

SUMMER



Auchenharvie Academy

Summer Newsletter

2022-2023

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Introduction

On behalf of all of my teaching and non-teaching staff I would like to wish you all a great summer holiday. Your continued support this year has been invaluable and is greatly appreciated by all of our staff. As we juggle the daily life of a very busy school we continue to make every effort to ensure that your child's education, both in and out of class, is the best it possibly can be. As ever we are keen that parents/carers have their say in improving our school and if you would like to support this by joining any of our working groups please just contact the school office. Your voice in school improvement is important to us so please give this some consideration for starting the new term in August.

Please find enclosed some important information and a snapshot of some of the activities that have been taking place in our school recently. For further information on what is happening at school follow us on Twitter @Auchenharvie. Thank you.

Calum Johnston, Head Teacher.

Happy Retirement

Congratulations to Mrs Fletcher, Mr Burns and Mrs Mounce on your retirement! As a school, we are extremely grateful for everything you have done over the years and we will miss working alongside you. Best wishes for happiness and relaxation - enjoy your freedom, and don't forget to keep in touch .



Mrs Fletcher



Mr Burns



Mrs Mounce

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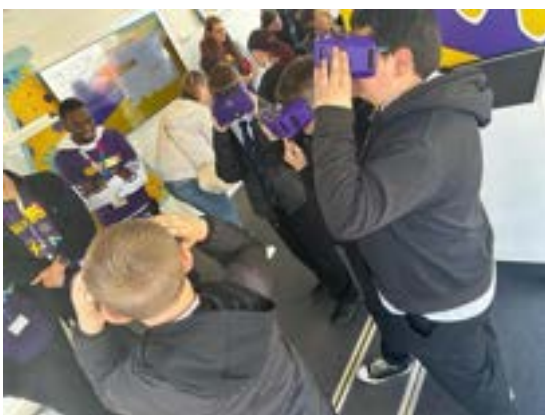
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Curiosity Cube

Our new S2 pupils were involved in workshops exploring contamination with the Curiosity Cube.



Led by colleagues from MERCK, pupils explored physical contamination in a classroom using VR, tested for potential contamination in food and drink and investigated chemical contamination of the environment around us using microscopes.



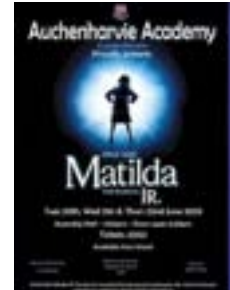
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Expressive Arts

It has been another busy term in the Expressive Arts Faculty with us rehearsing for our summer show Matilda Jr which took place on Tues 20th, Wed 21st and Thurs 22nd June 7pm in the Assembly Hall. 20 of our P7 pupils are also involved in the show.



We have been busy working along side our cluster Primaries for our Next Generation Concert on Thursday 15th June 7pm Assembly Hall and tickets £2/£1 will be available at the door on the night.

Also congratulations to James Cairns who represented Auchenharvie at the North Ayrshire Young Rock and Pop Musician of the Year playing Electric and Bass Guitars. Even though he wasn't placed, he did both himself and the school proud.



We look forward to the new year ahead when already we have an Expressive Arts Trip planned to London for June 2024.



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Physical Education

North Ayrshire and Ayrshire Athletics Championships

Team Auchenharvie, consisting of twenty pupils, competed on behalf of their school at the North Ayrshire Athletics Championships in May at the Kilmarnock Athletics Arena. All pupils represented their school brilliantly with five pupils finishing 1st or 2nd in their event to qualify for the Ayrshire Athletics Championships. In June, at the Ayrshire Championships, Emy Finnigan won silver in the 1500m and Lola Finnigan won gold in the 800m to become Ayrshire champion. Congratulations to the girls and all pupils for representing their school in such a fantastic way.



Auchenharvie Sports Championships

Each year, the PE department run a sports championship for S1-3 which involves competing in a variety of athletics events across the school day. All pupils gave their best effort in each event and two sports champions were crowned for each year group. The winners were:

- S1 - Jayden McDaid and Lola Finnigan
- S2 - Joshua Lennon and Alex Murdoch
- S3 - James Brown Maia Lewis

Arran Football Trip

Mr McDougall and Mrs Stewart braved the seas and selected a group of 30 pupils to participate in an away trip to Arran. Both a boys and girls team were selected to go to the festival of football on the island which gave Arran their first home match in quite a few years! All pupils represented the school brilliantly and enjoyed the journey as much as the football. The result was not what the players were hoping for, however, the experience of the return trip to Arran trumped any disappointment felt from the scorelines in the matches. Well done to all involved in this trip!

The weather for the sports championships was fantastic, well done to all the participants and to our winners!



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Science

Mr Lodge and our S1-3 Science Ambassadors completed their extended Primary Transition programme in May.



Mr Lodge and our ambassadors have been visiting all our Cluster Primary schools since September, delivering exciting science experiments each week. These experiments have been investigating electrical circuits, exploring chemical reactions and making cheese.



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Family Learning



Over the past year the Family Learning team have been working with a number of parents/carers through our Parents in Partnership programme.

