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Dear Parent/Carer

With the October Week Holiday fast approaching I can reflect on a particularly busy start to the session. To name a few events:

- Activ8 programme, in which pupil participation has been outstanding this year, finishes on Wednesday 9 October;
- Parents in Partnership Programme has grown from strength to strength;
- Recent Senior Phase Information Evening where parents/carers had the opportunity to meet and ask staff general detail on National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses offered this session. This was followed by a presentation from Brian Costello, Headstrong NLP, on Supporting Teenagers during this time with the overall aim to increase knowledge for parents on how they can work with their child to achieve success.

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

- ✓ Auschwitz-Birkenau
- ✓ Parents in Partnership
- ✓ Pupils working with staff in the Learning and Teaching Committee
- ✓ A Shout Out from Support
- ✓ Eco News
- ✓ Gryffe Media Team make the news at Sky Academy
- ✓ S1 Health Day
- ✓ Gryffestyles Week
- ✓ S1 and S2 enjoy STEM Roadshow
- ✓ Mill Magazine work with S3 Graphics class; Advanced Higher Spanish Cinema and Tapas Trip
- ✓ Modern Studies and Politics pupils visit UK Parliament
- ✓ History Trip to Poland
- ✓ Health & Wellbeing Pupils of the Month
- ✓ Mathematicians of the Month
- ✓ Artist of the Month
- ✓ Modern Languages Pupils of the Month
- ✓ Stars of Science
- ✓ Emily and Alfie are our new Young Ambassadors
- ✓ Staff v Pupil Golf Match
- ✓ World Challenge 2021 – Vietnam
- ✓ Sasha is live on Celtic Music Radio
- ✓ Career Education and Community Partnerships
 - West College Scotland, Construction visit;
 - Featured Gryffe Partner of the month – Morgan Stanley;
 - Elite contracts – Design and Manufacturing visit
- ✓ House News; Achievements
- ✓ Upcoming priorities/events

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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 Learning & Teaching and our use of Learning Diaries..... PAGE 3 OF THE NEWSLETTER.**
- ✓ Attend the next Parent Council Meeting, and possibly read about the presentations of the last Parent Council meetings on the school website, under the 'PARENT ZONE' tab, then 'Parent Council', to get a feel of what is involved without committing to it. The next meeting is on Monday 25 November, 7:00 pm start.
- ✓ Volunteer to come into school on Monday 25 November, 6:00 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. Possibly stay on for Parent Council! If interested then please email our enquiries.
gryffehighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.ukfor 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... as shown on SMHW.
- ✓ Attend school events including: Parents' Meetings; Information Meetings; after school sports like football/rugby/basketball/netball games; Christmas Fayre; Concerts;.....etc
- ✓ Use Show My Homework to keep in touch with what is happening within Gryffe.
- ✓ **Follow us on Twitter/Facebook and/or tell us how we can improve our wider communication.**

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

Wed 9	Included Wellbeing Starter Activ8 session 8
Thurs 10	S2 Interim Reports issued to pupils S1 Meet the Teachers Meeting, 4:30pm start
Fri 11	In-Service Day
Mon 14	OCTOBER HOLIDAY WEEK
Mon 21	Pupils return, prompt 8:50am start Starter lesson Vision, Aims, Values
Tue 22	2 nd Deposits for Activities Week
Thurs 24	S3 Parents' Meeting, 4:30pm start
Fri 25	Fundraising Non-Uniform Day
NOVEMBER	
Mon 4	Start of Dyslexia Awareness Week Start of S4 Pastoral Interviews
Wed 6	Newsletter uploaded on to website

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



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