

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 26 November 2024

Theme of the Month – UNCRC Rights of the Child

Our theme of the month for December is the UNCRC Rights of the Child. We have been working towards reaccreditation for our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award for the last 2 years. We are being assessed in January. This month at Daily Personal Support we are doing a recap of the articles we have been looking at so far this year and linking them to our school vision and values.

Remembrance Day

This year S6 Captains represented the school at the Auld Kirk, Castlehill Church and the Cenotaph for Remembrance events. The whole school marked 2 minutes silence on 11th November at 11am and then our Captains laid a wreath in the foyer while S3 pupil, James Wilson, played the Last Post beautifully. We also held assemblies to reflect on past and current conflict in the world. As usual, our pupils were extremely receptive and respectful.

Children In Need Week

Huge congratulations to our fantastic S6 who, led by School Captains, organised a week of activities to raise money for Children In Need. This is a school tradition at Kyle and pupils gain valuable skills and leadership experience that supports their applications for college, university and jobs. This year, a group of S6 climbed Goatfell and raised nearly £3000 in sponsorship. They held a talent show with acts that ranged from singing to gymnastics and included a 'Drum Off' with Mr Little from the Business Studies dept.

Children in Need Week itself had daily bake sales, football and volleyball matches, sponge the teacher and car washing. The grand finale on Friday included amazing live shows with talent acts, leg waxing, audience participation and an S6 group dance. Lunchtime was a great community event with a flashmob and dancing that a lot of pupils across the years joined in with. In total, they raised an astounding £7000 – smashing the school record.

Another first was the motion presented by MSP, Sharon Downey, at the Scottish Parliament, congratulating S6 on their Goatfell climb and fundraising efforts. Well done to everyone involved and thanks to the school community who supported them so generously – all for a great cause.



Mock Court Trials

A group of pupils went to the Glasgow High Court on Saturday 16 November to compete in the bar mock trials. The team of S4 and S5 pupils, led by Mrs Limardi and Mrs Fisher, competed in three mock trials. They took on the roles of advocate, witness, court staff or jury; and competed with professionalism, confidence and great skill. Cases were judged by advocates, including K.C.s Lili Prais and Anthony Graham. It was a great experience for all involved.

Sports Roundup

We have enjoyed a lot of sporting success this term. You can see a roundup of it here.

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Upcoming events

- 3 December S5/6 Parents Evening
- 5 December Christmas Fair
- 12 December Cluster Christmas Concert
- 18 December Christmas Lunch
- 17 December S1/2/3 Christmas Dance
- 18 December S4/5/6 Christmas Dance
- 20 December School closes at 2.30pm for holidays – reopens Monday 6 January 2025

Next meeting of Parent Council - Tuesday 28 January 2025

