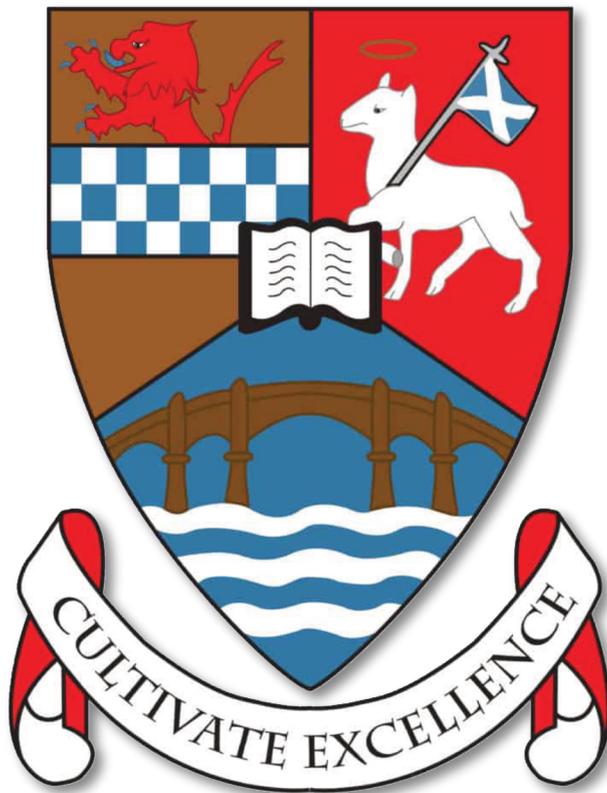


# Kyle Newsletter

*Our learning Our future Our responsibility*



**Hi parents/pupils...**

Welcome to the Kyle Academy Newsletter for the first half-term of the year. This newsletter is created by S6 pupils and will touch upon events, trips and any exciting things happening within the school from August up until the October holiday.

# School/House Captains 2022/23



*Introducing our new School and House Captains:*

## School Captains



- Sarah Lamont
- Matthew Davis
- Jonathan Assur
- Isla Montgomery
- Amy Cosway

## House Captains



### Belleisle

Dylan  
Cashmore &  
Mairi Wallace



### Wallace

Fergus Muir,  
Morven  
Montgomery,  
Jessica  
Crompton &  
Lewis McGlynn



### Craigie

Danielle Bodie  
& Yasmin  
Breckney



### Rozelle

Sophie  
Alexander &  
Fay McTrusty

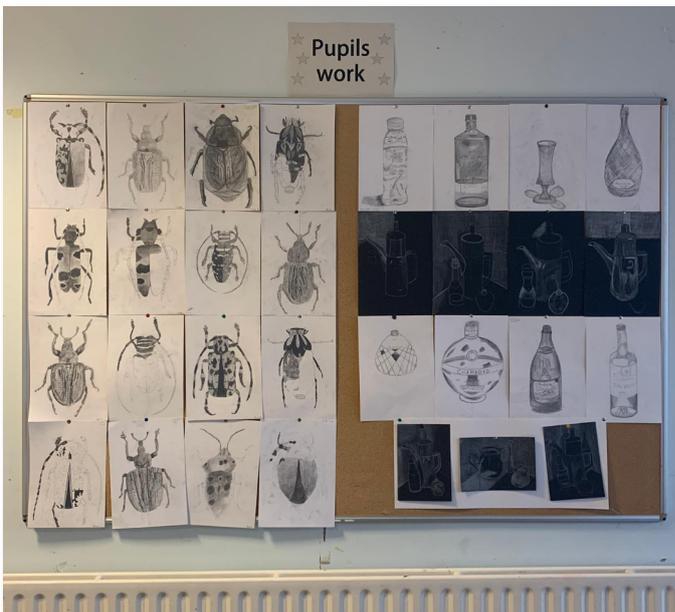


# Art



Pupils have been very busy in the art department producing very impressive artwork! There is a lot of variety in the work being produced right now, from architecture to puppetry. Keep up the good work!

## Pupil Artwork



# Modern Languages



## European day of Languages

It has been a very busy term in the Modern Languages Department. We were delighted to welcome our new S1 pupils in August. We have been so impressed by how motivated and engaged they are in classes and at home. They have enjoyed a variety of activities including a special assembly on European Day of Languages and have been introduced to a variety of learning techniques to support their own language journey.



