

# HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 4 June 2024

## Staffing Update

As usual at this time of year there have been some staffing changes. Mrs Morrison, Principal Teacher of Home Economics, retired this month. She worked at Mainholm Academy before joining the staff of Kyle when Mainholm was decanted. Since then, she has led an extremely successful department at Kyle and will be greatly missed. However, she will return to work with us two days a week next session as we have been unsuccessful in recruiting an HE teacher. Mr Boal, Principal Teacher of Art and Design, will take on the management of the department as a temporary measure for a year. English and Modern Languages and will be interviewing for mat leaves in the coming weeks.

## Big Day Out

Our annual rewards and community building day took place on 17 May 2024. Pupils could choose from trips to Blair Drummond Safari Park, Top Golf, Gravity Trampoline Park, Rollerstop Disco or cinema and bowling. Those remaining in school had the choice of art, baking, cinema and sports. It was a beautiful sunny day enjoyed by all. Our Big Day Out contributes to the very positive relationships we have across the school and our friendly ethos and culture. It is subsidised by our school fund raising events so that no activity is too expensive.

## Alloway Tunnel Art Project

S3 pupils had an exciting few days with mural painter Chris Rutterford painting sections of the mural for the Alloway Tunnel Art Project. The end result was outstanding. Well done to everyone involved.



## P7 Transition

This year we are expecting 157 pupils in the new S1 which means we are full. We had a packed information evening and tour of the school on 21 May. P7 pupils have enjoyed some sports transition events and will visit the school on 11 and 12 June for their induction days.

## Kyle Reads

This year we have run two new reading programmes to develop reading skills in our S1 and S2. Miss McCall's S1 class celebrated the completion of the Fresh Start Phonics programme this month with a party attended by parents and grandparents. Mrs Robertson has worked with S6 pupils to run a very successful paired reading project. Senior pupils were paired with an S1 or S2 pupil and read with them every week to develop their fluency and confidence. They also celebrated with a party at the end of the programme.

## **S6 Team Building Day**

Our new S6 were invited to attend a team building day at UWS and the Riverside Arena last week. The day was organised by year head, Mrs Fergusson, and the Thriving Communities Team. It was an opportunity to enjoy a day out of school, build relationships and a sense of team spirit before the year ahead where S6 work closely together on school events like Children in Need Week. S6 are currently applying for leadership roles and planning the contribution they will make to the school community over the coming year.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Prom** – Wed 5 June

**S3 Celebration** - Fri 7 June

**P7 Induction Days** – Tue 11/Wed 12 June

**Summer Carnival** – Tues 25 June 2 – 4pm

**School Captain Interviews** – Wed 19 June

**School closes for summer** – Fri 28 June at 1pm