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Dear Parents/Carers

We have tried to 'go electronic' with most of our communications in the aim keeping parents/carers up to date with what is happening in Gryffe. We will revert back to a monthly letter to parents/carers, and will try to highlight where to find further details via Twitter/Facebook and the School Website.

As is becoming a very familiar picture, of which I am delighted, the range, and quality, of achievements of our pupils has been highly impressive and I hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter, which was uploaded to the News section of the school website last Wednesday 8 November.

Contents of the Newsletter

- ✓ School Captains Conference
 - ✓ Parent Council/PTA
 - ✓ S1 Parents'/Carers' Meeting Feedback
 - ✓ Parents In Partnership
 - ✓ Fairtrade News
 - ✓ Eco Committee News
 - ✓ Global Diversity Month
 - ✓ S2/3 Paired Learning Wellbeing Morning
 - ✓ S3 Youth Speech Competition - Success!
 - ✓ LGBT & Diversity Awareness
 - ✓ Modern Studies visits the UK Parliament
 - ✓ Morgan Stanley's CV Builder Workshop
 - ✓ Fundraiser for Puerto Rico Victims
 - ✓ A Shout Out from SfL.....
 - ✓ Health and Wellbeing Pupil of the Month
 - ✓ Stars of Science
- ROAR**
- ✓ Star Reader and Writer of the Month
 - ✓ MADD Show 2017
 - ✓ Movember challenge
 - ✓ House update
 - ✓ PTA Christmas Fayre, Thursday 23 November

Upcoming priorities/events

How Parents/Carers can become more involved in our school life:

- ✓ You can nominate your child for **Achievement points** if they have achieved in an out of school event. Just fill in the simple online form via our school website or through:
<http://gryffeachievements.weebly.com/nomination-form.html>
- ✓ **Support our ROAR and our use of Learning Diaries..... PAGE 15 OF THE NEWSLETTER.**
- ✓ Attend the next Parent Council Meeting, read about the discussions of the last Parent Council on page 2, to get a feel of what is involved without committing to it. The next meeting is on Monday 4 December, 7:00 pm start.
- ✓ Volunteer to come into school on Monday 27 November, 7:00 pm start, as part of a trial 'Drop in Parent/Carer Discussion Group' in order to ask questions on the school, suggest improvements and help us work together and move forward in true partnership.
- ✓ Encourage your child to be in full school uniform, be on time for school – in school for the **FIRST** bell at 8:47am – and to complete all homework/assignment tasks given.
- ✓ Attend school events including: Parents' Meetings; after school sports like football/rugby/basketball/netball games; Christmas Fayre; Concerts;.....etc
- ✓ **Follow us on Twitter/Facebook and/or tell us how we can improve our wider communication.**

Full calendar detail is kept up to date on the school website



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Forming of Business/Employer Partnerships – Can you help us?

Gryffe High School is continuously working with key community partners, to develop new initiatives designed to advance and support the key skills for learning, life and work. Through these initiatives we aim to empower pupils to make informed career decisions regarding the range of opportunities available as they leave school, allowing pupils to continue to build their confidence, self-belief and achieve their aspirations.

As a school we are aiming to develop a partnership with a range of businesses within the Renfrewshire/Glasgow area that will help support pupils to realise their ambitions. To help achieve this we are reaching out to parents/guardians who may have their own business or have a career which they feel they could promote to our pupils.

For us, as a school, this would be great opportunity to access your skills and knowledge about the real world of work and your own career journey. Building links in the community business sector will enhance the pupil's curriculum, whilst allowing pupils to understand the variety of job roles and the ever changing world of work.

We are looking for local employers to provide:

- ✓ **Quality work placements, visits or work shadowing opportunities**
- ✓ **Participation in careers events**
- ✓ **Developing pupil skills for applications and interviews**
- ✓ **Providing references**
- ✓ **Working with teachers to provide real business problems**
- ✓ **Provide resources with regard to your job role**

As a business we hope that the partnership will provide the opportunity for you to inspire young people to work in your sector and secure a talent flow, apply the perspective and skills of young people to your business challenges, provide development opportunities for you and/or staff, benefit you in promotion of your company through social network channels.

If you are able to assist with any of the above please email our Project Leaders Employability:

gw08darrochleann3@glow.sch.uk

or

gw15patersonerika@glow.sch.uk

I look forward to forming positive business links with you going forward.

Yours sincerely

Mr C H Johnson
Head Teacher



**Gryffe High School
PTA Christmas Fayre**

Thursday 23 November 6.30 - 8.30pm

Tickets £3.00 for adults and £1 for children,
includes a mince pie, mulled wine or tea/coffee or juice.

Please support school fundraising
Raffle prizes: luxury hamper, gifts, vouchers
Prize draw at 8pm

Christmas all wrapped up with activities and gift solutions including:

- Crafts • Jewellery • Bespoke Wine Glasses • Handmade Soaps •
- Scarves • Tombola • Handmade Cards • Handbags • Decorations •

The poster features a red ribbon graphic, a small tree icon, and a stack of wrapped gifts at the bottom.



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