S2 are currently working on the topic of Paris. They have really enjoyed a virtual trip to Paris and trying out our new subscription to Language Nut. S3 are also working on learning techniques to support their preparation for a vocabulary assessment and we announced a trip to Paris in June 2023 for our current S3 students. We can't wait!



# Language nut

Digital Language Resources for Primary & Secondary



S3 Spanish are continuing to work hard on consolidating basics and have started exploring Spanish Culture and Film. National 5 and Higher French and Spanish classes have been working very hard on lots of revision tasks to prepare for upcoming assessments. We are very proud of you all!

This session, four S6 pupils are leading and supporting language learning in our feeder primaries and we have welcomed S6 pupils into our junior classes to support younger pupils.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Donnachie as a permanent member of staff to the Modern Languages Department. We wish her all the very best in her post!

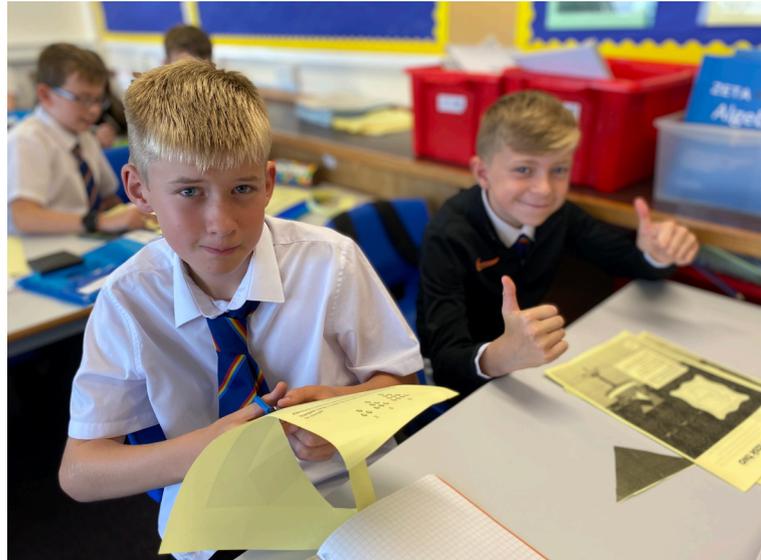
-Mrs Donnelly

# Maths



## Maths Week Scotland

Maths Week Scotland at Kyle celebrated the importance of maths in our everyday lives. Our junior years had a great time with some refreshing activities exploring just that with Mrs Lake and Mrs McInroy!



# Physical Education



## S3 Electives Trip to Inverclyde 23rd August

S3 pupils who picked PE as a subject were given the opportunity to attend Inverclyde National Sports Centre in August to kick start the course.



They had a full day with expert coaches, participating in a range of sports and getting use of the world class facilities. Pupils had the opportunity to participate in lacrosse, hockey, handball, gymnastics, orienteering and hill walking.

## Football League

Kyle's Under13's football team lost a good game 4-2 against Ayr Academy where Baillie Frew scored both goals!

The Under 15's team played against Marr College where they lost 7-2. Well done to the goal scorers Stephen Fallon and Evan Shields for this match!



## Trip to Emirates Arena 12th October



Pupils were able to watch the Scottish Thistles take on Northern Ireland in the World Cup qualifiers! It was great for them to watch and shout on Scotland and to see such quality netball to provide role models to some of Kyle's very own netball players!



*"We are really excited to take pupils along to watch Scotland compete for a place in the World Cup 2023. It will be amazing for pupils to see such fantastic role models up close and to see what they can aspire to in netball."*

-Mrs Blackadder

# Music



## Events in The Music Department



The Music Department are delighted to start up all extra curricular activities again and as a result there is a real buzz about the department. **Orchestra** is back on a Tuesday at 8am and it is wonderful to hear our young instrumentalist playing together again. Numbers are still lower than pre Covid, so please encourage your young musicians to come along if they are able to. **Choir** is back with a different format this year. S1 Choir is with Miss Mair on

Wednesday Lunchtimes, and all other year groups are with Mrs Robertson on a Wednesday lunchtime. Both of our choirs have started rehearsing Christmas music for the Christmas Concert which will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Mrs Brill has the **Wind Ensemble** rehearsals on Thursday's after school. They are also working hard to prepare their performance for the Christmas Concert.

