



St John Ogilvie High School



Parents' Newsletter

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Holidays

School closes on **Friday 23rd December**
Pupils return on **Monday 9th January 8.50 am**



@StJOHS

Head Teacher's Christmas Message

a holy night



Dear Pupils, Staff and families of the community of St John Ogilvie High School,

Thank you to all the families, friends, staff and pupils for the tremendous support shown all year long to our school.

Wishing all in the community of St John Ogilvie High School a very happy and peaceful Christmas 2022 and all the very best in 2023.

Mrs Lawson



St John Ogilvie High School Senior School Awards Ceremony 2022



On Thursday the 6th of October 2022 St John Ogilvie High School celebrated the success of over 250 young people with their parents, carers, families and staff.

This was the first time since 2019 that the school were able to celebrate the attainment and achievements of our young people in such great number.

Headteacher Lorna Lawson said 'It was a wonderful evening full of joy and we were delighted to be joined by Mr Stewart Nicolson, Head of Education South Lanarkshire Council who was our guest speaker for the evening. He inspired the young people with his words and praised the resilience that they had shown in recent years.

We were also joined by a number of special guests including Andy Flynn from St Andrew's Hospice who we have a strong business partnership with, Councillor Mary Donnelly, Mrs Mhari Greenwood chair of our Parent Council, Councillor Gavin Wylie Keatt and Mrs Lynn Marcuccilli, Headteacher St Cuthbert's Primary School. The pupils appreciated their presence and support on the evening. We hope that all pupils, families, staff and friends of St John Ogilvie enjoyed the evening and once again well done to all award winners!

Mrs Lawson

The following 13 pages contain photographs of the evening and lists of all award winners.



Junior school Dux award winner Francesca Marrocco

Left to right Mr Stewart Nicolson Head of Education, Mrs Mhari Greenwood chair of the Parent Council, Francesca Marrocco junior school Dux Award winner for academic excellence and Lorna Lawson Headteacher.



Aristotle Award Winner 2022 Emma Kate Gallagher

Left to right Mrs Mhari Greenwood chair of the Parent Council, Mr Stewart Nicolson Head of Education, Emma Kate Gallagher Aristotle Award winner for continued academic excellence and Lorna Lawson Headteacher



All 259 award winners 2022 celebrating their success with
 Left to right *Lorna Lawson Headteacher, Andy Flynn St Andrew's Hospice, Mrs Mary Donnelly Councillor, Mr Stewart Nicolson Head of Education, Mrs Mhari Greenwood chair of the Parent Council and Mrs Lynn Marcuccilli Headteacher St Cuthbert's Primary School.*



Senior School Dux Winner Krysten Dmonte
 Left to right *Mrs Mhari Greenwood chair of the Parent Council, Mr Stewart Nicolson Head of Education, Krysten Dmonte Senior School Dux Award for academic excellence and Lorna Lawson Headteacher.*



Joint Proxime Accessit winners Katie McGuckien and Natasha Keaveny

Left to right Left to right Mr Stewart Nicolson Head of Education, Katie McGuckien, Mrs Mhari Greenwood chair of the Parent Council, Natasha Keaveny and Lorna Lawson Headteacher.



St Andrew's Hospice school Cup Winners 2022

Left to right, back row Mr Stewart Nicolson Head of Education, Mrs Mhari Greenwood chair of the Parent Council, Callum Tyrrell, Brandon McDonald, Andy Flynn St Andrew's Hospice, Christian Agbontaen, Lorna Lawson Headteacher.

Left to right front row Joseph Kelly, Max Smith, Zach Seenan and Lewis Bowie.

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Breagha	Philpott		
Lewis	Price		
Kai	Summers		
Michael	Ward		
Erin	White		

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S4 Students who attained 7 National 5 Passes in 2022

Ronnie	Avery		
Niamh	Balfour		
Conner	Begg		
Sheila	Boriesa Momo		
Zoe-Jane	Brazill		
Orla	Brown		
Cara	Burke		
Neve	Campbell		
Madison	Cairney		
Daniel	Connor		
Darcey	Connor		
Evan	Crossar		
Daniel	Demirden		
Logan	Devlin		
Cara	Donnelly		
Niamh	Dunn		
Bobby	Ferrier		
Ben	Flannigan		
Erin	Fortune		
Santino	Fox		
Grace	Hawkins		
Molly	Holmes		
Lewis	Irving		
Olivia	Izuogu		
Cara	Kelly		
Luke	Kelly		
Claire	Laditi		
Eve	Maguire		
Daniel	Marenghi		
Jessica	McCafferty		
Mark	McCarroll		
Jessica	McDonald		
Owen	McFall		
Liam	McGhee		

