



JOHNSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

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1. **Note from Mrs Hollywood**

Some days in Johnstone High School are action packed and today was one of them! Friday started off with a non-uniform day in aid of the Renfrewshire Foodbank. Everyone in our school community pulled together and we collected an amazing 51 crates of food which will go to support families in need in our local area. Well done everyone and a particular thanks to the S6 team who collected and sorted the goods.



Lunchtime was our fun run in aid of St Vincent's Hospice, again showing the school's support of a local charity. Well done to the pupils and staff who participated and to the S6 team who organised the event. Check out twitter for some great photos of those who took part.

I spent a very enjoyable afternoon in the Home Economics department and visited five classes from S1-5/6. I was very impressed at the work going on, especially the time planned menus in S4 and in S5/6 Hospitality. Not so sure that my 'Bake Off' jokes went down well with the teachers though!

Finally, Friday afternoon saw three higher Modern Studies classes quiz MP Mhairi Black who visited us for a curricular input on the life and work of a constituency MP. Thanks to Ms Black, and Miss Mullaney who organised the visit.

There is now one week to go until the October break – lots of learning to fit in during that time. Please remember that Friday 14th October is an in service day for staff and pupils should not attend. We will see you bright and early on Monday 24th October at 8.50am.

2. Young Ambassadors 2016-2017

Cara Hendriks and myself, Laura-Rose Reid of S6 were nominated by our PE department to be Johnstone High School's Young Ambassadors 2016-2017. Our first duty as Young Ambassador was to attend a training day at Hampden lead by previous young ambassadors and active schools co-ordinators. The day consisted of team building exercises, planning events and taking part in ice breakers. We also had the opportunity to meet some athletes who had competed in the Rio Olympics, these included Eilidh Doyle and Robbie Renwick; they shared their sporting experiences and motivated us to aim to succeed no matter what you do. Cara and myself have a lot of events planned for this year and would encourage as many pupils to get involved.

Clubs

On Thursday 13th October we will be in the assembly hall at lunch with a sign up sheet for a variety of lunch and after school clubs that will take place in the PE department. These include netball, gymnastics and football and more! If you are interested please have a look at the list in PE.

Active Girls Day

We are also arranging Active Girls Day on Friday 28th October. To promote Active Girls Day we are inviting girls from S1-S3 to join us in the PE department during Friday lunch for a fun Halloween themed activities, games and sports. For more information, look out for posters around the school or ask the PE staff, Cara or myself.

School Sport Award

This year we are entering Johnstone High School for the School Sport Award. This award is not only beneficial to the PE department but also for the school as a whole. It is our ambition to achieve the bronze and silver award! With the support from pupils, staff and parents we are confident that we can achieve this status.

Volunteering

We have a variety of lunchtime and after school clubs this year with a large amount of attendees. To be able to allow as many pupils to attend our clubs as possible, we need volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer an hour after school or your lunchtime to help coach a club we would appreciate it if you can speak to a member of staff from PE or Cara and I. We can provide training and you can use volunteering hours to count towards Duke of Edinburgh or Saltire Award.

Transition Day

We are in the process of planning the primary seven transition day. We are both very excited to be a part of organising this event and looking forward to working with SMT and the PE department to make it a success.

Finally, please speak to either of us if you have any questions about clubs or volunteering. We look forward to be working with the sports leader classes and to assisting our current coaches to promote sports and provide a variety of fun events and clubs within our school.

3. BBC School News Report

This is an extra curricular activity for 1st and 2nd years. Wednesday lunchtime in E3 (Miss Wakefield's Room). It will involve being part of a mini news team, including investigative journalism, interviewing the subjects of real news stories, and filming and recording news.

It'll be around once a week, always on Wednesday at lunchtime in my room, hoping to make a start next week, but willing to have people join late! Next week will be a "get to know me" session anyway.

4. Active Schools

Hockey Club - Every Tuesday after school until 5:00pm open to all boys and girls S1-6.

Girls Self Defence club - Open to all s1-4 girls who are encouraged to go along every Tuesday as well after school until 5:00pm, taken by a female martial art expert.

5. iSave

First iSave collection will be during interval Friday 28th October. S1, S2, S3 pupils interested should speak to Mr Peters, Miss Brown or Mr Fulton. More information in the next bulletin.