For the first time in years, **Musical Theatre** is back. The assembly hall is full of laughter and drama on a Wednesday after school. This year, we will be performing the Musical Mary Poppins!

This year, we have another new club called **Jam Hub**. This is for S1s who would like to come in and practise on instruments that they are

learning in their music class. It is really popular and it is amazing to hear some of the fabulous music that is being made by our talented S1 students.



All extra curricular activities are open to anyone at anytime, so if your young one would like to start something, please encourage them to pop along.



# Music



## Events in The Music Department

This year we have 3 young people working towards their Music Leadership Award in conjunction with the Royal Scottish Conservatoire. Zara Dickie is currently working with primary pupils in Holmston Primary as they prepare for their Christmas Show. Rosie O'Brien is taking all our new S1 string players and helping them with their music for orchestra and Richie Skilling has been teaching some S2 pupils to play guitar as well as starting a band. We can't wait to hear them.



Next term will be very busy as we work towards our first Cluster Christmas Concert in 3 years. Please make sure you keep Tuesday 13th December free and come along to Ayr Town Hall to enjoy in the Christmas Cheer.



# Design & Technology



## ==== Trip to Dumfires House ====

Pupils from NPA furniture making class had the opportunity to attend Dumfires house to take part inhe pupils attended Dumfires house three times working with professional seamstresses to manufacture a



cushion for their footstool. They worked on the basic techniques required before completing the final work.



The pupils were also lucky enough to have a tour around Dumfires house to learn more about the history of the furniture within the house and see some of the pieces by Chippendale that cost over £1.2 million.



# Home Economics



## The MacMillan Bake Sale



The N4 Practical Cookery class have been developing their baking skills this term. This has been put to good use producing various items for the MacMillan Bake Sale which was held on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.



Shown on left:

Oatie Biscuits with  
chocolate drizzle

Mars Bar Krispie Cake

Chocolate Butterfly Cakes



## REHIS Elementary Hygiene Certificates

*"Well done to the successful S3 pupils who received their REHIS Elementary Hygiene certificates at a recent Assembly - an impressive 84% have achieved this award."*

*Pupils should keep certificates in a safe place as this certificate will give you an advantage over other applicants if applying for a job within the Hospitality industry." -Mrs Morrison*



# Home Economics



## S2 Textile Workshop at Dumfries House



On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, a group of twelve S2 pupils had the privilege of attending a textile workshop at Dumfries House, near Cumnock.

The aim of this textile workshop was to develop their skills in machining and, in the process, for them to produce a fully lined Tote Bag.

In addition, the pupils learned about sustainability in the context of clothing.



Our thanks go to Ms Kelly Espindola and Mrs Tracy Whalen, who expertly guided the pupils through all stages involved in the process, including threading the sewing machine, lining and assembly of the bags.

### Pupils' thoughts on the day:

- *I enjoyed when we got to choose what kind of material. I picked dark green with a green tartan for the inside'*
- *'The sewing staff were very helpful when the machines were malfunctioning!'*
- *'I would definitely go back again. It was so much fun'*



# Events



## Buddy Breakfast



The Buddy Breakfast took place this year on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th of September. This is an annual event that is organised by our House Captains and Heads of House: Mrs Galloway, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Hunter. Our S6 prefects also enjoyed participating in these activities alongside their buddies.

The Buddy Breakfast allowed the S1s to get to know one another better within their houses through

fun activities led by the House Captains. After these activities, they enjoyed a breakfast roll and filled in a time capsule (these will be given back out at prom!) while listening to a music playlist they added their favourite songs to!

On Thursday, House Captains for Belleisle, Mairi and Dylan, organised a fun period for the S1s where they got to see which group could build the tallest tower made from only spaghetti and marshmallows - winners received an extra packet of skittles!



*"It was challenging but the skittles were worth it!"  
- S1 pupil*

Also on Thursday, Craigie House Captains Yasmin and Danielle organised a fun quiz for the S1s. This quiz consisted of general knowledge including science, history, social media and geography. The first years had a great time working towards the excellent prizes of miniature trophies and chocolate!



