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School Vision

Cultivating a community of respect, equity, and kindness, fuelling ambitious minds to thrive and make a positive impact in our world.

School Values

Ambition Respect Kindness

Head Teacher Weekly Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

It has been another busy week at Castlehead with the focus continuing to be on teaching and learning. However, as is the case in a busy Secondary school, there are other activities that continue to engage our pupils.

The last two Fridays have seen our S6 pupils and a selection of S5 and S4 pupils receive first aid training and on completion the Level 6 First Aid award. This is a fabulous opportunity and a life skill that is extremely important to have. Please see below some photos from the last two weeks:

















Children's Services

Director: Steven Quinn



Our Mock Court experience began this week with some of our senior pupils. This International project involves the pupils being split into teams to take part in a Mock Trial against other schools from all over the world and working with solicitors in weekly tutorial to make their case. There are multiple disciplines to work with covering a range of professional areas, from medicine to prosthetics, to bio-chemistry, neuroscience and the environment. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils who are not only interested in law but many other careers. At the end of the programme, the teams will be involved in a mock trial at the High Court with a Sheriff presiding their cases. What an amazing experience this will be.

As a School of Creativity, it is always fabulous when some of our pupils work is displayed, and more so when it is displayed out with our school. 17 Castlehead pupils have had their work displayed at this years **Inspired Exhibition** which is part of **Paisley's Big Art Show** taking place at The Art Department, Causeyside Street Paisley. With some amazing pieces of work on display, it is well worth a visit. The display will continue for the month of September. If you get a chance, go check it out. The pupils work that is displayed are named below. Well done to everyone:

Martina McDonald Leo Morrison Grace McNairn Luke Campbell

Taylor Jack Muhammad Zulhizam Laura Patterson Freya Robertson

Carys Grittiths Jack Dunn Olivia Robertson Kim McAulay

Tayba Noor Lewis Ferrier Alba Kinnear Erin McGinnigle

Please see some of the art below:























Last week I mentioned that Mr Dunlop, DHT, was collating the extra-curricular opportunities for all out pupils. I am delighted to let you know of all the additional opportunities that our pupils have here at Castlehead at lunchtimes and after school. It is important that pupils have a wide range of experiences while at school and I would urge all pupils to get involved in some way with the extra-curricular clubs. Please see at the end of this update for a list of what's available and when:

Earlier this week, class 1MB and Miss Peat were visited by Duffy – The Reading Dog in their French class. The class were learning about the train station and Duffy was there to show the class how to tell the time.















Finally, last session, some of our pupils received recognition for their fabulous artwork at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery. The successful pupils have now received their award. Congratulations to Hollie Cameron on achieving a Commendation certificate, Holly Archibald for achieving a bronze medal and Gemma Livingstone for achieving a Highly

Commended certificate. Well done girls:



I hope that everyone has a restful weekend.

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies Head Teacher















| DAY | TIME | ACTIVITY | STAFF | AREA |
|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | LUNCHTIME 1.30pm-2pm | Craft Club | Miss Hemsworth and Mrs Hughes | Library |
| | LUNCHTIME 1.30pm-2.00pm | Blooket Buddies (\$1-3) | Miss Feeney | 129 |
| MONDAY | LUNCHTIME 1.15pm-1.55pm | Monday Movie Club | Miss O'Sullivan | Room 117 |
| | LUNCHTIME | Soul Band (S2-6) | Miss Smith | Music Room 2 |
| | LUNCHTIME | Table Tennis | Mr McLean | PE – TT Area |
| | AFTERSCHOOL | Netball | Miss Marshall | Games Hall |
| | AFTERSCHOOL | Girls Football (S1-4) | Miss MacKenzie | Astro Pitch |
| | AFTERSCHOOL | Running Club | Miss O'Sullivan | Various Locations |
| TUESDAY | LUNCHTIME 1.30pm-2pm | Board Game Club | Miss Hemsworth | Library |
| TOLSDAT | LUNCHTIME | Fitness | Miss Marshall | Fitness Suite |
| | AFTERSCHOOL | Basketball | Miss Marshall | Games Hall |















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| | LUNCHTIME 12.40pm-1.10pm | Weaving Club (\$1-3) | Gemma Fraser | Room 320 |
| | LUNCHTIME | Badminton | Miss MacKenzie | Games Hall |
| | LUNCHTIME 12.40pm-1.10pm | Paired Reading (S1-2) | Miss Anderson | Languages and Literature Department |
| WEDNESDAY | LUNCHTIME | Ukulele/Guitar Ensemble | Miss Smith | Music Room 1 |
| | AFTERSCHOOL 3pm - 4pm | STEAM / Lego Robotics club (\$1-3) | Mrs Ballantyne & Librarian | The Library |
| | AFTERSCHOOL 3.40pm-4.30pm | Homework Club (\$1-3) | Mr Boak | Library |
| | AFTERSCHOOL 3pm-4pm | Quick Dinners (S4-6) | Mr Tarnawsky | HE – Room 308 |
| | AFTERSCHOOL | RSSE | Active Schools | Various Locations |
| | LUNCHTIME | Alphabetti Spaghetti | Miss Peat | Room 131 |
| | LUNCHTIME 1.15pm-2.00pm | Impact Club (linked with Scripture Union) | Mrs Aitken | Room 225 |
| THURSDAY | LUNCHTIME | Board Games / Chess club | Mrs Adam | Maths 107 |
| | LUNCHTIME | Table Tennis | Mr Lochhead | PE – TT Area |
| | LUNCHTIME | Whole School Choir | Mr Boak/Ms | Music Room 2 |















| | | Robertson/Miss Smith | |
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| AFTERSCHOOL | Volleyball | Mr McGeoch | Games Hall |

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| | LUNCHTIME | Board Games / Chess club | Mrs Adam | Maths 107 |
| | LUNCHTIME | Origami Club | Ms McCarter | Social Subjects. Room TBC |
| FRIDAY | LUNCHTIME | Spanish Conversation | Ms Martin | Room 222 |
| | LUNCHTIME | Multi-Sports | Active Schools/Mr McLean | Various Locations |
| | LUNCHTIME | Dance | Mrs Toole | Gym 2 |









