

# Spring 2017 Newsletter

## Young Musician of the Year

A huge thanks and congratulations to everyone who performed, participated, attended and contributed to our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual YMOTY event on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Particular thanks to Mr Drysdale and his Music team for organising and running the event so successfully.

Results:

### Junior Instrumentalists

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Rachel Paton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Angus Ritchie (Chryston Primary School)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gemma Wallace

### Senior Instrumentalists

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Murray MacDonald
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ryan Bradley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Georgia Wardle & Andrew Coulter

### Vocalists

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Kesam Qureshi
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Naona Stroak
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kirsty Campbell

### Overall Winner

Murray MacDonald

Additionally, the following pupils will represent North Lanarkshire at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Thursday evening (30<sup>th</sup> March), we wish them well with their performances:

Lauren Bradley, Karaleigh Emerson, Ryan Bradley, Liam Lau, Ben Beadsworth, Matthew Duncan, Bobby Allen, Duncan Lambert, Emma Anderson,

Neve Coughlin, Isla MacDonald, Callum Penman, Ewan Elliot, James Duncan and Murray MacDonald.





## Drama Showcase

A wide array of talent was showcased in our school during the evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils being presented in SQA Drama courses this session shared their talents with the school community. Not only did we have the opportunity to see just how talented these young people are and how prepared they are to do well in their course assessments but I am sure that we also saw a sign of things to come on stage and screen from some of our pupils in the future. Many thanks to all who attended and supported the event and particular thanks to our Drama team, Mrs McTavish and Miss Lynch for organising such a successful and entertaining event.

## Piping Success

Bobby Allen has recently been accepted to play in the Scottish Pipe Band – congratulations Bobby, all the very best from everyone at Chryston High School.



## CHS Cluster K'Nex Challenge



On the morning of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March we welcomed some primary 6 pupils to our school to compete in the Cluster K'Nex Challenge. In one of the challenges the pupils involved had to design a bridge strong enough to hold a bottle of water. The winning team came from Auchinloch Primary School as judged by some of our very own S3 pupils – Bailey Chapple, James Duncan, Cameron Paton, Kyle Robertson and Ross Ure.

## Parent/Carer Events

A large number of events for parents/carers have taken place successfully throughout this term. As a school we understand the importance of strong partnerships with parents/carers and we fully appreciate your attendance and support at these events. This term the school has offered:

- 2 Parent Council Meetings
- 3 Parent Information Evenings (S2, S3 & S4&5)
- 2 Parent Consultation Evenings (S2 & S3)
- 3 Social Events including Young Musician of the Year

Parental surveys will be used early next session to gather views to inform our improvement planning for next session – please take the opportunity to complete one of these if you can. Information about how to do this will follow in April.

Out-with these events we are only a phone call away – in the first instance please contact your child's Pupil Support teacher using the normal school contact number.





## Flexible Learning Space



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 space'. It seems to be in high demand and classes are using the space through a booking system. Pupils and staff who have used the area have been very complimentary about it - when asked, all pupils have said that they enjoy learning in the space and that it encourages them to work even harder!



Modern spaces = modern thinking and modern learning!



## We Are Chryston High – I CARE

Our school is continuously looking to further develop our school identity. The school improvement team responsible for leading on this have been working hard to show off our identity at the front entrance of the school. We now have a CHS welcome mat at the front door, pictures of the people who are in our staff teams on the wall at the waiting area and new banners which welcome people as they walk through the door.



Furthermore, throughout this term much work has been done in discussing what our core values are as a school and refreshing them as appropriate so that we can develop our understanding of what they mean in practice. After meeting/discussing with staff (teaching & non-teaching), pupils and our Parent Council we are delighted to announce our school values under the banner of **I CARE – Chryston High School, I CARE.**

**I – Integrity**

**C – Compassion**

**A – Ambition**

**R – Respect**

**E – Equity**

These have been shared with examples of what they mean in practice at recent assemblies with every pupil in the school. Much more work will be done in regard to our core values throughout next term and beyond. Our school identity improvement team already have plans to highlight these across our school building in due course.