Sarah	McHugh	
Kyle	McNulty	
Lucy	Millar	
Erin	Morrison	
Josephine	Muir	
Lucy	Murdoch	
Tanasha	Mutandagayi	
Christie	O'Donnell	
Katie	O'Donnelly	
Daniel	O'Neil	
Hannah	Perrins	
Grace	Quigley	
Sophie	Rafferty	
Eva	Rahman	
Zach	Seenan	
Robert	Simpson	
Max	Smith	
Pawel	Spyrka	
Emily	Stewart	
Connor	Sullivan	
Rhodra	Susendrakumar	
Ross	Swinburne	
Caoimhe	Thomson	
Shaelyn	Van Zyl	
James	Wedlock	

7 National 5 all As

Christian	Agbontaen	
Olivia	Baird	
Charles	Brown	
Hannah	Bulloch	
Katie	Gillen	
Katie	Kerr	
Sophie	Lafferty	
Isabella	Lennon	
Francesca	Marrocco	
Dominic	McGrory	
Seagh	Nelson	
Sophie	Steel	
Jack	Wann	
Neve	Whelan	
Latifa	Yakubu	

S5 Students who attained 3 Higher Passes in 2022

Mirren	Anderson			
Jodie	Bell			
Amy	Cahill			
Serena	Caira			
Martin	Carney			
Elle Talent	Chisholm			
Cara	Conroy			
Marco	Giaffredda			
Brian	Izuogu			
Josh	Kenna			
Jamie	Lowis			
Milly (Millar)	MacPhee			
Patrick	Madden			
Toni	McArthur			
Abbie	McIsaac			
Dylan	McVey			
Ewan	Murray			
Tyrese	Mutandagayi			
Peace	Odigie			
Olivia	Ryan			
Joseph	Whyte			

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S5 Students who attained 4 Higher Passes in 2022

Daniel	Bochenek			
Ava	Brennan			
Taylor	Burns			
Gemma	Butler			
Oscar	Carroll			
Elia	Czekierda			
Ethan	Davidson			
Jack	Dickson			
Erin	Hughes			
Eve	Hunter			
Joseph	Kelly			
Kaja	Kleszcz			
Jack	Lowis			
Brandon	Macdonald			
Luke	Magee			
Eva	Maguire			
Gracie	McBride			
Adam	McCafferty			

Sophie	McDonagh			
Sean	Moulden			
Josh	Mulhern			
Leah	Nelson			
Carson	Paul			
Keira	Robertson			
Abbie	Talent			
Courtney	Tonner			
Emma	Tonner			
Brody	Wilson			

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S5 Students who attained 5 Higher Passes in 2022				
Anne	Bankova			
Lewis	Bowie			
Kevin	Carney			
Jacob	Duffy			
Mia	Fagan			
Eva	Fawns			
Jenny	Flannigan			
Nicholas	Fraser			
Chloe	Fullerton			
Claudia	Gallagher			
Ronan	Gemmell			
Erin	Gildea			
Orla	Halligan			
Calum	Hogan			
Jacob	Hughes			
Niamh	Jamieson			
Jessica	Kelly-Devlin			
Charlotte	Lamb			
Katie	Leadbetter			
Jordan	Majer			
Olivia	McGinley			
Owen	McGuire			
Claudia	McKeown			
Noah	Olano			
Declan	O'Rafferty			
Jamie	Prentice			
Molly	Rowe			
Filmawit	Samuel			
Evie	Seenan			

Erin	Tonner		
Callum	Tyrrell		
Eamonn	Whelan		

5 Highers in one sitting all As

Krysten	Dmonte		
Jacob	Duffy		
Gillian	Gold		
Eilidh	Gorrell		
Zander	Greenwood		
Molly	Hunter		
Cadia	Jaconelli		
Natasha	Keaveny		
Lucy	Kelly		
Katie	McGuckien		
Claudia	McKale		

Students who attained passes in all 4/4 subjects or 2 AH Passes in S6.

