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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023



Dear Parents/Carers

The December Newsletter was uploaded to the News section of the school website, on Wednesday 2 December.

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I hope you enjoy reading our December Newsletter and take pride in the detail within, with some information on Gryffe being acknowledged at 'Scottish State Secondary School of the Year'just in case you missed it!!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Scottish State Secondary School of the Year ✓ Parent Council Update; School Captains Update ✓ Remembrance 2020; Wellbeing Update ✓ International Men's Day; Dyslexia Awareness Week ✓ LGBT Anti-Bullying Update; Eco Committee Update ✓ Charity News; House News ✓ Drama Club Pantomime: Aladdin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DigilInventors Challenge ✓ Aidan wins third/fourth level in 'Maths Inside' ✓ Learning and Teaching; Book Week Scotland ✓ Pupils of the Month across a range of subjects ✓ Winter Charity Appeal ✓ Career Education and Community Partnerships ✓ PTA Update; Upcoming priorities/events
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In my previous update to parents/carers I stated 'our pupils, your children, have been outstanding since we started back. The overall behaviour, commitment and efforts of pupils, adhering to all our health and safety procedures, is a genuine pleasure to see.' I would like to reiterate the above – **'our pupils, your children, have been outstanding'**.

Could I please ask for the support of all parents/carers. I am afraid that I do have a frustration, and that is the timekeeping of some pupils. We are having more pupils than normal arriving late, even if only by a few minutes, however this does disrupt Learning and Teaching and we need all the time we can get as we are already losing time through our covid cleaning of desks at the beginning and end of lessons. We have not been doing our usual procedures of sanctions for latecoming but as a New Year treat I hope to start this up again in January!!

Learning and Teaching

We continue, as always, with a focus on Learning and Teaching and are happy with the overall progress being made across all year groups. Pupils are working well in class, we are covering our curriculum and continue to ensure timely interventions as appropriate.

Our **S4 Assessment Diet 1** is near completion, and we have been really impressed with the attitude and efforts of the pupils... with some having to adjust and change plans at short notice, well done.

There has been recent news from the Depute First Minister stating that there will not be formal SQA Examinations for **Highers and Advanced Highers**. As much as we, as a school, wanted the SQA Examinations, we are still very well prepared as we had planned for this scenario, and will continue to support our pupils achieve their maximum potential. We continue to have high expectations and are confident that our pupils are well placed for continued success... as long as they maintain their efforts, submit work as requested and act on all feedback provided.

Staff are teaching pupils in front of them and also supporting any pupils who are ill or self-isolating. Unfortunately this is very hard to sustain, however we are doing the very best we can. Should pupils be absent from school for other reasons then they should follow the work being issued via SMHW and/or Teams, as well as possibly discussing the work being covered with some class colleagues.

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Events over the coming weeks:

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

Tues 15 Christmas Concert ... online. This will be uploaded on the night at 6:59 pm
Why not plan your Tuesday night, to sit and relax to a feast of Christmas Cheer 😊!

Fri 18 Unfortunately there will not be a Christmas Service at Houston and Killellan Church
School closes at 2:30pm

Monday 21 December – Tuesday 5 January HOLIDAY

JANUARY 2021

- Wed 6 Pupils return, prompt 8:47 am start
- Fri 8 Newsletter uploaded on to website
- Mon 11 Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 pm start
- Mon 18 S4 Careers Pathways Focus
- Tues 19 ~~Young Musician of the Year Competition, 7:00 pm start....~~ cancelled 😞
- Thurs 21 Start of S5/6 National 5/Higher/Advanced Higher Prelims
S3 Reports issued to pupils
- Fri 22 ~~PTA Burns Night Celebration~~ cancelled 😞
- Mon 25 S4 into S5, S5 into S6 Options Information Evening – online
- Thurs 28 S4 Reports issued to pupils

please encourage your child to be at school for **8:47 am**

Communication

We continually try to improve our communication with parents/carers, and to date heavily rely on our **School Website, Facebook, Twitter and increasingly Show My Homework**. Some parents/carers have still not signed up to SMHW and unfortunately will be missing out on important information. We try not to use letters to parents/carers as sometimes they do not reach their intended destination and we are an Eco friendly school. So please keep up to date through the above media.



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

Yours sincerely

Colin H Johnson
Head Teacher

Now



Christmas Eve



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