

# JOHNSTONE HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL BULLETIN 29 April 2016

# 1. Note From Mrs Hollywood

Another busy week in the life of Johnstone High School! The S6 graduation took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April and there were tears, caps and gowns, photos, speeches, more tears, a beautiful bagpipe exit, a buffet and more photos. After six years of high school (13 years of school in total!) we wish a very fond farewell to S6....until exams. Then there is the small matter of the prom in June. To S5 – get ready! The baton is passing to you.

The 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day of term for senior who have exams. From Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May we are into exam season. For pupils in S1-3 this means that you need to be mindful that there are exams taking place in the hall and, on occasion, other areas of the school. I am asking you all for your consideration and cooperation and if the SMT move you along or ask for you to be quiet over the next few weeks, this will be the reason.

Activities week is well in hand, and Mr Munro has put information out on the range of activities that you can take part in. Discuss this at home, and be careful not to make too many financial demands on your parents! Some of the activities have a cost, some don't, and we have tried to put on a range that will suit everyone's tastes. Finally, are you following your school on Twitter? Keep up to date, especially with Mr Miller's rove reporting and photos (!) and Mr Rankin's employment / apprenticeship opportunities for leavers.

## 2. Music Dept

Annie rehearsal as usual on Friday afterschool 3pm-5pm, 29/4/16. Don't forget this Saturday's rehearsal 10-5pm, 30/4/16.

### 3. Ardentinny

## S1 Ardentinny

The next payment should be made at the START of interval on Wednesday 4th May. Remember it is £41 pounds (one more than previous payments). Mr Fenwick.

### 4. Mr Fulton

Pupils from S1-S3 recently enjoyed a trip to Renfrew to watch Robot Wars with Dara O'Brien being filmed for the new TV series. Pupils who attended are members of the school Robot Wars teams which meets Tuesday after school and Friday lunch times in Mr Fulton's room. The teams took a lot of inspiration from the trip for their own robot designs and also got to see how TV shows are recorded.

# 5. Literacy Update from Mrs Haggerty

### **Author Visit**

Alan Bissett visited our school library and entertained a group of S3 and S5/6 readers by talking about the inspiration for his books. He stressed that he was very impressed by the audience and he also stressed that he

would be delighted to return to Johnstone High School, to speak to more of you. He praised our group because they asked him some very interesting questions. I look forward to inviting more of you to meet with Alan in the future.

#### **Great News**

Do not feel left out S1 and S2 readers, we are waiting for confirmation that another author, possibly Catherine Mc Phail will visit in the near future.

## **Carnegie Medal**

S3 pupils who signed up to read the books nominated for the Carnegie Medal should keep reading. The librarian is looking forward to assigning you your next riveting read. Books available now!

## **Junior Pupil Council**

I will attend your next meeting to discuss how we should spend the proceeds from World Book Day Event. Final total was £189.64. I am sure that we can raise more money for resources next year. Well done everyone.

# **Paired Reading Club**

A plea to senior pupils: I need volunteers to help organise a paired reading, lunchtime club. Also, I need volunteers to support readers during the school day. Such support could only be volunteered if there was a space on the timetable. Go on, if you have space on your timetable, or if you are an S5 who would be willing to support readers during a lunchtime session, please give me a note of your name. Training will be available. Once the pressure of exams is gone, let's build an amazing reading culture.

