

GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

With the October Week Holiday fast approaching I can reflect on a particularly busy start to the session. To name a few events - Our Activ8 programme, in which pupil participation has been outstanding this year, finishes on Wednesday 12 October; our recent Broad General Education Vertical Learning Day has had some fantastic reviews from parent/carers, pupils and Renfrewshire Local Authority Executives; our PTA Curry/Quiz Night raising funds for our School Theatre, with over 200 parents/carers, pupils and staff in attendance, was a thoroughly enjoyable night.

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 week.

Contents of the Newsletter

- ✓ House Points
- ✓ Responsibility of All
- ✓ S1 Parents in Partnership Programme
- ✓ Pupil Voice
- ✓ A Shout Out from Support for Learning
- ✓ Media Team make the news at Sky Academy
- ✓ Eco Committee News
- ✓ Film Club news
- ✓ Advanced Higher Biologists Explore Clinical Research Labs
- ✓ Author Visits
- ✓ 'Gangsta Granny' Theatre Visit
- ✓ Betsy the Bullfrog visits Biology
- ✓ S1 'Live-N-Learn' Input
- ✓ S1 Health Day
- ✓ Neve and Angus help in Paisley 2021 Bid
- ✓ Reader and Writer of the month
- ✓ Rachel donates her hair to Little Princess Trust
- ✓ World Challenge Mongolia Update
- ✓ N5 Practical Cake Craft Sugar Paste Workshop
- ✓ Young Ambassadors attend Training Conference
- ✓ EtihadGame Off!
- ✓ GryffeStyles Week; 3K Fun Run
- ✓ PTA News

Upcoming priorities/events

School Uniform

I have stated on several occasions that in analysing last sessions SQA results there seemed a fairly obvious link to pupil success and their wearing of uniform and their participation in other activities, be it sporting or volunteering.

Please continue to support the school and ensure that ALL pupils are in full school uniform when they return to school after the October Break. We offer a wide range of activities for pupils to become involved in and frequently encourage our pupils to get Saltire Volunteering Hours.

School Car Park

I would like to ask Parents/Carers, for the safety of our pupils, to please **not** use our school car park for dropping off pupils, or for making U-turns! Thank you.

Please consider our REMINDERS of 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 Challenge for Parents/Carers.** Write about an achievement from any point in **your** life. Tell us about the skills you used when completing this achievement. Email your ROAR Challenge to gryffehighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk for the attention of Mrs Condy including your child's name. A token will be given to your child when your submission is received by Mrs Condy.
- ✓ Attend the next PTA Meeting to get a feel of what is involved without committing to it. The next meeting is on Monday 24 October, 6:30 pm start.
- ✓ Attend the next Parent Council Meeting to get a feel of what is involved without committing to it. The next meeting is on Monday 7 November, 7:00 pm start.
- ✓ Volunteer to come into school on Monday 14 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. If interested then please email our enquiries gryffehighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk for the attention of Mr Johnson.
- ✓ 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 Fair; Concerts;.....etc
- ✓ **Follow us on Twitter and/or tell us how we can improve our school website.**

Please feel free to contact me, or one of my senior managers, in order to discuss any aspects of school life. We will continue to strive for improvement and as such look forward to many further successes in both our pupils attainment and achievement.

Yours sincerely

Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

Upcoming priorities/events

OCTOBER

Mon 10	MyMerit Week 1 Senior Phase, S4-S6, Information Evening 7:00 pm start
Tue 11	S1 Reports issued to pupils
Wed 12	Activ8 session 8
Thurs 13	S2 & S3 Reports issued to pupils S1 Parents' Meeting, 4:30pm start
Fri 14	In-Service Day

Mon 17

OCTOBER HOLIDAY WEEK

Mon 24	Pupils return, prompt 8:50am start
Thurs 27	S3 Parents' Meeting, 4:30pm start
Mon 31	Start of S2 Pastoral interviews

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