



# CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

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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,

This week started early on Sunday morning as I attended the Paisley Remembrance service at the Cenotaph with our Head Students, Annabelle Stokoe and Olivia Robertson. This annual service is attended by each of the Secondary schools in Renfrewshire. This is an incredibly important event in our community and allows us to remember those who paid the ultimate price. It was a beautiful, cold, crisp November morning, with our head students needing a warm cup of tea to heat their hands up:



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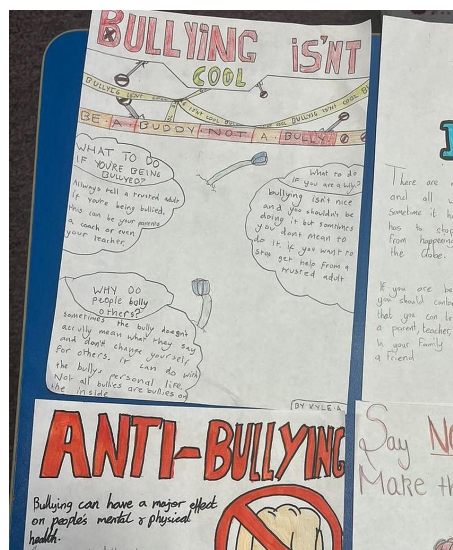
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## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week was National Anti-Bullying week and there was a clear focus on 'Making a Noise about Bullying' in our school. The week was kicked off by our fabulous anti-bullying ambassadors who led assemblies for every year group on Monday. They spent lots of time preparing and presented wonderfully well to their peers. Well done!



There was a focus on Anti-Bullying across all curricular areas and subjects, with specific lessons linking this to pupils learning. An example of this was in Miss O'Sullivan's S2 class where pupils completed anti-bullying posters as part of their work on the play 'The Tulip Touch'.



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Also part of anti-bullying week was a book stall led by our senior pupil leaders. This was promoting novels all with the theme of bullying.



The week ended with our senior pupil leaders organising an anti-bullying disco for our S1 pupils this afternoon. Plenty of party games, juice, crisps and chocolate to end a great week.

## **FOCUS WEST – STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY**

On Wednesday, some S4 pupils took part in the Focus West sessions delivered at Strathclyde University where our pupils were learning study skills and all about applying for Further Education. The pupils were fully engaged throughout, and the Focus West mentors highlighted that they were a joy and a credit to our school.



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## CHILDREN IN NEED

Finally, as today is children in need day, our S6 pupils managed to coerce a group of very 'willing' teachers into supporting their fundraising by volunteering for the 'Pie the Teacher' event. This was held in the auditorium at lunchtime with a large crowd looking forward to seeing our seniors getting their own back on some of Castleheads finest.

See below some of the before and after photos of our poor staff. Thanks must go to Mr Haughey, Mrs McGeoch, Mr Quinn, Mr Boak, Mr Hardie, Mr Inglis and Mr Dunlop for agreeing to be 'splatted'!



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I hope you have a restful weekend. With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies  
Head Teacher



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