Cassi	Brady		
Mhairi-Clare	Campbell		
Natasha	Cowie		
Darren	Delaney		
Emily	Duffy		
Emma Kate	Gallagher		
Agata	Gruse		
Molly	Inglis		
Taylor	Kennedy		
Olivia	Leslie		
Isaac	McCrory		
Cara	McDade		
Cia	McDade		
Morven	McDonald		
Keira	McGee		
Matthew	McGibbon		
Eva	McGovern		
Lewis	McGregor		
Sarah	McGurk		
Kyle	McLachlan		
Bradley	McMillan		
Ethan	Moffat		

Leah	Mooney	
Joseph	Mullen	
Rebecca	Munro	
Olivia	Murray	
Erin	Rafferty	
Emma	Ramsay	
Molly	Ryan	
Aidan	Stewart	
Emma	Watson	
Rachel	Wood	

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Subject Award Winners 2022	
National 5 Accounting	Jack Wann
Higher Accounting	Eilidh Gorrell
National 5 Administration	Sophie Steel
Higher Administration	Morven McDonald
National 5 Art and Design	Sarah McHugh
National Progression Award Art and Design	Brooke Carracher
Higher Art and Design	Evie Seenan
Advanced Higher Art	Rebecca Munro
Higher Photography	Sarah McGurk
National 5 Biology	Olivia Baird
Higher Human Biology	Natasha Keaveny
Advanced Higher Biology	Emma Kate Gallagher
National 5 Business Management	Seagh Nelson
Higher Business Management	Isaac McCrory
Advanced Higher Business Management	Molly Ryan
N5 Chemistry	Olivia Baird
Higher Chemistry	Natasha Keaveny
National 5 Computing	Katie Kerr
Higher Computing	Jordan Majer
National 5 Dance	Shaelyn Van Zyl
Higher Dance	Emily Duffy
National 5 Design and Manufacture	Zach Seenan

National 5 English	Katie Gillen
Higher English	Cadia Jaconelli
Advanced Higher English	Joseph O'Donnell
National 5 ESOL	Alexandra Gozman Pop
Higher ESOL	Kinga Mizgala
National 5 French	Francesca Marrocco
Higher French	Finnan Mulvenna
Advanced Higher French	Agata Gruse
National 5 Geography	Seagh Nelson
Higher Geography	Orla Halligan
National 5 Graphic Communication	Ryan Wallace
Higher Graphic Communication	Jordan Majer
Health Sector Skills for Work	
National 5 History	Latifa Yakubu
	Connor Sullivan
Higher History	Cadia Jaconelli
National 5 Application of Mathematics	Seagh Nelson
National 5 Mathematics	Francesca Morocco
Higher Mathematics	Natasha Keaveny
Advanced Higher Mathematics	Emma Kate Gallagher
	Matthew McGibbon
National 5 Modern Studies	Neve Whelan
Higher Modern Studies	Claudia McKale
Advanced Higher Modern Studies	Taylor Kennedy
National 5 Music	James Wedlock
Higher Music	Eva Fawns
Advanced Higher Music	Jacob Duffy
National 5 Music Technology	Katie Gillen
Higher Music Technology	Isaac McCrory
National 5 Physics	Francesca Marocco
Higher Physics	Krysten Dmonte

Advanced Higher Physics	Matthew McGibbon
	Isaac McCrory
National 5 Practical Cake Craft	Rachel Wood
National 5 Practical Cookery	Katie Kerr
National 5 PE Studies	Zach Seenan
	Madison McCandlish
Higher PE Studies	Olivia Leslie
National 5 Practical Woodworking	Daniel Springett
National 5 RMPS	Joseph Whyte
Higher RMPS	Kiera McAdams
National 5 Spanish	Sheila Boriesa
Higher Spanish	Peace Odigie
Advanced Higher Spanish	Daniel Boriesa



<u>Special Awards 2022</u>	
Junior Dux 2021-22	Francesca Marrocco
Proxime Accesit 2021-22	Natasha Keaveny
Proxime Accesit 2021-22	Katie McGuckien
Senior Dux 2021-22	Krysten Dmonte
Depute Head Boy 2021-22	Thomas Geddes
Depute Head Girl 2021-22	Cassi Brady
Depute Head Girl 2021-22	Olivia Murray
Depute Head Girl 2021-22	Emma Kate Gallagher
Head Girl 2021-22	Molly Ryan
Head Girl 2021-22	Emma Ramsay

