

**LUNCH QUEUES**

S3 - S5 – First  
S1 - S2 – Second

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>
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**FIREWORKS**

Pupils should not bring any type of firework to school. Pupils found in possession of fireworks will be punished.

**Mr Johnson****CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

This year's Christmas Fayre will take place in the school on **Thursday 27 November from 6:30pm**. Entry is free for pupils and £3 for adults (including tea/coffee and a mince pie). There will be lots of stalls selling Christmas gifts (including a 'gifts for mums and dads stall') so bring lots of money! 'Super Saint' Steven Thompson will draw the raffle at 8:30pm. Tickets will be on sale at the school office soon!

**Mr Holsgrove****ANTI-LITTER INITIATIVE**

Well done to everyone who has consciously helped in decreasing the litter throughout the school. The canteen and social areas are improving so our new goal is completely litter free. The school is looking better. We all need to step it up. Do your bit! Put your rubbish in the bin!

There is a very short meeting for all litter representatives on Friday 07 November at 1:00pm in SS4. Do not forget!

**Mr Toneguzzo****ECO-COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the school's Eco-Committee will be Wednesday 05 November at 12:40pm in HWB1. This is open to pupils across all year groups so come along (even if you haven't attended before) and contribute to the school's journey towards achieving the 'Green Flag' award.

**Mr Clark****DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK**

This week is National Dyslexia Awareness Week. S6 pupils will be coming around all classes with Blue ribbons which pupils can purchase for a donation. Please donate any spare change you have which will help raise vital funds to enhance school resources. Look out for some famous faces posted around the school explaining their story about living with Dyslexia.

**Dyslexic Practitioner Group****SKILL OF THE MONTH, NOVEMBER – THINKING**

The skill for November is "Thinking". The onus is on YOU to make sure that you know what your skills are and to take opportunities to develop them. The skills wall in each department has been updated with the new skill. You should try to record the skills you have and where they are used in each subject in your Homework diary, a Skills notes jotter or MyMerIT. If you would like to know more, or would like help to understand any of the skills then please see Mrs Darroch.

**Mrs Darroch****YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION**

Gryffe High School's Annual Young Musician Competition is taking place over the coming months. There are 3 categories:

- Junior (S1/S2)
- Intermediate (S3/S4)
- Senior (S5/S6)

For this competition, you are required to play one piece of music lasting no more than 5 minutes on your chosen instrument or voice. The first round will take place in the school theatre on Thursday 27 November from 3:45pm.

If you are successful and qualify for the final, you will be required to perform to an audience and an adjudicator who will decide a first and second place in each category. The final is on Thursday 15 January 2015.

Application forms are available from the music department and should be returned by Friday 21 November.

**Mrs Currie****MAD 2014**

This year's MAD will be performed in the theatre on Thursday 06 November at 7:00pm. Tickets are priced at £3 and will be on sale in the lunch hall at lunch time all week or from the school office.

This is a great event which is now in its 6th year!! Come and enjoy!!

**Mrs Wilson****YOUNG ENTERPRISE 2014/15 – OPPARTUNITY**

The Young Enterprise team 'OppARTunity' are looking for staff and pupils to donate frames of different sizes to be used in their company. The company are keen to be 'eco friendly' by recycling old frames as much as possible. If you have any unused frames at home that you feel we could make use of, please give them to Mrs MacDonald in the office or Miss Inglis in Guidance.

**Young Enterprise**

## **SPORTS TEAMS AND CLUBS**

Information on Sports Teams and Clubs will be updated on notice boards within PE department throughout the year. All participants should regularly check notice boards for updates. A new club starting next week is;

- Girl's football for all year groups every Wednesday after school until 4:00pm. See notice boards to confirm where session will be held each week e.g. Cage, Games Hall, Blaze etc.

**Mr O'Hare**

### **New S1 - S3 INFORMATION**

#### **S3 DEBATING TEAM**

Congratulations to Miss Higgins and the S3 Debating team of Euan Huey, Maisie Huey and Clare Cassidy, who have won the Renfrewshire S3 Youth Speech Competition 2014. In a field of very high quality speakers, our Gryffe team performed outstandingly to take first place. They now proceed to the grand inter-authority final to be held next month.

**Mrs Anderson**

#### **GRYFFESTYLES S1 POETRY COMPETITION**

A big thank you to all pupils who handed in their poems. The standard of work, as always, was very high.

Well done to Miss Lawson's class for submitting the highest volume of poems of a very high standard.

Congratulations to the following overall winners from each class;

Lewis Da Silva, Ryan Sims, Rowan Johnson, Marc Sherman, Nairn McKeon and Nicola Armstrong Cervantes.

The following pupils will receive a certificate as well as achievement tokens for their fantastic contribution;

Hannah Wilson, Amy Frew, Kirsten MacKinnon, Dylan Muir, Hamish McLaren, Lee Robertson, Andrew Norval, Nicole Hagen, Emma Ross, Shannon Howard, Rachel Adams, Bryony Maule, Jack Young, Alisha Sivell, Eoghan Small and Kristin Bowden.

**Miss Higgins**

#### **JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB**

Science club will return on **Friday 07 November**. The club will run from **12:40 – 1:10pm** in **Lab 5** (you can bring your lunch with you) and can only have 20 members so please see **Mrs Costello/Ms Robinson** before Friday to put your name down. Remember.... it's Science but not as you know it!

**Mrs Costello**

### **New S4 - S6 INFORMATION**

#### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

S4 Bronze pupils should meet Mr Taylor in the theatre at morning break today, Monday 03 November. All must attend.

**Mr Talyor**

#### **MISSION DISCOVERY 2015**

Renfrewshire Council's Skills Support Officer is currently in the process of recruiting Student Ambassadors for Mission Discovery 2015. All pupils who took part in Mission Discovery 2014 at Paisley Town Hall - look out for an invitation email. Application deadline is Friday 14 November, if interested.

**Mrs McGeough**

#### **MODERN APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Along with the NHS Modern Apprenticeships available in Administration and Procurement (Closing on the 17 November) there are also Microsoft Apprenticeships available in both IT (hardware and software) and Business Administration. Details for all of these apprenticeships can be found on the School App and Website. If you would like further information please see Mrs Darroch.

**Mrs Darroch**

#### **SEASONAL VACANCIES**

INTU at Braehead, Marks and Spencer's, along with a number of other companies are now recruiting for seasonal workers. Information can be found on the school website and app. Marks and Spencer's require you to apply through their website. The other companies are advertising on My World of Work. If you would like to discuss this further, or get help with an application or C.V. please see Mrs Darroch asap.

**Mrs Darroch**