



End of school bell

1st bell – for ground floor

2nd bell – all other floors

GENERAL INFORMATION

Note: The number in brackets identifies the first week items have appeared in the bulletin. This week is pupil bulletin No.16

ACHIEVEMENTS - TOKENS (16)

Congratulations to 1M who received the most tokens in the school from class teachers last week.

Miss Iafrate

ST ANDREW'S DAY QUIZ (16)

Thank you to everyone who entered our quiz - you have been awarded a house token! The winner chosen at random was Amelie Robert-Rocher of 1M - Congratulations!

Citizenship Committee

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH – ACHIEVING (14)

Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Being supported and guided in your learning and in the development of your skills, confidence, and self-esteem at home, at school and in the community.

Mrs Costello

EMPLOYABILITY SKILL OF THE MONTH – USING YOUR INITIATIVE (14)

Simply put, using your initiative means being the person to come up with a good idea and get it off the ground – often, before it's been asked for.

Miss Paterson

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY (11)

Please can all pupils return any library books they borrowed in the past by posting them in the box outside the library.

Miss Lawson

MEDIA UPDATES (4)

Remember to check the screen in the library, TVs around the school and @Gryffe Pupil Voice Instagram for pupil updates.

School Captains

S1–S3 INFORMATION

S1 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION (16)

The S1 Christmas Celebration will be taking place on Wednesday 16th December, Periods 5 and 6. Please get to your assigned classes early to get registered and ensure a good seat! Look out for more information on your assigned classes around the school and on SMHW.

House Captains

S4–S6 INFORMATION

S5/6 – NATIONAL 5/HIGHER AND ADVANCED HIGHER ASSESSMENT

As a result of the current climate we have moved the above Prelims to start on **Thursday 21 January to Tuesday 2 February 2021**. I hope to have a timetable completed before the Christmas break on 18 December 2020 and plan to visit S5 PSE and S6 PPD classes this week to answer any questions you may have. SQA coursework booklets will be issued during these lessons as we cannot have Assemblies at the moment.

Mrs Skillen

RETURN OF N5/HIGHER PORTFOLIOS

Current S5/S6 pupils if you would like your portfolios from last year returned please come and let Mrs Dumbreck in Art 3 know. These will then be looked out for you to collect later time.

Mrs Dumbreck

Supported Study – Please check the school website for details of Departmental Supported Study, or see Ms Dhesi in Support Base 1.

Ms Dhesi

S6 – Please check SMHW and S6 Facebook page for regular updates.

Mrs Brown

PARENT/CARER SECTION

DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 15 Virtual Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm online
Wednesday 16 S1 Christmas Celebration, periods 5&6
Friday 18 School closes for Holiday;
2.30pm finish

JANUARY 2021

Wednesday 6 **Pupils return: 8.47am start**
Friday 8 GHS Newsletter Publication 5

WE NEED YOUR HELP



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

S5/6 – National 5/Higher and Advanced Higher Assessment

As a result of the current climate we have moved the above prelims to start on **Thursday 21 January to Tuesday 2 February 2021**. Further information regarding these Assessments will be issued via SMHW this week.

Parents Portal - We have recently launched Parents Portal, a new initiative which gives parents/carers online access to their child's Report Card, Timetable and Attendance Data as well as the facility to update Data Check information held on school records. Details on how to register can be found at:

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schools/parentsportal>



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the **LGBT Charter Silver Award!** The award has been delivered with some outstanding feedback, which we will share when the official paperwork is received. Our staff and pupils should be proud of all their hard work to ensure Gryffe continues to be a caring and inclusive school.

Face Masks – Thank you for your support - We are having a growing number of pupils arriving at school without a facemask, and/or losing their mask during the school day. There are also more masks being found on the ground both within the school and the local community. This is such an important Health and Safety issue and we would ask for your support in reminding your child about their responsibility to both have and wear a mask.

Please continue to encourage your child to bring a face mask to school, and to wear it in school.

Show My Homework – Please ensure that you have access to this programme as it is our key means of communication to Parents/Carers.

Could I please ask for the support of all parents/carers. I am afraid that I do have a frustration, and that is the timekeeping of some pupils. We are having more pupils than normal arriving late, even if only by a few minutes, however this does disrupt Learning and Teaching and we need all the time we can get as we are already losing time through our covid cleaning of desks at the beginning and end of lessons. We have not been doing our usual procedures of sanctions for latecoming but as a New Year treat I hope to start this up again in January!!