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Head Teacher Weekly Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

This week we began our new session timetable where pupils moved up a year group. With the SQA exam diet in the past, we now look forward and for our new S4, S5 and S6 pupils, the learning for courses and assessments begins now. Our new S2 and S3 pupils moved into some new classes with some new teachers also. We will also welcome our new intake of S1 pupils next week for the P7 Induction days.

On Monday, Mrs Fraser, Gemma Livingstone, Jane McCash and Melissa McPhee (all S3) were invited to Edinburgh to the D&AD Awards Ceremony to celebrate the girls winning the New Gen award. As previously mentioned in my updates, they were selected as one of the winners of the D&AD New Gen Awards by an international panel of judges for designing a new game in response to a 'New Way to Play' brief set by global sports brand ADIDAS. Well done again girls!



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Also, this week a group of S1 girls visited Howden Engineering to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day. This gave the girls an opportunity to speak with industry experts, with a focus on inspiring our girls to pursue a career in engineering, promote equality in engineering and celebrate their achievements.



Over the course of the year, pupils make use of our library in class, during intervals and lunchtimes and as part of our after-school provision. Clare Hemsworth, our librarian has asked me to let parents and carers know that all books are due back in by Wednesday 21st June at the latest. There are currently 1242 books outstanding and we require them to be returned.



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On Wednesday, Mr Johnston in the PE department took a group of our new S3 pupils to Ferguslie Cricket Club to participate in an introduction to cricket session. This gave the pupils an opportunity to experience the sport for the first time, while developing the range of skills within the sport. The group had a fantastic time, and we are hopeful this creates a new pathway for them.



Last week I mentioned at the end of my update that we will be holding a Sports Day. I can now confirm that this will take place on the morning of Wednesday 21st June for pupils in S1, S2 and S3. The PE department are currently gathering names for each event based on scores, times, and distances achieved during the PE athletics lessons. The PE staff will begin to invite those who have qualified for each event from next week. We look forward to this event.

Over the course of this session, we have been working towards becoming a Rights Respecting School. This week we began that journey by achieving our Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award from UNICEF. This first stage on our Rights Respecting Journey shows that we are rights committed in placing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of our ethos. We



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will now be working towards our Silver Award and more information will be coming after the summer holidays about how we will do this.



Also last week at the end of my update I mentioned our Castlehead Summer Concert. Due to some 'logistical' issues, this has been changed to the evening of Wednesday 21st June (there seems to be a big Scotland game on the previous date that many of our musicians are attending). The concert will be held in the school auditorium and will begin at 6.30pm. Parents, carers and family are welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity to give a donation at the door if you wish. Another fantastic event to look forward to over the coming weeks.

On Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June our new S2 pupils are invited to take part in creative workshops at Glasgow School of Art. We are the only school in Scotland lucky enough to have this opportunity as part of our partnership with GSA. Consent must be completed on Parent Pay. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. Pupils should wear full school uniform and meet in the auditorium on the morning of their trip. We will then take our new S3 pupils on Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th June.



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Finally, we have had more success with our Art pupils. Mrs McGeoch recently took pupils to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery to participate in the Glasgow Museums Art Competition for Young People. We have some exceptionally talented artists in our school and three of our pupils' gained awards from the judges. See below:

Bronze Medal

Holly Archibald -S3

Highly Commended

Gemma Livingstone - S3

Commended

Hollie Cameron – S3

This is a wonderful achievement, and Holly will be invited pick up her medal at the prize giving at the Kelvingrove Museum in late September.

Please see the key dates for this term below:

Monday 5th June- New Timetable. Pupils will move onto their new timetable.

Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th June – Primary 7 Transition days

Wednesday 14th June – Primary 7 Parents transition evening

Wednesday 21st June – Castlehead Summer Concert

Wednesday 21st June – Sports Day

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June- Activities days

Monday 26th June – Ethos Day

Tuesday 27th June – Final day of session. School will close at 1pm

I hope you have a relaxing weekend. We look forward to welcoming the young people back to school and a new timetable on Monday morning at 8.50am.

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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