

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 27 February 2024

Debating



We have continued our winning streak in debating. This year 2 teams of S3 pupils competed in the senior division of the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks competition. They were both outstanding. One of our teams won the district round and went on to come first in the regional final beating last year's senior winners (St Columba's). An amazing feat for their first year of competing in that category. Congratulations to the winning team (L Assur, S Powell and E Kay) and thanks to Miss Gillies in the English department for coaching them.

In-Service Day Staff Professional Learning

The in-service day on Tuesday 13 February had the usual focus on learning, teaching and assessment. Staff have been working on approaches to increase participation and promote 'thinking hard' in lessons. The morning was spent engaging in professional reading about the subject. Staff then rotated round workshops led by members of our Learning and Teaching Group exemplifying practice.

Sporting Achievements

- S1 Boys – won the South Ayrshire Active Schools Volleyball competition on 22 Feb 2024
- S1 girls - won the South Ayrshire Active Schools Volleyball competition on 22 Feb 2024
- Kyle pupils won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at the Active Schools badminton competition 20 Feb 2024:
1st – E Shields, 2nd – C Innes, 3rd – C Kotze
- S1 Netball Team – through to the Scottish Cup Quarter Finals
- S1 Football team drew against Marr last week
- All school netball teams have been very active in their respective leagues. S1/2 Team Rebels are so far undefeated alongside S3/4 Team Dynamite.

LGBT History Month

The school is working towards achieving the Youth Scotland LGBT Charter. As part of this work, our Champions' Group wanted to raise awareness of LGBT issues and celebrate members of the LGBT community who have made a positive contribution to society. They devised a quiz for LGBT History Month which involved a treasure hunt searching for posters of famous LGBT people around the school. The posters were displayed in the subject departments linked to their skills/inventions/talents. Each morning in Daily Personal Support, slides were shown with missing information which could be found on the posters. There was a QR code to a quiz to enter their answers. House points and prizes were up for grabs. They also organised a bake sale on Purple Friday and sold wrist bands to encourage LGBT allies.

Upcoming Events

Wed 6 March – Duke of Edinburgh Award's Ceremony, Troon Concert Hall

Wed 20 March – Young Musician of the Year Competition

Thur 28 March – School closes at 2.30pm for Easter holidays (reopens on Mon 15 April)

Next meeting Tuesday 26 March 2024