

**LUNCH QUEUES**

S1 - S2 – First
S3 - S5 – Second

GENERAL INFORMATION**REMEMBRANCE**

I would remind all pupils and staff that we will have a 2 minute silence at 11:00am tomorrow morning to show our respect to service personnel who fought and died in conflicts past and present. As we pay respects to those whose sacrifice took place long ago, may we all remember those in danger right now in so many parts of the world. A bell will ring at 11:00am and 11:02am.

Mr Johnson**WW1 REMEMBRANCE ROOM – THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2014**

The Conference Room will be set up as a WW1 Remembrance room on the above date. It will contain 8/9 stations of information – war poetry, local history of war memorials, war memorabilia, photographs, artefacts etc The room will be run by members of the Chaplaincy Team and members of our local church congregations.

I will e-mail staff with a list of times and names of pupils who will be visiting the room. There will be minimum disruption to your learning and teaching that day as pupils will be selected across a range of House groups.

This is an exciting new project with members of our local community. If you have any spare time on Thursday 13 November then please come along and support the group.

Mrs Brown**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**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK**

A big thank you to all staff and pupils who supported the promotion of this initiative last week. We ran out of blue ribbons and all money raised will be used to purchase resources to support dyslexia.

Practitioner Enquiry Group**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**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

YOUNG ENTERPRISE - OppARTunity

The Young Enterprise business OppARTunity have set up a company which aims to promote the art and photography work of young artists in Renfrewshire. The company will sell your work as originals, prints and on accessories such as phone covers and mugs. You will receive a percentage of the profit but more importantly have your work promoted in the wider community. The company also have a gallery in Ingram Street in Glasgow where selected works will be displayed and sold - this is an opportunity not to be missed by aspiring young artists. If you wish the company to promote your work, see Miss Inglis, Mrs MacDonald or Kadey Adams S6 as soon as possible.

Miss Inglis

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

PUPILS - ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Burns house who topped the leader board for house points in October. Remember that the totals are just for that month and the overall winner will not be announced until April. Therefore things can change very quickly - so keep trying!

If you receive a token it is really important to record it in support base 4 and put it in the collector tubes on the concourse as soon as possible - don't stick it in your pencil case or bag and forget it - Mr Clark is convinced that Fleming actually won in the points tally in October but some Fleming pupils forgot to put their tokens in the tubes (in his dreams!)

Remember also to encourage your parents and coaches to send nominations in via the website as this gets you 10 points.

Miss Inglis

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

New S4 - S6 INFORMATION

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) and Microsoft Apprenticeships available in both IT (hardware and software) and Business Administration. Morgan Stanley are also now recruiting for Modern Apprenticeships in the Financial Sector, starting September 2015. 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