## Chryston Contenders

### S1 – S3 Rewarding Positive Behaviour Learning

During recent assemblies many S1 – S3 pupils have been rewarded with certificates and some have even won prizes due to their consistent levels of positive behaviour across the school. Merit points are given in classes at the end of each term for meeting a variety of targets including; being properly prepared for learning, uniform and arriving in class on time. We feel that everyone in our school can meet the targets that are set each term – simple things that greatly contribute to successful learning across our school.

## Sports News

### Cross Country

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March twenty CHS pupils braved the elements to represent our school at the NLC Cross Country Championships. As part of our team Rachel Paton achieved a gold medal, Hannah Paton achieved silver, Jamie Burns achieved gold, Lucy Somerville achieved gold and the S1 boys' team achieved silver (Rios Dickens, Jack White and David Woods). Well done everyone involved – we are very proud of you for demonstrating great determination and resilience in such challenging conditions.

### Swimming

Three swimmers have achieved recent success in the Scottish Swimming Championships earlier in the term – Kerr Martin, Greg Fairbairn and Lauren

Addyman. Due to their success they are competing in Aberdeen for the NLC team throughout the course of the final week of term – well done and good luck from all at CHS.

### Gymnastics/Tumble

Congratulations to Jessica Honeyman (S1) for recently being selected to compete in the British team finals and the semi-finals in Tumbling.

### Stock Car Racing

Congratulations to David Sinclair (S2) who came second in the Stock Car Racing Northern Championships recently, winning a trophy for his efforts.

### Netball Success

Congratulations to our S2 and S3/4 Netball teams who have won their sections and will now compete in the finals of the NLC Netball league after the holidays. Well done and good luck girls!

### Dance

Stephanie Bell (S5) is part of the Junior Conservatoire for Contemporary Dance at the Royal Conservatoire for Scotland and her class recently performed in the Beacon Arts Centre in Greenock.

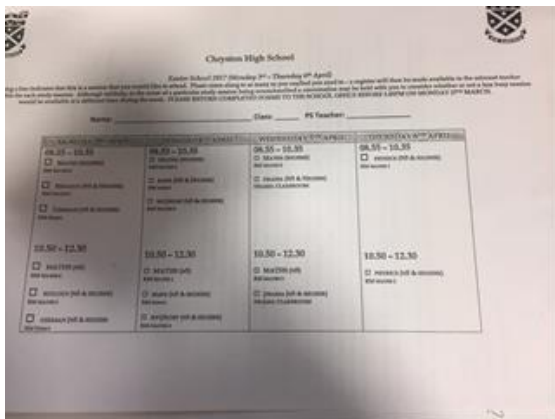
**Many thanks to Mr Flannigan and his PE team for facilitating and supporting all of this success and for voluntarily providing opportunities out-with the normal school day.**





## Easter School

S4, 5 & 6 recently heard about the arrangements for this session's Easter School at an assembly. Letters and information can be found on the school website. Easter School is running on the mornings of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April offering a number of subjects and levels.



## Upcoming Dates/Events

- Spring holidays – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. School opens again as normal on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8.55am
- May holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- SQA exams begin Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- INSET Day 5 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May



## SQA

As a school, we wish all S4 – S6 pupils who will be engaging in SQA exams throughout May all the very best. Be as prepared as you can and do your very best – good luck.

### Parent Reflection (Exams)

A school Principal in Singapore recently wrote the following letter to parents/carers:

*Dear Parents,*

*The exams of your children are to start soon. I know you are all really anxious for your child to do well.*

*But, please do remember, amongst the students who will be sitting for the exams, there is an artist who doesn't need to understand Maths.*

*There is an entrepreneur who doesn't care about History or English Literature.*

*There's a sports person whose physical fitness is more important than Physics...like schooling.*

*If your child does get top marks, that's great! But if he/she doesn't, please don't take away their self-confidence and dignity from them.*

*Tell them it's OK, it's just an exam! They are cut out for much bigger things in life.*

*Tell them, no matter what they score, you love them and will not judge them.*

*Please do this, and when you do, watch your children conquer the world. One exam or a low mark won't take away their dreams and talent.*

*And please, do not think that doctors and engineers are the only happy people in the world.*

*With Warm Regards,*

*The Principal*

***Finally, on behalf of everyone at Chryston High School, we wish you an enjoyable Spring break.***