*"Craigie, myself and prefects had a fab time working with our teams for those quality prizes!!!"  
- Yasmin Breckney*

*"House captains did a great job planning the Buddy breakfast and the S1s really enjoyed their day"  
- Mrs Galloway*

On Friday, House captains for Rozelle, Fay and Sophie, organised a 'Big Fat Quiz' which included general knowledge, Kyle specific questions and the crowd's favourite round... 'Where is Mrs Galloway?'

This engaging quiz allowed the S1s to work together in their different groups to figure out answers to some unusual questions. The prize of an extra packet of Haribo's was up for grabs!

Also on Friday, Wallace House Captains Lewis, Morven, Jessica and Fergus prepared a scavenger hunt for the S1s! Each team were given a sheet where they wrote their answers to the puzzles, codes and questions placed around the hall. The first years enjoyed the challenge and every member of the winning team received a bag of fruit pastilles!

# Events



## Foodbank

Over October the school has participated in a house challenge to donate food for the South Ayrshire Foodbank! Who do you think won?



Not only does the donated food go to a good cause, but by participating, each house competed for house points, which will go towards deciding who is the winning house at the end of the school year.

Students are encouraged to participate in all house challenges so that their house may have the most house points!

# Events



## Fresher's Fayre

The week after we returned from the summer holidays, Kyle held a 'Fresher's Fayre'! This was a great opportunity for the S1s to see all the clubs that are available to them upon their new arrival into first year.



That morning, pupils further up the school led stalls in the new building where they encouraged them to come along to various extra-curricular clubs by inspiring the S1's through sharing their own experiences.



Kyle Academy offers an abundance of things for pupils to get involved in, such as our sports teams: netball or football, or a lunchtime club like our chess club or our film club!



There are also several music clubs such as the school orchestra or choir.

**Many of our extra-curricular opportunities will be listed on the next couple of pages.**

# Extra-Curricular



## Clubs from Mrs Rankin

**Fairtrade** at Kyle Academy runs Friday lunchtimes in the RE room with Mrs Rankin (Open S1-S6) and is an award-winning group. They host a Fairtrade tuckshop once a month on the last Friday of the month and serve Fairtrade teas and coffees at whole school events like parents' nights, etc.

They also organise one major event each term such as chocolate tastings, Christmas Fairtrade stall, Big + Little Brews.



**Eco Group** at Kyle meets on a Monday lunch-time in the RE room with Mrs Rankin. This group looks at ways to reduce the school's carbon footprint and helps staff organise teaching to include the current climate crisis. Being global citizens we all share a common responsibility for our planet.

The group take part each year in the Provosts Schools Footprint Challenge (which Kyle has won twice)

The 'Caring Cafe' is a social enterprise that links Fairtrade with the Eco group.

We also run a **Gardening Club** which tidies up the schools Eco garden.

In the past we have grown daffodils, potatoes and leeks – but this year our best crop has been 30+ apples from our apple tree. We think this bumper crop is the result of increased pollination, thanks to our focus this year on planting more wild flowers.



Finally – in the RE/geography department Mrs Alava has introduced a **Film Club** (Wed lunchtimes) for S1 – S3. This is already a popular addition to our extracurricular experiences (perhaps because of the popcorn).

- Mrs Rankin

# Extra-Curricular



## PE Department

The PE department has a variety of activities that are available throughout the week. A timetable of all activities has been posted in the PE department. All activities are also listed on this page.



