

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 25 January 2022

Christmas Events

Despite rising Covid cases in the community, we managed to add a bit of festive cheer to December. The school captains decorated the trees and the foyer. We had our Christmas lunch on 15 December. All S1 who wanted a Christmas lunch had theirs period 4 with the House Captains who had organised a quiz. The music department filmed their Christmas concert this year and it was shown on You tube. It got 229 views which we were really pleased about.

As part of our community work, Mrs Galloway and the Charities Committee organised a 'Wear something Festive' day for South Ayrshire Dementia Support Association. This charity was chosen by the whole school by a vote a Daily Personal Support. They raised £566. We also supported the South Ayrshire Toy Bank again.

On the last day of term, numbers were unsurprisingly low but we had a nice end to the term with a virtual quiz and a screening of the Gaiety's Christmas pantomime.

Winter Assessment Diet

A few exams took place before Christmas and were well attended. The next sitting of assessments started on 17 January and will run until 28 January. These assessments provide valuable evidence about progress. We are holding them in the assembly hall with desks well-spaced out and full ventilation. This has allowed pupils to experience the formality of the SQA exams and the rules of the exam hall. We are using invigilators to supervise. Parents can expect full reports on 17 February.

Pathways and Options Evening

This took place on 20 January and was well received by the parents who joined. Presentations by SDS Careers Adviser, Susan Woods and Ayrshire College link, Caroline Allison were helpful. S6 pupils also shared stories of their learning journeys. The slides from the evening are now available on the school website with the options forms.

Upcoming Events

Fri 11- Mon 14 Feb	February Holiday
Tues 15 February	In-service Day
Thur 17 February	S4/5/6 Reports

Next meeting Tuesday 22 February