

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 28 January 2020

S4 to S6 January Assessment Diet

Formal assessments took place in the first two weeks of January (a few National 5 exams took place in December). This allowed exams to take place within a two-week diet to minimise disruption to learning and teaching. Thanks to Mr Gardner, SQA Co-ordinator, for the smooth running of the examinations. These assessments form part of the evidence of progress in National Qualification courses. Course assignments and further on-going assessments will also contribute to this evidence.

School Counsellor

Our School Counsellor joined us at the beginning of January. Kim Clelland has previous experience working in schools. She works as part of our Pupil Support Team providing targeted support for individuals. We have developed a staged approach and referral process that we will review at the end of this term.

Christmas Events

- December was a busy time for pupils, parents and staff. The **Christmas dances** were well attended and the conduct of our young people was exemplary. Thanks to the PE Department for organising and planning the dances and teaching the dances!
- The **Art, Design and Photography Christmas Fayre** took place on 5 December 2019. Organised by the Art and Design department, it showcased pupils' portfolio work from last year's National 5 and Higher Art and Design and Higher Photography. There was also refreshments available and craft stalls selling gifts.
- The **Cluster Christmas Concert** took place in the Town Hall on 18 December. Our school bands and orchestra played to a packed audience and EG and JW, school Captains, were accomplished comperes. Thanks to the Music Department and our Cluster Head Teachers for all the work that went into making it a success.
- Our **Rights Respecting Schools Group** organised the annual Lip-Sync battle for the last day of term to raise funds for the charity chosen by pupils, Moving On Ayrshire. Thanks also to our pupils and parents who made great efforts to bring gifts/pyjamas/toiletries for the Hillhouse Charity. School Captains visited the Charity to help wrap the packages for families.
- S1 to S3 took part in a **Santa Dash** (although it was more of a stroll) to raise money for the School Fund. We raised £1375. Thanks to Mrs Harper for organising and for all the donations from parents and families.

Recent Achievements

- **Public Speaking** - Three pupils in S3, coached by Ms Gillies, won the regional final of the Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition on 26 January. They beat stiff competition to go through to the National finals at Stirling University in March.
- **Music** - Two Kyle pupils were among a group from the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra who played at Westminster for their Burns celebration. This is the second year that pupils from Kyle have been involved.
- **Swimming** - Congratulations to our pupils who participated in the Scottish School Swimming Competition last week. Medals galore!
- **Netball** – Our Senior Netball team have qualified for the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup.

Upcoming Events

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| 30 January | Senior Phase Pathways Evening |
| 4 February | S6 Burns Supper |
| 6 February | Peer-led Holocaust Education event for S2 |
| 7-11 February | Friday/Monday holiday and Tuesday in-service day |
| 27 February | S4 Parents' Evening |