

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 30 April 2024

Youth and Philanthropy Initiative 2024

Every year, S3 participate in the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) led by the RME dept. This year's final took place on 19 April in the assembly hall. As usual, the standard of the presentations was extremely high and the judges, visitors from the charities represented and from the YPI organisation were highly impressed. Well done to the winning team who won £3000 for their charity, Dementia Friendly Prestwick.

LGBT Charter



We are delighted to have been awarded the Bronze LGBT Charter award from Youth Scotland for our commitment to equalities. This has been an 18 month journey which has involved reviewing our policies and practices, improving our signposting and awareness raising, and training for staff. Many thanks to our Pupil Champions Group supported by our library assistant, Mrs Macdonald, who have done a lot of the work.

South Ayrshire Youth Awards

We are very proud of our young people who were finalists in the Youth Awards. They took place in Ayr Town Hall on Wednesday 17 April. Well done to Emmie Mitchell in S1 who was a finalist in the Volunteering category; Joey A'Hern, a finalist in the Young Environmentalist category along with our Eco group (Joey A'Hern, Alex Robertson, Hollie Muir, Freya Coleman, Logan McMurray, Adam Bain, Jac Gemmell) and huge congratulations to our S3 Skills group (Kian Scobie, Euan Cooper and John McKeown) who were winners of the Skills Development Category.

Debating

Our champion debating team comprising Lucy Assur, Emma Kay and Sophie Powell represented Scotland's schools at the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks National Final in Norwich last weekend. They were in the senior category despite only being in S3 and were up against competitors from sixth form colleges. They put on an outstanding performance and we are very proud of them. This is the second time they have completed in the national final.

SQA Examinations

SQA examinations began this week. As usual, a huge amount of work goes into the arrangements for these exams. Parents have been lettered about the expectations and these were shared with pupils at special assemblies. The exams continue until 28 May. We wish all our pupils the very best of luck.

S6 Last Day

The official 'last day of school' for our S6 was on Friday 20 April. We had a celebration in the assembly hall that parents were invited to. This comprised of speeches, a photo montage and lots of photo opportunities. This was followed by some energetic fun on inflatables (you are never too old for a bouncy castle) and potted sports at Rozelle. Ghillie Dhu supplied the food from their street food van. We will miss our S6 who have been a fantastic year group and great role models for the rest of the school.

Upcoming Events

IST Day – Thursday 2 May

May Day Holiday – Monday 6 May

24 – 27 May – Holiday

Change of Timetable for S1 to S3 – Tuesday 28 May

Seniors return to school – Wednesday 29 May

Theme of the Month – May 2024 – Be kind to Your Mind – Mental Health Awareness

Next Parent Council Meeting – 4 June 2024 – last meeting of the session