

October Newsletter

2015

A message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our first term has passed quickly. We are all looking forward to the holiday break and have enjoyed a number of exciting events in the run up to the holiday week. I hope you enjoy reading about some of them in this newsletter.

We have been working to update our Tracking and Monitoring system and we will provide you with an update on your child's progress at the start of next term.

Please note the following important dates for your diary next term:

- Tuesday 3 November 2015: Fifth and Sixth Year Parents' Evening 5pm – 7pm.
- Tuesday 1 December 2015: Fourth Year Parents' Evening 5pm – 7pm.
- Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th December 2015: our school pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk."

May I wish you and your family an enjoyable October break.

Best wishes
G McGuigan

Coffee and Cake for Macmillan

The S5/6 creative cakes class recently hosted a coffee morning for Macmillan cancer research. Lots of the Home Economics classes got involved in baking cupcakes, mars bar cakes, flapjacks and many other delicious treats for the event.. The coffee morning was a huge success and so far they have raised £242.



We are Career Ready

Our 'new recruits' for this year's programme have successfully completed their application forms and have participated in interviews to secure one of 7 places on this 2 year mentoring programme with summer internship.

We are delighted to announce that this year's successful participants are: Megan Harvey, Gemma Jackson, Angela McKenzie, Hayley Menzies, Bisma Khan, Geethu Mathewkutty and Craig Easson.

All pupils participated in the launch event at Glasgow City Chambers where they met their mentors for the first time. The pupils were nervous, so too were their mentors but all is looking well for a successful partnership. This year our participants are working with business mentors from RBS, NHS Greater Glasgow, Access, Lockheed Martin and Search Consultancy Ltd.

Pupils participated in several activities and heard about the mentoring experience. Our very own S6 pupil Mhairi Whitelaw addressed a packed Banqueting Hall about her experience of the programme and how she has personally developed as a result of being involved in the programme. The Director for Career Ready Scotland praised Mhairi highly for her words of wisdom and encouragement to the new intake from schools across Glasgow. Well done Mhairi!

Parents, participants and mentors will attend our launch at Lourdes event on 20th October where participants meet with their mentors for their first official chat. The pupils have a series of masterclasses and workshops on their future careers and a summer 2016 internship to look forward to –we'll keep you posted with their progress.



Uke-tastic opportunity for budding musicians!

Uke-tober is upon us and the ukulele group has had their first meeting and rehearsal!

Lots of keen pupils already and still plenty room for more to join if you fancy it.

You don't need to have played before and you don't need to have your own instrument either as there is plenty here for you to borrow.

Come along to Mrs Simpson's room in the music corridor on Monday lunchtimes to find out more. Hope to see you there!



Scouting for Success!

Congratulations to two of our pupils Lauren Donnelly and Kerry Stevenson.

Lauren and Kerry are Explorer Scouts with the 30th Glasgow Scout Group (1st Cardonald) and have recently been through a tough selection and interview process and we are delighted to share that they are now part of the Scottish contingent for the Blair Atholl Jamboree.

Congratulations girls and good luck!



European Day of Languages



Our pupils enjoyed participating in a variety of events to celebrate European Day of Languages 2015 in the Modern Languages Department. There was a quiz for S1 & S2 pupils who worked together and learned a lot of cultural information. Our S5 & S6 Higher French pupils were treated to a French breakfast with crêpes, madeleines, pains au chocolat and jus d'orange, c'était délicieux!

Here is what some of the pupils thought:



"Le petit déjeuner français, c'était délicieux!"

"The questions were challenging but our team had fun."

"I enjoyed the quiz - our team won!"

"It was a great experience to learn about French cuisine and eating habits!"

"It was fun to work in teams with different people."

"I liked learning some general knowledge about Europe."

"The treasure hunt was tricky but we managed to finish it and solve the puzzle!"





Modern Languages Pupil of the Month September



The following pupils were presented with certificates for being pupil of the month in Modern Languages in September! Bon travail!

Class	Pupil
1/1	Emma McLevey
1/2	Joel Soul
1/3	Kevin Maguire
1/4	Keerthana Uthayakumar
1/5	Jack Donnelly
1F6	Hussain Ali Ahmad
1F7	Ruhama Shakirullah
1/8	Ferdi Zakar-Smith
2/1	Jhosef Sheldia
2/2	Shaheen Walizda
2/3	Caoimhe Fagan
2/4	Gemma Blevins
2/5	Mario Zaarour
2/6	Amith Shajan
2/7	Dominik Dombovari
2/8	Alya Imran
3C1	Ellie Russell
3C2	Julia May Ramos
3C3	Rachael McGirr
3C4	William Manderson
3C5	Charlotte Fraser
3C6	Rowan Andrew
3C7	Michael Bining
4G1	Niamh Meechan
4G2	Dionne Gemmell
4D1	Rachel McBride
4D2	Danielle Hilton
4E	Emily Harley



Confucious Teachers Visit

In September, we welcomed 3 Confucius teachers from China. They worked with the Higher French class and a class in S1 and learned some techniques and strategies for Active Learning, using Smart boards and Assessment is For Learning. They also learned about Curriculum for Excellence with a view to start teaching in various secondary schools across Scotland. It was a great experience for everyone involved.



Glasgow Print Studio Demo

On Saturday 12th September S5 Higher Photography student Luke Andrew and some art staff took part in the old photographic technique of Gelatine Relief Printing (Woodbury Type Printing). This was a huge step back in time from the current instant imaging available to students today.

The process involves pouring gelatine to set in a hard layer, then expose a photograph negative on top of the gelatine. Once the image is set, the gelatine is washed away and only the required dark tones remain in a raised relief. This is then pressed under great pressure onto a sheet of lead. This creates an embossed image on the metal (a bit like a jelly mould), which is then filled with black gelatine. This is pressed onto photographic paper and the image dries with a raised relief effect creating many tonal variations and an amazing high quality photographic image.



Junk Couture Fashion!

Ms Webster has started creating design ideas in this fashion design with a difference competition, where students collect packaging recycling and create wonderful wearable garments for a catwalk show! Students work in small teams where they are responsible for modelling the garment, choreography, music, hair and make up.

If you and your friends think you have what it takes, then contact Ms Webster in the Art Dept. S1-S3 pupils welcome. (Numbers are limited and this is a long term project happening during lunchtime and after school.)



Visiting Artist

Glasgow based artist Jackie Anderson will be delivering an oil painting workshop on 7th October 2015 with Advanced Higher Art and Design Candidates.

She will supporting the students after the October break, offering technical support and developing their ideas and influences.



Visit to Williamwood

Art and Design students visited Williamwood High School Advanced Higher Exhibition on the evening of 30th September to view the Advanced Higher Student Folio Exhibition, taking photographs and meet with teaching staff.

This was an invaluable visit in which our art staff and students gained knowledge and understanding as our students develop their own personal approaches to Art and Design SQA folios.

D of E Silver Preparation Success!

Five of our senior pupils are completing their Silver Award for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. As well as taking part in an expedition pupils have to spend 6 months volunteering and complete a Physical and Skills sections; one section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months.

The expedition is 3 days & 2 nights with a practice and a qualifying expedition required. The pupils have just completed their practice expedition in the Trossachs. They walked for 7 hours each day with a full backpack and camping equipment. No mod cons needed!

The pupils all achieved the practice with great spirit and determination and are looking forward to their qualifier after the October break. Fingers crossed for good weather! You can follow their progress on our twitter page #teamlourdes!