Music Quaich 2022	Morven McDonald
Patrick Doyle Award 2022	Erin Rae
Roger Kennedy Award 2022	Agata Gruse
International Award 2022	Cara McDade
Aristotle Award 2022	Emma Kate Gallagher
Expressive Arts Award 2022	Rebecca Munro
Sports Leadership Award 2022	Molly Cuthbertson
Elite Sports Performance Award 2022	Eilidh Gorrell
Elite Dance Performance Award 2022	Olivia Leslie
Services to the School Community Award 2022	Toni McArthur
Services to the School Community Award 2022	Erin McGuire
Head Teacher's Award 2022	Isaac McCrory
Reamonn Gormley Award 2022	Cara McDade

Scottish Government Visit to St John Ogilvie High School

12th October 2022

We warmly welcomed some very important guests to St John Ogilvie on the 12th of October. They had come along to find out a bit more about our curriculum design, our use of Pupil Equity Funding and how we go about trying to meet the needs, interests and aspirations of our learners.

They looked at our curriculum models, developments and new courses including our barista service and the wonderful Burnbank Ogilbees! *(pictures on following page)*

Here is what our visitors thought of their day at St John Ogilvie –

'An inspiring visit to @St JOHS excellent curriculum design & use of PEF to meet the needs, interests and aspirations of learners'

Graeme Logan, Director of Learning at the Scottish government.

'Thank you, your staff and your pupils for an inspiring visit to St. John Ogilvie yesterday! As someone commented it is an experience none of us will forget! It was really interesting to hear about your journey of improvement and the creativity you are using to meet the needs of your children and young people and to develop the skills of your staff.

What really came across was the deep commitment that you and your team have to your children, as they face many challenges. Of course the bee keeping and the opportunity to have hands on experience was a highlight however the deeper understanding of how you use additional funding and resources to provide effective learning pathways for children was the real learning point and one I will be sharing within the SAC programme.

Thanks to all that hosted us'

David Leng, Head of Scottish Attainment Challenge

'I wanted to extend my grateful thanks to you and your team at St JOHS for making the visit yesterday such a rich and memorable one. The young people of the school were outstanding and the fact they featured so prominently throughout the morning reminded me of the importance of the learner at the centre and the 'why' to all of this.

You surely must be the only HT in Scotland that can claim to have managed to have had the Director of Learning, The head of the Scottish Attainment Challenge, the Head of Service and their Attainment Advisor all in bee suits (and with the evidence to prove it).

I look forward to working with you in the near future to exemplify and showcase the creative and varied curriculum which your young people so richly deserve and clearly appreciate.

Please pass on my gratitude to your SLT, Nicole, James and of course the young people of St JOHS'

Craig Melrose Attainment Advisor, Education Scotland

'Thank you for an inspirational visit today, and I don't use that word lightly. Warmth, commitment and genuineness were shining out from you, your staff and pupils and is reflected in their many successes. Please pass on my thanks to the whole of your team who contributed so well.'

Carole McKenzie Head of Education SLC



S1 X-Factor

On Friday the 14th October, we were lucky to host the S1 X-Factor singing competition for the first time since 2019. All S1 classes had worked very hard in their first 7 weeks of their music lessons to prepare for their class performances and this was evident in their success. It was a very tight competition but our esteemed judges selected 1.8 in 3rd place with Waka Waka, 1.3 in 2nd place with Don't Stop Me Now and in 1st place, singing Mamma Mia were 1.7.

They were commended on their excellent singing and overall performance quality.

**Well done to all
and congratulations to 1.7.**

Miss McLachlan



S5/6 Halloween Disco



A record number of tickets (170) were sold for our Senior School Halloween Disco on Thursday 28th October. Some incredible effort was put into the costumes by our pupils, who had a really enjoyable night with their friends. Whilst there were a large number of exceptional costumes, the winners of 'Best S5 Fancy Dress' and 'Best S6 Fancy Dress' were Frankie Callaghan (S5) as Ange Postecoglou and Callum Tyrrel and Joseph Kelly (S6) as Marty McFly and Doc Emmet Brown.





International Day of Languages



At the end of September, we celebrated our Day of Languages, a celebration of the many languages and diversity of culture within our school community. More than 20 different languages are spoken in our school and many of our young people speak multiple languages.



Some of the languages spoken here at St JOHS are Spanish, French, Portuguese, Polish, Ukranian, Arabic, Tamil, Romanian, Farsi, Latvian, Romanian, Mandarin and many more.



Our Modern Languages Department organised a wide variety of events and competitions and a European café to celebrate the occasion and we also had special Language themed assemblies. Our S1 and S2 pupils were amazed to hear Mr McConville (*left*) talk, in fluent Spanish, about when he lived in Madrid, teaching English.

