

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

4 th December	S2 Parent/Carer Evening	Miss Lee
5 th December	Senior Phase Assessments begin	Miss Lee

FORTHCOMING

18 th December	Senior Phase Snow Ball 7-9pm	D Robertson

P Education Scotland Visit

HM Inspectors from Education Scotland will be visiting our school to conduct an inspection during the week commencing 2nd December. Information about the visit was shared with pupils at assemblies on Monday, 18th November, and with parents and carers by email.

As part of the inspection, pupils, parents/carers, staff and partners had the opportunity to complete an online survey. Pupils had the opportunity to complete the questionnaire during PSE this week and the link was in Google Classrooms for all pupils to access. A link to the questionnaire for parents and carers was shared by email. Thank you to all pupils, parents/carers, colleagues and partners who completed the questionnaire, which provides important feedback to the Inspectors in advance of their visit.

B Lee

P Congratulations

Well done to Lily Stewart, who achieved first place in her gymnastics competition achieving another two points for Kerse House!

Well done to AJ Allison, who has achieved first place in the South Lanarkshire Council Road Safety Competition, achieving another two points for Milton House!

B Lee

P S2 Parents' Evening

S2 Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday, 4th December. S2 Reports were issued along with booking information for Parents' Evening on Wednesday, 27th December. We look forward to seeing all parents/carers at Parents' Evening on 4th December!

B Lee

P Senior Phase Assessments

Senior Phase Assessments begin on Thursday, 5th December. If you have any questions relating to your Prelim exams, please see Mr Gray, SQA Coordinator. Good luck to all students with their exams!

B Lee

P Clydesdale Food Bank Collections

As in previous years, in partnership with Coalburn Church, we are collecting on behalf of Clydesdale Food Bank to support families at Christmas time. House Captains will visit Tutor classes and will be in the Street Area at lunch-times to collect donations, or these can also be handed to Mr Mallaghan or Mr Campbell. A list of the items requested is displayed on posters around the school and includes starter, main course and dessert items for a Christmas dinner, e.g. tins of soup, tins of vegetables, tins of ham/chicken/salmon, tinned fruit, as well as sweets and non-alcoholic drinks.

B Lee

P Home Economics

All pupils are reminded to bring a container for Home Economics when cooking. Thank you!

B Lee

P Uniform Items and School Bags

If you have any pre-loved uniform items or school bags that are no longer needed, we would be delighted if these could be handed into the school office so that we can add them to our uniform and school supplies for next session. Please help us to look after our environment– remember the importance of reducing, repairing, reusing and recycling!

B Lee

P Lost Property

A number of lost property items (including expensive outdoor jackets) remain unclaimed in the lost property store. Please check with Joan and Lynn if you have misplaced any items within the school.

B Lee

P Community

A reminder of the importance of placing litter in the bins provided. It is important that we look after the local environment and show respect for our community.

B Lee

P ParentsPortal

Thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to ParentsPortal, our new digital communication service. ParentsPortal enables parents to update contact information, complete consent forms, view canteen menus and attendance information, link to ParentPay and other functions. From this session, school reports will also be available through ParentsPortal.

Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

B Lee

P 'Too good to go'

Unsold sandwiches/wraps/baguettes left over from lunch-time can be collected from a fridge in the Pupil Support corridor at the end of the school day or by arrangement with PTs Pupil Support/SMT/PTs Equity. Please speak to SMT, PTs Pupil Support or PTs Equity for further information.

Please also remember that a supply of toiletries are available in Mr Mallaghan's Pupil Support Office. There are also some porridge pots if anyone has missed breakfast.

B Lee

P Uniform

Our school uniform is:

- White shirt/blouse;
- School tie (red and black/ senior/ international);
- Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan without logos;
- Black trousers/black skirt;
- School blazer, with option of braiding for S6;
- Plain black footwear (including laces); and
- P.E. kit (white, red or black t-shirt, black shorts).

Please speak to Mrs McCallum, your Pupil Support Teacher, Miss Leckenby, Mrs Miller or any member of SMT if you need any uniform items. Alternatively, you can request uniform items at the links below:

School uniform <https://forms.gle/AWcqcQ7seyd5c91i9>

We would welcome any donations of any pre-loved items of school uniform, particularly school blazers to add these to the supplies available to pupils. Please pass any donations to the School Office. Thank you.

B Lee

P Windfarm Connect2 Renewables Employability Fund – S4-S6 pupils

The following information about the Windfarm Connect 2 Renewables Employability Fund has been shared with S4-S6 pupils and posted in S4-S6 Google Classrooms:

Due to your proximity to the Kype Muir and Middle Muir windfarms, if you plan on leaving at the end of this school year, you could be entitled to up to £500 (if going to college/university) or £200 if going into employment/apprenticeship. This is a grant payment that does not need to be paid back. The only real requirement is that you live within the required postcode areas.

I would encourage you all to apply if eligible - it is free money that could be really useful as you start your post-school journey.

To apply, you really just need to complete a form - but you won't receive the money until you start college/university as they will need to see your student card. You can make enquiries now though by contacting: connect2renewables@southlanarkshire.gov.uk or telephone 0800 9520 070.

J Mallaghan

P Homework

Homework will be shared using Google Classroom. Please make sure you are a member of all your Google Classrooms, including your Year Group Google Classroom.

LA Cimmino

P Young Scot Card and Free Bus Travel

If you need a new Young Scot Card, or still have to renew your card to access free bus travel, your Tutor teacher can give you a form to complete, which will allow us to apply for your card on your behalf. Completed forms should be returned to Miss Fletcher or the School Office. Please see Miss Fletcher if you have any questions about accessing free bus travel.

B Lee

P EMA – S5/6

EMA application forms can be downloaded from the South Lanarkshire Council website. On the Council website, click on 'Education and Learning', then 'Secondary School Information', then 'Education Maintenance Allowance'. If you need any help with this, please see Mr Robertson or your Pupil Support Teacher. It is your responsibility to complete and send the application form.

When you receive an award letter with your EMA number on it, bring this to Mr Robertson who will then issue a copy of the Learning Agreement to be signed by your teachers and Parent/Carer. You should then return the completed Learning Agreement to Mr Robertson and the school office will then process your EMA.

Only when you have completed all of the above will the payment process begin. Please see Mr Robertson if you have any questions about EMA.

D Robertson