

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 28 November 2023

Children in Need Week

Organising a week of events to raise money for Children in Need is an S6 tradition at Kyle Academy. Fundraising activities this year included a talent show, bake sales, football and netball tournaments, the legendary raffle and, of course, the big finale on Children in Need Day itself - live shows and a lunchtime flashmob. This year's S6 did a fantastic job. The grand total is an amazing £5,240! Thank you to everyone who donated so generously.



Study Skills

1. **Chunk** the information
2. **Condense** the information
3. **Retrieve and recall**
4. **Test** yourself

All S4 and S5 pupils have been issued with a study pack containing resources such as paper, flashcards, blank mind maps, study planners and highlighters. S4 also attended a session on how we learn and how to study effectively. Hopefully everyone is now eager to start their revision! The winter assessment diet begins this week with Music practicals followed by Modern Languages, English and Maths. The rest take place after the Christmas holidays. A programme of

supported study has also been shared with all pupils and parents.

Learning Outwith the Classroom

- **S5/6 Furniture Making NC Course** - attended Dumfries House to complete the textile unit of their course. They were making upholstered seat covers for their stools.
- **S1 Science** – participated in workshops with the Science Centre to put learning into relevant to real life contexts.
- **S5/6 Costume Design NPA Course** – attended a conference on Sustainable Fashion at Dumfries House to build knowledge and understanding of the industry.
- **S6 Interview Skills** – M Ford led a session on interview skills in preparation for upcoming interviews and applications.
- **S4/5 Racing Academy** – the group attends Ayr Racecourse weekly as part of other NPA in Horse Care led by the Scottish Racing Academy.
- **S6 AH Modern Studies and Higher Politics** – attended 'Question Time' at Prestwick Academy to hear from a panel of politicians. This increases their political knowledge and allows them to gather information for the primary research element of their AH Modern Studies dissertation. The class will visit the Scottish Parliament on 7 December to view FMQs and meet the local MSP.

Upcoming Events

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| Wed 29 November | Winter assessment diet begins (recommences Tuesday 9 January) |
| Thur 30 November | Christmas Fair |
| Tues 5 December | S5/6 Parent Evening |

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| Tues 12 December | Cluster Christmas Concert in the Town Hall |
| Tues 12 December | Christmas lunch |
| Mon 18 December | S1-3 Christmas Dance |
| Tues 19 December | S4-6 Christmas Dance |
| Fri 22 December | School closes 2.30pm for holidays (reopens Mon 8 January 2023) |

Theme of the Month for December - Kindness