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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, parents, and carers,

LANGUAGES WEEK

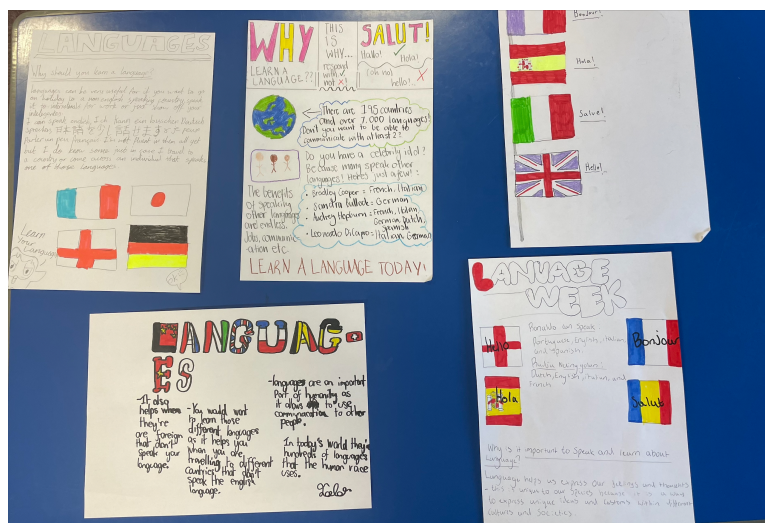
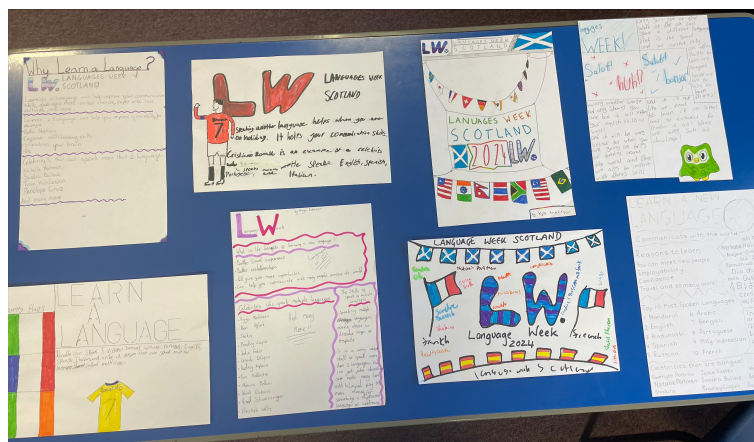
Pupils have enjoyed celebrating languages week Scotland this week in Modern Languages. S1 and S2 took part in a virtual languages escape room and most managed to answer the language trivia questions and escape quickly. Pupils also looked at reasons to learn languages and how language learning can benefit you in the future and made some posters advertising these benefits.

All S1-S3 pupils participated in the Castlehead Languages Week 2024 quiz, which included food and music rounds, guess the greeting and flag, and the guess the staff member and the language being spoken. They were surprised we had so many linguists in the school community. To finish the celebrations off, our S3 linguists took part in a Languages Café where they sampled some typical foods from France and Spain. They had to use their language skills to order what they wanted and many even came back for seconds. See some pictures of the week over the page:



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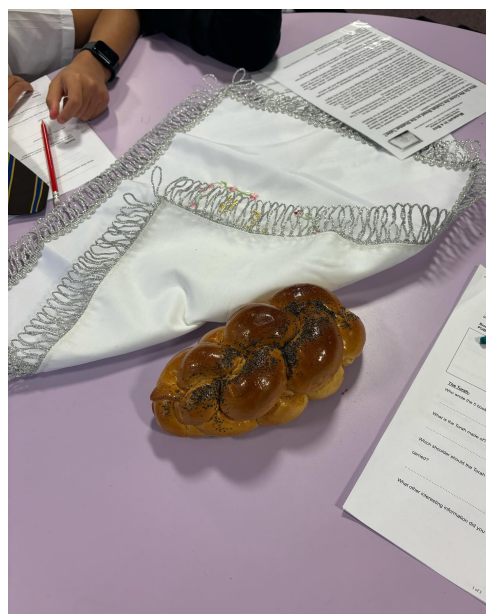
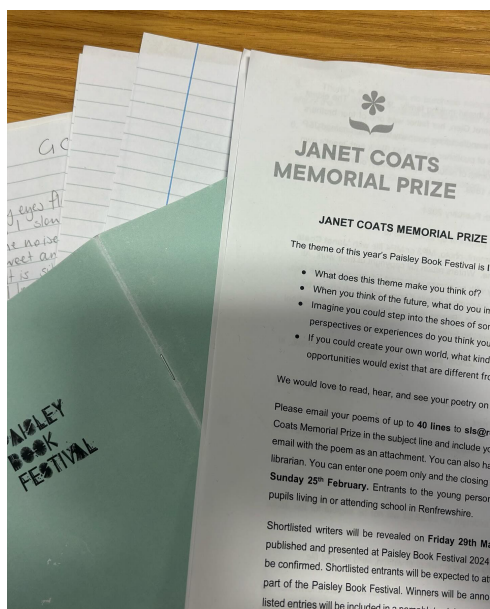