This programme continues to grow and be a success for new S1 families. The team have offered computing classes for parents/carers with the brilliant Rosslyn Lee, provided study skills opportunities for young people and also been involved in writing a Child Protection programme with CELCIS. This would not have been possible without the work from our wonderful Family Learning worker, Linda Mahood.

The work around equity continues to grow with our new and pre loved uniform store supporting many families in our community. We have had a number of uniform pop ups during school holidays and plan to have another in July this summer to support our families. We have also built strong partnerships with the Money Matters team at North Ayrshire, offering financial support to many and also working closely with the Child Poverty Action Group for Scotland to break down potential barriers around costs associated with the school day. This has been done by working with many of our young people who are now Ambassadors for Cost of the School Day and involved in national work around this.



Our prom wear initiative continues to grow and we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community who contribute to this on a weekly basis. It simply wouldn't be possible to offer this initiative without these contributions. We wholeheartedly believe that all pupils should be able to go to their prom without any financial barriers stopping them and our aim is to provide this for them.

As ever, if we can support in any way or you would like to suggest any ideas for our team then please email Allison Hopton on gw08balmerallison2@glow.sch.uk

Have a wonderful, healthy and happy summer break.

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Active Schools

North Ayrshire Sports Academy

We are delighted to have had 10 of our young people completing this year's NASA programme. The programme, organised and delivered by Active Schools saw the pupils complete phase 1 of the programme where they gained introductory level coaching qualifications before choosing a specialism in phase 2. This allowed pupils to take part in a pathway of their choice. Pathways included Football, Multi Sports, Netball, ASN, Dance/ Gymnastics.



We are very proud of how our pupils showed commitment to the course. Our group also delivered over 1100 voluntary hours between them providing opportunities for pupils in Auchendarvie and the associated primary schools to be active.

Special mention to Cameron Davidson who won the Commitment to Volunteering award after completing an impressive 210 voluntary hours.

A huge thank you to the school for supporting the programme and to the cluster primaries for allowing the young people the chance to volunteer.

Young Ambassadors for Sport

Our Young Ambassadors have been busy this year planning, promoting, delivering and supporting a range of events. These include Inter House games, Active Girls day, supporting North Ayrshire events such as the Girls World Cup.



One of the Young Ambassador group's greatest achievements this year has been taking part in training and then delivering the Move and Improve leadership training to all P6 pupils in the cluster at Auchendarvie in May. The P6 pupils loved taking part in the training and this gave them a chance to visit the school in an informal setting before their transition activities began. Our Young Ambassadors did a great job on the day and we can't wait to see what they will achieve next.

We are currently recruiting for both programmes for next year. If you'd like to know more, please speak to Leanne (Active Schools) in PE or email leannemcphail@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

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Spanish Club

Our S4 Spanish pupils led a six-week afterschool club for primary pupils at Glencairn Primary. It was a great opportunity for them to show off their skills in Spanish, but also helped them to develop their leadership skills. Each week they planned their lessons and pupils at Glencairn enjoyed taking part in games.



Pupils said, "I liked learning the foods in Spanish so I could ask for an ice cream when I was in Lanzarote on my holidays". " It was more fun having the younger teachers".



Look out for more afterschool clubs next session in primary schools.

Travel & Tourism

Over the course of the year, pupils studying Travel and Tourism, gained a better understanding of how to deliver good customer service.

The Seamill Hydro Hotel kindly invited pupils along to join their staff for some work experience in the restaurant and provided excellent customer service training on the day. It was a valuable insight into the customer service industry and really helped pupils understand the importance of 'getting it right for the customer'.



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This year saw the return of the faculty's annual visit to Edinburgh Christmas Markets, with senior pupils. As always, staff and pupils enjoyed their day, the first since 2019.



S4 pupils visited the Scottish Parliament in December to support learning in the National Modern Studies course. Pupils were given a tour of the building, including the debating chamber, as well as a chance to meet MSPs.



Over a number of weeks, S3 pupils worked very hard in RME to research a local charity of their choice and then put together a funding bid for the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI). Four groups went forward to the final, presenting for The Three Towns Men's Shed (Emily Bennett, Hollie Leckie, and David McNeil); North Ayrshire Women's Aid (Alanna Clark, Brooke Daldry, Kerr Hill, Munroe Holland, Emma Kelly, and Skye Robson); Megan's Space (Struan Campbell, Finlay Fisher, Maia Lewis, and Nathan Ros); and the North Ayrshire Foodbank (Jaymi Agnew and Emma Huettemann).



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Every pupil involved put in a tremendous effort, visiting their chosen charities and speaking with charity workers in order to learn all about the excellent work that they do in the community. All pupils were an absolute credit to the school and presented exceptionally well in the final for the chance to win £3000 from the Wood Foundation for their chosen charity. After a closely fought contest, and lengthy deliberations, Emily Bennett, Hollie Leckie, and David McNeil won the £3000 for the Three Towns Men's Shed. Very well done!



In January this year, MP Patricia Gibson came to speak to Senior Modern Studies pupils about her role in her political party and in the Houses of Parliament. This allowed pupils to contextualise learning and hear first-hand, about the experiences of representatives.



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