Dear Parents/Carers

The December Newsletter was uploaded to the News section of the school website, on Wednesday 4 December.

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I hope you enjoy reading our December Newsletter and take pride in the significant achievements of our pupils.

| Kai breaks all-time Scottish Record | Art Pupils complete History of Linwood Mural at Showcase Cinema; Andrew wins Mill Magazine Graphics Computer |
| Parent Council and PTA updates | Molly has an Amazing time at Space School Houston |
| Global Acts of Unity - Visit by Mike Haines OBE | Kai breaks Scottish Swimming Record; Cycling successes; Badminton successes; Taekwondo do Medal Success |
| Pupil Management Group Matters | Senior Maths Challenge Success; Staff Shout Out; Artists and HFT Chef of the Month |
| The Wee Sleep Out | Health & Wellbeing; Mathematics; Modern Languages & Science Pupils of the Month |
| Rights Respecting School News | Girls Football Success with new strips kindly sponsored by @CGI_UKNEWS; Drama News |
| Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland | Career Education and Community Partnerships |
| A Shout Out from Support.....; Book Week Scotland | Christmas Concert; Burns Supper & Ceilidh |
| Remembrance at Gryffe High School | Upcoming priorities/events |
| Social Studies - Dragons Den Competition; S2 pupils enjoy Into Film Premiere | |
| Environmental Health Talk for S3; Día de los Muertos | |
| S4 pupils enjoy a visit to Bannockburn | |

The Wee Sleep Out - Following staff from Gryffe High School and adults from Houston and Killellan Church completing the Big Sleep Out last year, there was significant interest from pupils and youth groups to host our own Wee Sleep Out. So pupils from a range of year groups along with Houston Scouts, 1st Houston Boys Brigade and Houston Kirk Youth Club along with staff, Gary Noonan the Minister and volunteers braved the wind, rain and cold on Saturday 7 December to support the homeless...... an amazing £9030.75 raised so far!!!

OUR ACHIEVEMENT SYSTEM continues to develop in recognising the achievements of our pupils. If you wish to find out more, particularly on how to nominate, then please look at the ‘MORE’ section of our School Website, and ‘ACHIEVEMENT NOMINATION FORM’

Please help us to recognise the achievements of our pupils both within and out with the school.

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Events over the coming weeks:

DECEMBER
Please be assured that our pupils have been working right up to the end of term..... learning and teaching time is vital and as such we aim to use this time wisely

Fri 20
Christmas Service, 9:30 am, Houston and Killellan Church
School closes at 2:30pm

Mon 23 December – Friday 3 January    HOLIDAY

JANUARY 2020
Mon 6    Pupils return, prompt 8:50am start
Fri 10   Start of Advanced Higher/Higher Prelims
          Newsletter uploaded on to website
Mon 13   Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 pm start
Thurs 16 S4 Reports issued to pupils
Tues 21  Young Musician of the Year Competition, 7:00 pm start
Wed 22  Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Event for S4
Thurs 23 S1 HPV Immunisation
          End of Advanced Higher/Higher Prelims
          S3 Reports issued to pupils
Fri 24   PTA Burns Night Celebration
Mon 27  Rights Respecting Schools Gold Accreditation Visit
          S4 into S5, S5 into S6 Options Information Evening – 7:00 pm start

Communication
We continually try to improve our communication with parents/carers, and to date heavily rely on our School Website, Facebook, Twitter and Show My Homework. We try not to use letters to parents/carers as sometimes they do not reach their intended destination! So please keep up to date through the above media.

Yours sincerely

Colin H Johnson
Head Teacher

We wish you a fun filled Christmas and a Happy New Year
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