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LIBRARY NEWS

On Monday in the library we had lots of book swapping by S1 and S2. S1 RME attended a pop-up museum about Judaism and S1 English pupils have been busy handing in poetry for the Janet Coats Memorial Prize. Thank you to Paisley Museum for the resources. Other S1 pupils had a chance to view the pop-up museum later in the week.



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ENGINEERING FOR GIRLS OPPORTUNITY

Calling all S3 girls! The University of Strathclyde are offering an outreach programme to inspire the next generation of female engineers. Last week I highlighted the success of the Bella Wilson who was our successful candidate in their S2 cohort. See the information below with the QR code.

The poster features logos for the University of Strathclyde Engineering, WEIR, bam nuttall, and West Fraser. It includes a QR code and a 'Find out more' button. The text describes a four-day outreach programme for S3 girls, run from May 27th to 30th, 2024, at the University of Strathclyde campus. It mentions that there are 100 places available, fully funded by industry partners, and that participants will need to travel to and from the campus. A contribution towards travel costs will be provided, and lunch will also be provided each day. The programme is designed to engage girls in a range of engineering challenges that will inspire them to become the next generation of engineers. It also includes a QR code and a 'Find out more' button.

University of Strathclyde Engineering **WEIR** **bam nuttall** **West Fraser**

The Faculty of Engineering, in partnership with BAM Nuttall, the Weir Group, West Fraser and Leslie Stretch, is delighted to provide an outreach programme for S3 Girls

Engineering the Future for Girls

27th-30th May 2024

Engineering the Future for Girls is designed to engage girls in a range of engineering challenges that will inspire them to become the next generation of engineers.

This four-day, non-residential programme will run on the University of Strathclyde campus from the 27th-30th May 2024. There are 100 places available in total, all of which are fully-funded by the industry partners. As a non-residential programme, participants will need to be able to travel to and from the University of Strathclyde campus (Glasgow City Centre) on all four days. A contribution towards travel costs will be provided and lunch will also be provided each day.

Scan the **QR code** or visit for information on the programme, including details on the application process and deadline for applications.

For further information, please contact engineeringthefutureforgirls@strath.ac.uk

Find out more

NON-UNIFORM DAY

As part of her Higher Leadership project, Beth Lawrie in S6 will be organising a non-uniform day on Friday 9th February. This is to support the Scottish Mental Health Association (SAMH), for children's mental health week. Pupils are requested to support the day by wearing the colour green and bringing a donation which will be collected during period 1 on Friday. I would ask that parents ensure that no football colours or crop tops are worn.

E-SGOIL EASTER STUDY SUPPORT

Every year, the E-Sgoil Easter Study Support programme provides excellent support for our pupils on the run up to the SQA exams which begin soon after the holidays. They provide daytime webinars that will run between 2nd April and 11th April 2024. This support will be in addition to our own Easter School provision which we will inform parents and pupils about in the coming weeks. Registration for the E-Sgoil study support will be open throughout March and will remain open during the Easter holidays. Please keep an eye out on social media and by visiting the website over the page:



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CREATIVE THINKING CLASS PRESENTATIONS

Finally, I had the pleasure of visiting the senior creative thinking class this afternoon to observe their presentations. This was a fabulous opportunity to see the work that some of our pupils have put into their coursework. Please see below some of our pupils with their presentation materials:



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

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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