

Christmas Newsletter

Christmas Allsorts Pantomime

A huge congratulations to everyone who contributed to our very successful school pantomime which took place on the evening of Thursday 8th December.



A great night full of fun and laughter and particular thanks to Miss Lynch (Drama) for all of her time and dedication to produce such a fantastic show!

Chryston HS Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 10th December. Entertainment was provided throughout by some of our very talented musicians in the school, well led as ever by Mr Drysdale (Music). We enjoyed a large variety of stalls offering many Christmas 'must have' items. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this a wonderful event bringing our school community together at this time of year. Particular thanks to our Parent Council and to Miss Renicks for their work and organisation. The school raised approximately £1,725 – many thanks!





S1 Christmas Party

Over 100 S1 pupils danced last Monday evening away in our Assembly Hall which was marvellously festive. A special visitor came along to help the pupils get into the Christmas spirit, Santa even stayed to feature in a number of 'selfies' or more appropriately at this time of year 'elfies'! Everyone enjoyed a mixture of traditional ceilidh dances and more modern party dances. Huge thanks to the PE department for preparing S1 in classes over the last few weeks and for organising and running the party. Also, thanks to pupils for coming along and to all other members of staff who volunteered to attend and help out on the night.



CHS Christmas Concert



Our Assembly Hall was again full last Tuesday evening (13th Dec) as parents, grandparents, staff and pupils came along to be entertained by the incredibly talented pupils of CHS at our annual Christmas Concert. From drums, to trumpets, solos to bands, Christmas classics to David Bowie numbers, as a school we celebrated so many incredibly talented and confident young people. These events really do showcase how amazing the young people of our school are – there were many proud family members in the audience and also some very proud members of staff. Huge thanks to all who supported and attended this event, thanks to the pupils who performed and particular thanks to Mr Drysdale (Music) for his organisation and indeed his MC skills!





S5/6 Christmas Party

A large number of our S5/6 pupils attended the Snowflake Dance last Wednesday evening. Some of the S6 Charity Committee who organised and led the event, went Christmas shopping to spend the £302 they raised on Christmas presents for the Kilsyth Community Food Bank. Conduct of the pupils was outstanding as usual and thanks to the S6 team who organized and led the event (Sophie, Amy, Caitlin, Ciari and Lucy) – well done and for such a great cause!



Flexible Learning Area

One of our parents has been working as part of our School Identity school improvement team facilitated by Mr Beaton (Technical). Although there are a number of plans in place to further support the identity and ethos of our school a great start has been made in our new 'flexible learning area' in the school. There are some finishing touches required but we aim for this modern learning space (new official name tbc) to open to some extent in the New Year.

Modern spaces = modern thinking and modern learning! Below is a sneak preview of how it is shaping up!





Diana Awards

Inspirational people from across the country who have helped to change the lives of others have recently been recognised with The Diana Award – supported by the late Princess and her sons William and Harry. Kennedy Doolan (S6) was recognised at the awards ceremony in the

Emirate's Arena on Monday 5th December for her dedication to running lunchtime and after school clubs, choreographing school shows and taking up a leadership role within the school for peer mentoring. Kennedy is pictured below after being presented with her award by Katherine Grainger, Olympic rowing champion – congratulations Kennedy.



Sports News/Results

Girls Football

We are very proud of Miss Cooke and her Girls Football team who recently competed in a tournament at St. Andrew's HS.

Victories against Cumbernauld, Greenfaulds (b) and St. Maurice's, draw against Caldervale and a narrow defeat against Greenfaulds (a). Well done girls!

Boys Football

As a school we have competed in 13 matches so far this season and all involved have represented themselves and our school in a manner we can all be proud of – thanks to Mr McAlpine and other staff who continually give of their time to provide these important opportunities for the young people involved. Our S3 team are due to play Greenfaulds in round 3 of the Scottish Shield in the near future and our S1 team march forward with confidence into round 3 of the Lanarkshire Cup after defeating Duncanrigg recently. Our strong senior team narrowly lost out in the Scottish Cup to last season's beaten finalists, St. Ambrose. Our GK for that team, Harry Purves was recently asked to attend the Scotland Schoolboys Final Trials and although not selected has been in inspired form for the team – we are very proud of Harry's achievements and all other pupils involved in our teams.





Netball

Mrs Walker and her many Netball teams have been involved in 7 matches already this session involving over 40 pupils S1 – S4. Our S1 team have shown improvement in their 2 opening games as have the S2 team who enjoyed a resounding win in their last game. Our S3/4 team has had a successful start to the campaign and are currently on an impressive 3 match winning run, giving them a great chance to qualify for the semi-finals. Good luck girls, keep enjoying it and keep working hard!

Higher Education

Congratulations to the following S6 pupils who have secured unconditional offers for University places for next year:

Christopher Kelly – Glasgow, Languages & Business, Kennedy Doolan – Stirling, Sports Studies, Isla Love – Strathclyde, Business Management. Well done to each of you, we are very proud and good luck to all other pupils who are applying for university places.

Shoebox Appeal



The school sent 102 boxes away as part of The Samaritan's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. These will be sent to children in places such as Haiti, Romania and Ghana. Thanks to Miss Harold (English) and to everyone involved in such a terrific cause.





NLC Christmas Concert

As a school we are very proud of the following pupils who have been selected/continue to play in various NLC music groups, many of whom performed in the NLC Christmas Concert recently.

Gemma Wallace, Murray MacDonald, Emily Moore, Karaleigh Emerson, Sarah Spencer, Isla MacDonald, Ross Richardson, Dylan McCaskie, Duncan Lambert, Bobby Allen, Eilidh MacIntosh, Callum Penman, Benjamin Beadsworth, Matthew Duncan, Ewan Elliot, Ross McLaughlin, Emma Anderson, Logan Paton.

Other News

Higher & Adv. Higher Physics Pupils recently attended a Christmas Lecture: Chasing the Waves at The University of Glasgow.

Higher Biology pupils recently attended a Bio Lab workshop in The University of Strathclyde.

S3 and S4 pupils in Science and Biology have also recently attended lectures on animals and ecosystems at Edinburgh Zoo.

Upcoming Dates/Events

- S4/5/6 Prelims begin on Wednesday 11th January – pupils have been given Exam Timetables and information about good practice in and during exams
- S2 Parents Information Evening – Thurs 2nd February, 7pm
- S2 Parents Evening – Thursday 9th February, 4.15 – 6.45pm
- February Mid-Term Holiday – Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February
- INSET Day 4 – Wednesday 15th February

If you have any future success/news you would like us to be aware of please contact us at the school.

Loch Eil

12 S2 pupils accompanied Miss Renicks to Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre last week. The pupils involved had a fantastic time and were involved in a number of outdoor learning opportunities boosting their team work, resilience and perseverance. Well done to everyone involved.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Chryston High School, we wish you a happy, peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

