

# HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

**Tuesday 31 January 2023**

## Christmas Events

It was great to be able to hold some festive community events last term for the first time since the pandemic. We kicked off the Christmas season with our first Parent Council School Fair. It was a great night and really well attended, raising a total of £1,201.54. Not bad for our first attempt!

The Kyle Cluster Christmas concert returned. It was a great success and we got lots of positive feedback about it. The school dances also returned. It was lovely to have the Ceilidh band back and to see a packed dance floor at both dances.

Other activities included the S1 Christmas lunch and festive Quiz on 14 December, organised by House Captains. The 'Wear something Festive' day for Give a Dog a Bone, the charity chosen by the whole school following a vote at Daily Personal Support and our Lip Sych battle and singalong on the last day.

## Winter Assessment Diet

A few exams took place before Christmas and were well attended. The next sitting of assessments started on 13 January and finish this week. These assessments provide valuable evidence about progress and prepare pupils for the formality of the final exams. Parents can expect full reports on 21 February.

## Careers Fair and Options Evening

This took place on 26 January from 3pm to 6pm. Pupils were able to attend after school or return later with their parents. We had a wide range of businesses, further and higher education providers. Following this, there were presentation in the hall about the options process and information from SDS Careers Adviser, Susan Woods and Ayrshire College link, Caroline Allison were helpful. The slides from the evening will be available shortly on the school website with the options forms.

## Upcoming Events

Wed 8 Feb	S6 Burns Supper
Fri 10 - Mon 13 Feb	February Holiday
Tues 14 February	In-service Day
Thur 21 February	S4/5/6 Reports

Theme of the month for February is Equalities to tie in with our work on Holocaust Education and LGBT History month.

**Next meeting Tuesday 28 February**