Additionally, several of our young people delivered fascinating presentations in other languages. *So impressive.*

A fantastic array of European cuisine was also available at lunchtime in the canteen.



Our language classes were also visited by the wonderful Language Ambassadors from the University of Strathclyde (*below*), including some of our own former pupils who spoke to us about studying languages at university and the many combinations of degrees that can be studied with a language.



Language Leaders

We are so proud of our new team of Language Leaders who were chosen following a competitive selection process and are now working on a wide range of language projects to improve the experiences of our language learners throughout the school.



Francesca Marrocco, Callum Tyrell, Niamh Balfour, Christian Agbontaen, Mia Fagan, Leah Nelson, Peace Odigie, Orla Halligan and Zach Seenan (not pictured)

Our Language Leaders will be working on Sports projects, P7 Transitions and helping with many other initiatives in the Modern Languages Department. Well done to them all.

Ms Greaney

Katie Gillen, Evan Crossar, Jessica McCafferty, Sheila Boriesa, Darcey Connor, Dominic McGrory, Eve McGuire

Football Teams



Under 14s & Under 15s

Our S2 team started off their season with a dominant 7-1 victory over Dalziel High School. Our S3 team (pictured below) won their recent game against Calderglen High School in a hard fought 2-1 victory. The boys are looking forward to playing the rest of their games in 2023 and hopefully winning their respective leagues.

Mr Bryson



S1 Team

The S1 football team have had a mixed season so far. With so many midfielders in the team it has been challenging finding the correct formation to suit our players.

Results so far-

- **Cathkin 5 - 2 Ogilvie** (Collins, Murray)
- **St.A & St.B 9 - 2 Ogilvie** (McGuinness, Murray)
- **Ogilvie 1 - 7 Duncanrig** (Murray)
- **Ogilvie 3 - 2 Calderglen** (S.Gaffney, Murray 2)
- **Ogilvie 3 - 9 Trinity** (S.Gaffney, McInally, Thomson)

Mr Juskowiak



Senior Football Team

The senior football team have enjoyed a successful first half of the season, winning two of their three games played so far. Co-Managers Pep and Jose have been delighted with the commitment, team work and leadership shown on the pitch and look forward to competing in the Caritas Cup and completing their league section after the Christmas break. Thanks to all pupils, staff and parents who have come to offer support to the team, we'll see you in the new year.

Mr McAfee and Mr Ross.

Results

- **St Andrews & St Bride's 4-0 St. John Ogilvie**
- **St John Ogilvie 3-2 Duncanrig**
(McGuigan x2, Summers)
- **St John Ogilvie 5-0 Cathkin**
(Lowis, Summers, Higgins, McGuigan, Tyrrell)



(Yet more!) Sporting Success

Since our last newsletter in June, S3 pupil Jacob Naismith has continued to add to his medal haul as a champion boxer. In July he won gold at the William Wallace Box Club. In August he represented Scotland at the European Championships in Turkey. Not only did he compete against opponents from Turkey, Czech Republic, Bulgaria & Ireland.....he defeated them all, to become European Champion and win another gold medal. Further gold was won in Ireland in the Belfast Boxing Club in October. All of this resulted in Jacob being awarded 'Best Schoolboy Boxer' and public choice award of 'Scottish Boxer of the Year' at the JATV Scottish Boxer of the Year Awards.

Not bad for a few months (hard) work.
Well done Jacob!

Mr McConville



Mr Juskowiak

Congratulations to Mr Juskowiak who has earned a Commonwealth Gold medal for his squat with a squat of 232.5kg and a Commonwealth Bronze medal for his deadlift with a deadlift of 250kg.



His family are incredibly proud of his achievements. Reon and his family would like to thank everyone at ST JOHS for their support and good wishes.

Well done again Reon.



Senior Basketball



This year has seen the creation of the first ever Basketball Team within Ogilvie. After reaching out to local team, The North Lanarkshire Titans, we were able to get fully kitted out for the season.



