raised but well done to them all for the effort! (A special thanks to the Forest school Group who added 50km to the total).



Hot Choc Friday



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Congratulations to our Hot Choc Friday recipients this week. Well done to you all for demonstrating our learner dispositions in your learning. Mrs Pollock enjoyed hearing all the nominations from staff across the curriculum. Enjoy your treats!



Absence reporting

Please remember when calling the school office to report your child's absence, if your child is unwell and showing any of the 3 symptoms of COVID-19, please let the office staff know this as we are required by law to keep a note of confirmed or potential cases. If you need more information or wish to check up on symptoms, please visit the NHS inform website which has lots of great information. <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Face Coverings

As you know, all young people and adults in secondary schools in Scotland must wear a face covering and many of our young people come to school with their own. Unfortunately there are still a large number of young people coming into school without a face covering. We have issued over 500 this week alone at a cost of £50 for every box of 50. We would very much appreciate your support in ensuring your child brings their own face covering to school at all times. If your child has a condition that means they cannot wear a face covering, please contact their pupil support teacher to discuss this and ensure we have the most up to date information. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child has a face covering with them at all times.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely weekend and I hope you get to enjoy the extra hour in bed on Sunday morning.

Kind Regards

Mrs Pollock
Depute Head Teacher