



BELL BAXTER HIGH SCHOOL

Weekly Update

Monday 9th December 2019

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr David Lowrie on his appointment to the position of Acting Depute Rector in support of Mr Gibbon's absence. Mr Lowrie will have DHT responsibility for S3 and S4 young people, as well as strategic leadership of aspects of the Raising Attainment and Delivering Equity remit. Congratulations also to Ms Joanne Hodge and Mr Daren Baillie who have been appointed to act up on a job-share basis into the PT Health and Well-being position.

Breakfast Service

This will commence on Monday 9th December from 08.15 am to 08.40 am in the Dining Hall.

Items type available: Hot filled rolls: Bacon, square sausage and vegetarian options, granola and yogurt, mixed yogurts, cold drinks/juices (tea/coffee machine awaiting to be installed and will not be available to begin with), fresh fruit, bagels and spreads.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Wednesday 11th December. Main meal is normal price £1.55 and adult price is £2.75.

Gold Award Ceremony

A ceremony will take place in Bell Baxter on Tuesday 10th December to celebrate the school achieving Gold Status. Representation from Sport Scotland will come to Bell Baxter to award their Gold Status flag and plaque. Members of the local community have been invited to attend this event.



Drop In

There is a drop in for all students at the Janny's Hoose on Thursday lunchtimes. CLD are in attendance to offer support and information on a variety of topics. School Nurses will also be available by mid-December – all welcome. (Miss G Cowan)

Valuables in PE

A reminder that all PE staff offer the safe storage of valuables for all PE lessons. Pupils should not leave anything of value (wallets/purses/phones) in the changing rooms and should instead take these to their teacher for safe storage at the beginning of each and every lesson. (Mr D Lowrie)

What's Your Number? – Term 2 Attendance

All young people will receive their full attendance record on Thursday this week. A tannoy message will be used to call the young people to the Dining Room to receive their full attendance record.

This is part of the “What's Your Number?” campaign which is being highlighted at Assemblies – see visuals below which are posted around the school.

All young people will be expected to review their attendance record with parents/carers, discuss any unexplained absences and return the updated record to school. Support is available for any young people who need help with attendance.

<p>Bell Baxter High School Recognising and impacting on non-attendance</p>  <p>What's Your Number?</p>  <p>Know the Impact</p> <p>1 day absent every two weeks is equal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90% attendance• 4 weeks absent per year• 1 year absent from P1 to S2	<p>Bell Baxter High School Recognising and impacting on non-attendance</p>  <p>What's Your Number?</p>  <p>Know the Impact</p> <p>People with excellent attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perform better in exams• Make better friendships• Are less likely to suffer from bullying• Have better overall wellbeing
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Bell Baxter's Got Talent

Congratulations to Daniel Staal (S5) who won a very competitive talent show on Wednesday night. Daniel played a fantastic medley of tunes on his bagpipes and was ably assisted by Andrew Gibson on drums for part of his performance. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part, there are clearly a lot of talented pupils at Bell Baxter.

We would also like to thank the stage crew and technicians, without their expertise the show quite simply couldn't happen, along with all the staff who gave up their time to take part in the show. Finally a massive thanks to everyone that bought a ticket and/or donated to our Yearbook fund on the night. You all helped to make the night a big success. (S6 Yearbook Team)

Café Inc.



**COME ALONG FOR
A BITE TO EAT OVER THE
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AT
CAFE INC.**

**NO NEED
TO BOOK
LUNCH!**

All are welcome but we recommend children under 10 are accompanied by an adult.

Cafe Inc. is a free lunch club open to children, young people and families in Fife. Lunch is available on the dates listed below. A family lunchbox will also be available to take away on both weeks. No need to book or register, just drop in and enjoy some good food and family-time.

**Cafe Inc. will be available between 11.45am - 1.00pm
at the following halls and centres.**

Castlehill Community Centre (30th & 31st Dec)
Gregory Hall (23rd, 24th, 30th & 31st Dec)
St Monans Town Hall (23rd & 24th Dec)

Fife COUNCIL

North East Fife

Festive Fire Safety



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Many of the things we enjoy over the Christmas period, such as the fairy lights, trees and decorations, can all be fire hazards when proper care is not taken. Here are some timely tips for a safe and merry Christmas:

- Make sure Christmas decorations do not obstruct fire exits, signs, fire doors or fire safety systems including smoke detectors and call points.
- Keep escape routes clear of decorations, displays of presents or combustible items where they could restrict escape or support the spread of flames.
- Do not use candles or any type of naked flame as decorations.
- Use LED Christmas lights – they are low voltage and give off little heat.
- Use artificial flame retardant trees, natural trees are flammable. If you have a natural tree then ensure it is watered daily. Dried out trees are highly flammable and should be removed.
- Check lights, cables and other electrical equipment are CE marked. Any equipment with frayed wires, broken or cracked plugs, kinks and/or bare wires should be thrown away.
- Make sure Christmas tree lights, other decorations and electrical gadgets such as chargers are switched off and unplugged at night.
- Decorations can easily burn – do not attach them to lights or heaters.
- Do not overload or 'piggy back' extension leads. Always use fused extensions long enough for the task.
- Do not exceed recommended occupancy limits for your premises.
- Secure bins/skips at a safe distance from buildings.
- Lock away combustible loose playground equipment; tyres, logs, planks, plastic toys etc.



Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas

For further information see [FISH](#) or the [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service website](#)



Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Team

2019

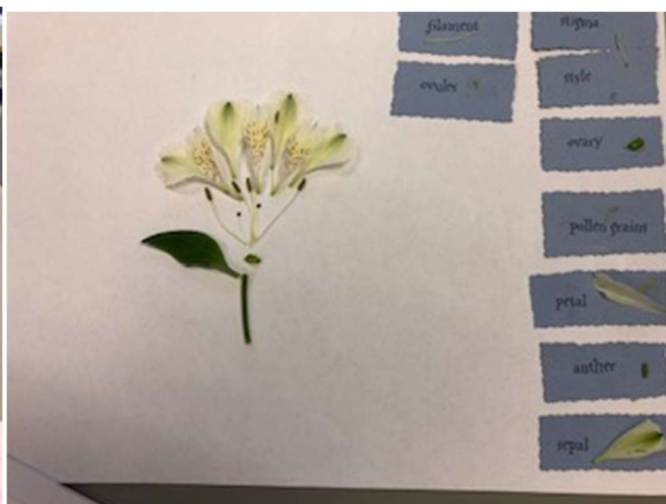
TRIPS, CLUBS, EVENTS AND REHEARSALS

S3 Football

All S3 footballers should attend a short meeting on Monday 9th December at interval in PE dept. This is to discuss future fixtures and training. If you cannot attend see Mr Duncan in PE beforehand. (Mr G Duncan)

S1 Science

In Science, S1 pupils studying matter have been investigating non Newtonian fluids and how it is that one can walk on custard while S3 Biologists have been dissecting flowers as part of their Development topic.



Christmas Dance

The Christmas Dance is always an extremely popular event in the school calendar. This is a formal event with a live band and, as such, we ask young people to come suitably dressed for the occasion, e.g. no jeans/denim, trainers or casual sportswear. We will be sharing more information at Assemblies. In the meantime, more information is in the poster, including dates and times for ticket sales.

Assemblies

There will be senior Assemblies on Wednesday 11th December 2019. Please register your class then go to the Assembly Hall at the appropriate time.

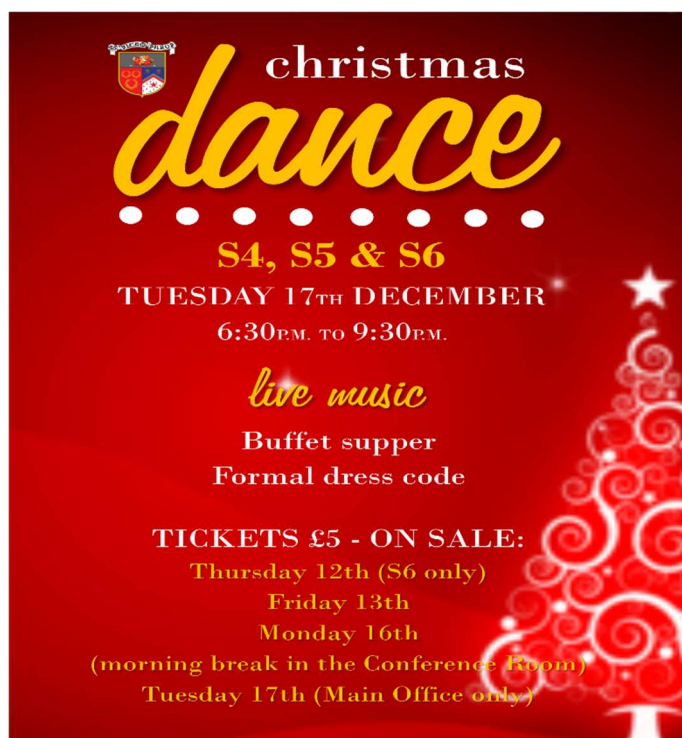
Period 1 - S5

Period 2 - S6

Period 3 - S4

Pathways Information Evening

In order that all senior learners are aware of the pathways open to them and as we further enrich our curriculum, an open evening is being held on Wednesday 11th December, 2019. The evening will consist of two sessions, the first of which is targeted at pupils, parents and carers of S3 learners and will run from 5.00 pm to 5.45 pm. The second session is targeted at S4 & S5 pupils, parents and carers and will run from 5.45 pm to 6.30 pm. Following a presentation by Ms Penrose, Rector, there will be an opportunity to visit various stalls where representatives from Fife College and SRUC will be available to share information and answer questions individuals might have surrounding the School/College Partnership Curriculum offer. Representatives will also be available from SAAS, Fife Employability Team and Skills Development Scotland. The aim of the evening is two-fold: (a) to build on the Destination Evening held in October where key partners from colleges, employers and universities were present and (b) to build on work ongoing in school to support young people make informed decisions about their future pathways.



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