

Weekly Update – 31st August 2018

Rights Respecting School

During assembly this week our new S6 leadership team introduced the Rights Respecting Schools Initiative. In the presentation, The Convention of the Rights of the Child was discussed, as was the need for all our pupils to get involved in the school community. The importance of making all voices heard through the Pupil Council and other committees was stressed. We would encourage as many learners as possible to join the Rights Respecting School group this year. Videos played during assembly giving introductions to human rights as well as the new initiative are below.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=OSjKiCK91sU

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pRGhrYmUjU4

Health and Wellbeing

Evan Keir – Head Boy

When reporting a pupil absence/appointment please be aware that messages should be left on the school answering machine before 8.30am. If you leave a message after 8.30 it will still be picked up, however, you will receive an absence text home.

Please be reminded of the NHS guidance for pupils regarding vomiting and diarrhoea. Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should not return to school until 48 hours after their symptoms have passed. Although children may feel better before this, the 48 hours helps keep spread of infection to a minimum.

Further and Higher Education Information Evening

We are pleased to invite S5/6 pupils and parents to our information evening on Wednesday 5 September, 6:30-8:00. This event is intended to help you in the next steps of your child's education. We will have representatives from various Further and Higher Education institutions who will be able to offer advice on how to apply, the different routes available, funding and more.

There will be a short welcome and introduction followed by three workshops sessions You are welcome to attend as many workshops as you find relevant.

To assist us with logistics, it would be helpful if you could complete the survey below before the evening.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FE HE Info

We look forward to seeing you there.

Former Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Austin Noble who graduated with an Honours degree in Business Management from Queen Margaret University and Edward Noble graduated with a first class degree in Economics from Glasgow University.

String Orchestra

Could all pupils who play violin, viola and cello ensure that they attend the String Orchestra meeting on Tuesday lunchtimes in the Assembly Hall. Rehearsals will be every Tuesday lunchtime from 12.45. Our first full rehearsal will be next Tuesday 4th September.

Fundraising - Mr Smith

On the 22nd of September, PE teacher Mr Smith is swimming the Forth to raise money for the Scottish Association for Mental Health. He is doing this following the death of Frightened Rabbit Singer, Scott Hutchison, and hoping to raise money for a fantastic charity who do a lot of good for vulnerable people in the mental health field. Mr Smith has never done any Open water swimming before so a 1.4 mile swim is certainly demonstrating our over and above behaviours of Achievement, Resilience and Contribution and we hope that parents will want to support this worthy cause.

Any contribution would be greatly appreciated and please feel free to share the Justgiving link on your own social media!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/darren-smith108

Kindred

Kindred are an organisation that support parents/carers of children with complex needs. They are running free events this autumn for parents/carers of young people aged 14+ around managing transition from high school, please see the attached PDF.



S3 Hospitality: Practical cookery Nat 4

The new hospitality learners have been very busy with Miss Crawford refining their knife skills as part of the Cookery Skills, Techniques and processes unit. Incredibly neat knife work. Well done. L Bradley









Homemade strawberry tarts made by the S3 Nat 4 Hospitality class.









S5/6 Nat 5 Hospitality working on their pastry making skills. Border Tarts.









The Nat 5 Hospitality Cake craft class doing some design work in sugar paste.











Higher Business Management Live Conference!

A group of S5/6 pupils took part in the Higher Business Management Live Conference yesterday at Napier University. This included presentations from Aldi, "Facebok Ads Guy" Gavin Bell, i-Prospect and Basketball Scotland. Pupils also took part in a workshop activity and a quiz at the end. Miss Richards and Mr Campbell were very impressed with the behaviour and contribution of the group. Well done to all who took part!

Girls Football Opportunity

