

GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to wish all Parents, Carers, Relatives and Pupils a very Happy New Year.

I am delighted to say that we finished the year on a high, with December being an incredibly busy month in which pupils, staff and parents/carers were involved, or had opportunities to be involved, in the busy life of the school. With so much happening we, for the first time, have created our usual January Newsletter full of pupil achievements, **and** a 10 page Sports Mid-Session Report – both of which will be uploaded onto the school website on Wednesday 13 January 2016.

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Contents of the Newsletter

- ✓ House News; Achievements
- ✓ Parent Council update
- ✓ PTA Christmas Fayre
- ✓ Eryn is selected for Euroscola
- ✓ 2015 Youth Speech Competition
- ✓ Euan speaks at the Scottish Parliament
- ✓ Modern Studies go to the High Court
- ✓ S5 pupils Jamie and Zara take on EU Roles
- ✓ Hour of Code
- ✓ Swaziland Fairtrade Producer Visit
- ✓ Big Questions Conference
- ✓ Eco News
- ✓ Operation Christmas Child
- ✓ Creating the Future - Ada Lovelace Event
- ✓ S3 Pupil Ruadhri attends Mathematics Masterclasses
- ✓ Hunger Games Cinema Treat
- ✓ Gryffe Valley Rotary Club Young Chef success
- ✓ S2 Volcanoes
- ✓ ROAR Challenge
- ✓ Rights Respecting School News
- ✓ Young Enterprise; Former pupil success
- ✓ St Andrew's Day Celebrations; Social Dancing
- ✓ Literacy and Numeracy S1 Christmas Party
- ✓ Gladiator Games
- ✓ S1 Christmas Dance
- ✓ Pupils Sing Carols for Charity at Braehead
- ✓ S6 Snowball
- ✓ The Christmas Community Show
- ✓ Christmas Concert Cracker
- ✓ Scottish Space School 2016 opportunity
- ✓ Upcoming priorities/events

Contents of the Sports Mid-Session Report

How the session has gone so far in: Athletics; Badminton; Basketball; Football; Hockey; Netball; Rowing; Rugby; Tennis; as well as detail on Individual pupil achievements and our 'Sports Start of the Month' – November and December.



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Updated School Website/Information in Emergencies

As we head into a New Year and start to feel the 'chill' in the air, and with the possibility of snow in the not too distant future! I would like to remind parents/carers and pupils that I will use the school website, as last year, to keep you up to date in all situations – **so should the weather become severe, or any other issue, then please check our school website front page – BRIEF UPDATES.**



Health and Safety

I believe we are all aware of just how busy the surrounding streets of the school are at the beginning and end of the school day. On the grounds of pupil safety can I ask that all parents/carers are considerate and patient at these times, **and that parents/carers do not come into the main car park entrance to the school.** We have had a few instances where cars come in and then turn or reverse when we have pupils trying to get safely in or out of school.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you that Mrs Lisa Taylor has been appointed as our new Faculty Head of Science. Mrs Taylor was Acting Head of Science at Paisley Grammar School and comes with a wealth of experience that will help the Science Faculty continue to strive forward in providing excellent Learning and Teaching, and opportunities, for our pupils. Mrs Wilson, Faculty Head of Art Design and Technology, is still absent from school so Mrs Dornan continues as Acting Head of Art and Design, with Miss Macleod as Acting Head of Technical, until her return. Mr Anderson continues in his position of temporary teacher of English.

Eco Committee News -



We are still striving to achieve a Green Flag and Eco has a significant focus within the school.

The next pickup for the rag-bag collection will be at the end of January 2016. With most households doing a 'clear out' for the New Year then **any unwanted clothes, pairs of shoes, bags etc would be greatly appreciated.** Please hand any items into the Janitors office marked 'rag-bag'.

As always should you wish to discuss anything contained in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr Colin Johnson
Head Teacher



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