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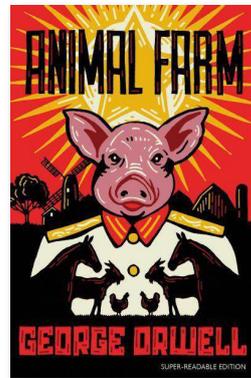
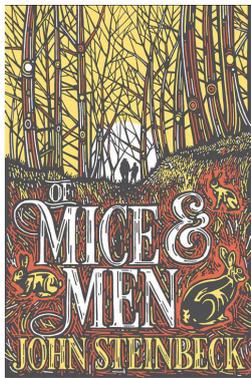
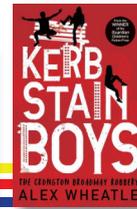
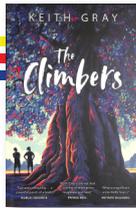
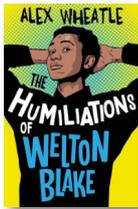
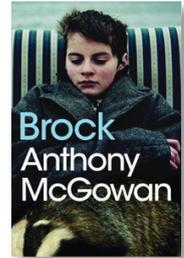
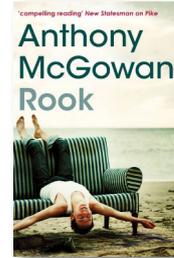
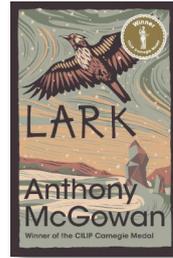
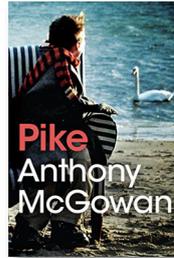
	Lunchtime - Gym Hall	Lunchtime - Games Hall	After School - Games Hall	After School - Gym Hall
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Girls Volleyball (S1)</b>	<b>Girls Volleyball (S2-6)</b>	<b>Volleyball (S4-6)</b>	<b>Handball (S1-6)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Boys Volleyball (S1)</b>	<b>Boys Volleyball (S2-6)</b>	<b>Netball (S1-2)</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Girls Volleyball (S1)</b>	<b>Girls Volleyball (S2-6)</b>	<b>Basketball (S1-6)</b>	<b>Dance (S3-6)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Boys Volleyball (S2-6)</b>	<b>Netball (S3-6)</b>	<b>Dance (S1-2)</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Badminton (S1-6)</b>		

# Library



## Top Books

Listed here are the current top books for readers aged 12 and above, many of which the library has to offer and some more coming in the very near future!



Dyslexia Awareness Week is also coming up and the library is hoping to receive even more dyslexia-friendly books! Pupils are encouraged to check out the library when they can, to discover all new book arrivals.

## Accelerated Reader

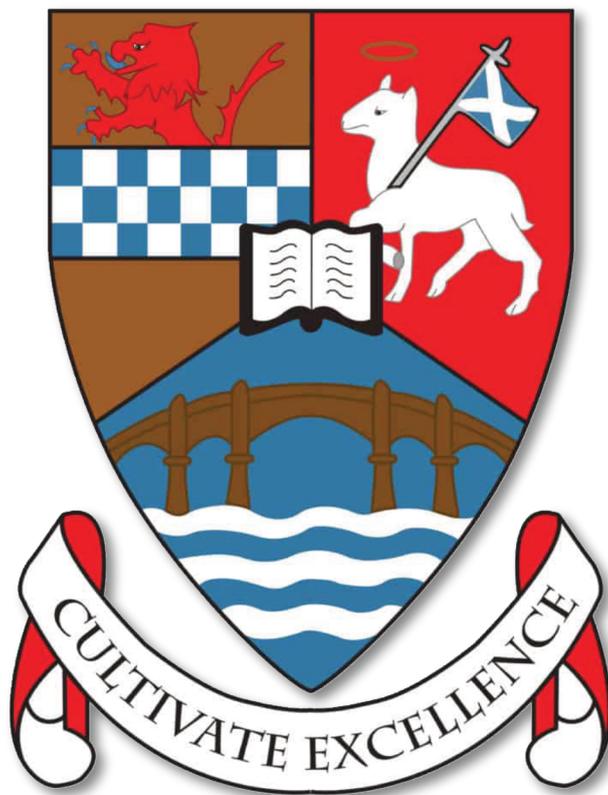
The S1/2 English classes have been competing with each other in the schools Accelerated Reader. Pupils are challenged to read books and then take quizzes in the library in order to gain points for their class.

Currently, the class with the most points right now is Mrs Dunlop's S1 class, well done and be sure to keep up all the hard work! Let's see how the scores develop...



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**THANKS FOR READING**



Thank you for reading the first Kyle Newsletter! The next newsletter should be coming out before the Christmas Holidays and will be full of all the amazing events at Kyle Academy throughout the next two months.