So far, the team has played two games and they have been close both times to achieving that 'W'. Scores have been

- **Ogilvie 17-24 Stonelaw** and
- **Cathkin 44-40 Ogilvie.**

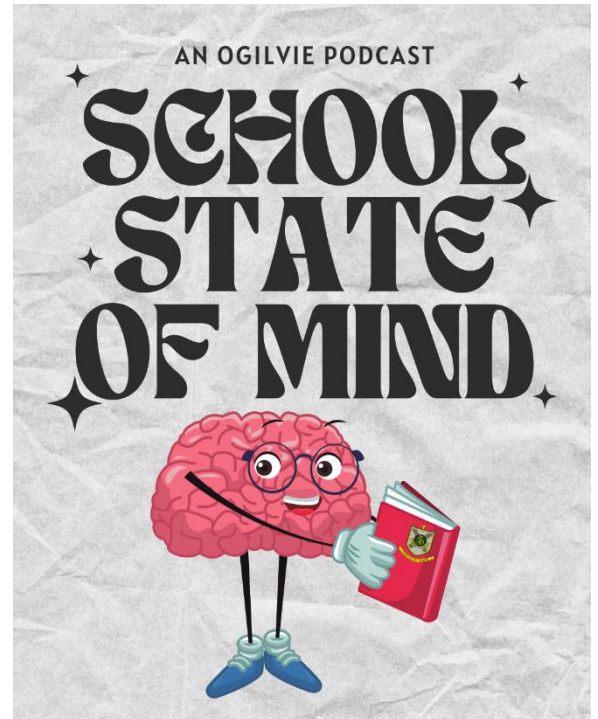
Mr Juskowiak



Listen to Episode 1 of Our Brand New Podcast.



You can now listen to School State of Mind on all streaming platforms including Spotify and Apple Music. A podcast brought to you by the young people of St. John Ogilvie in the hope of normalising conversations around mental health and wellbeing. Each episode Miss Screen and her co-hosts Niamh Jamieson, Ellie Talent, Adam McCafferty, Martin Carney and Lucy Kelly will chat to a very special guest, explore top tips and answer your listener messages. You can ask these using the QR code on the mental health posters displayed around the school! This episode we discuss potato croquettes, pet names and how making difficult decisions are possible and can have life-changing outcomes. Stay tuned for a special Christmas episode which will be our last of 2022. Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year and look out for a new episode in January when we return. Special thanks to Tyrese Mutandagayi in S6 for our catchy jingle and to our fantastic producer Mr Swan- he's *the bees knees*.



Miss Screen

Junior Leadership Team

It has been an incredibly busy term for the Junior Leadership Team (JLT). The team decided that they wanted to do whatever they could to help make this Christmas special for everyone in the local community.

The JLT organised a foodbank collection in the lead up to Christmas. They decided that because Christmas can be a stressful time for many people, particularly with the rise in the cost of food and energy bills, they wanted to help make a real difference to people in the local community. Each tutor class has been collecting items in the past few weeks and we will be sending all collections to the foodbank in the last week of term.

The JLT have also been running their annual "Don't Hate it, Update it!!" campaign. This Christmas they are trying to encourage people to re-use their Christmas jumpers rather than buying new to save money and save the planet!! This has encouraged individuals to create, or update, their own Christmas jumpers or items. This has run alongside their pop-up Christmas jumper shop where individuals have been able to swap their old Christmas jumpers for something new, in preparation for Christmas Fayre Day on Friday the 16th of December.

Finally, the JLT have been working alongside the senior leadership class to help raise funds for a new school defibrillator. They have been working together to fundraise to ensure they have raised enough money to buy the defib by the end of the school year.

As you can see it has been an incredibly busy few months for the JLT!! Keep an eye out for what they get up to next term in the next newsletter.

Mr Ross

World Mental Health Day Coffee Morning Friday 7th October



Jessica Kelly-Devlin, S6 (yellow ears) and the CARE team hosted a coffee morning for World Mental Health Day on Friday 7th October for S6 pupils and staff. The Barista service were in full operation that day and it was a huge success, raising awareness and funds to support Mental Health causes.

BOGLE, our resident band comprising S6 pupils, Evie Seenan, Jacob Duffy and Adam McCafferty, put on a brilliant performance to support World Mental Health Day.



MacMillan BIG Coffee Morning Friday 14th October

Our S6 pupils also staged the annual MacMillan BIG coffee morning in the S5/6 area to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Charity. Once again, the Barista team pulled out all the stops for this event.

Dyslexia Awareness Coffee Morning Friday 4th November

Jon Turner (S6), our Support for Learning Ambassador did a wonderful job organising this coffee morning to raise awareness of dyslexia. This was hosted in the Dance Studio and was very well attended by staff and senior pupils alike.





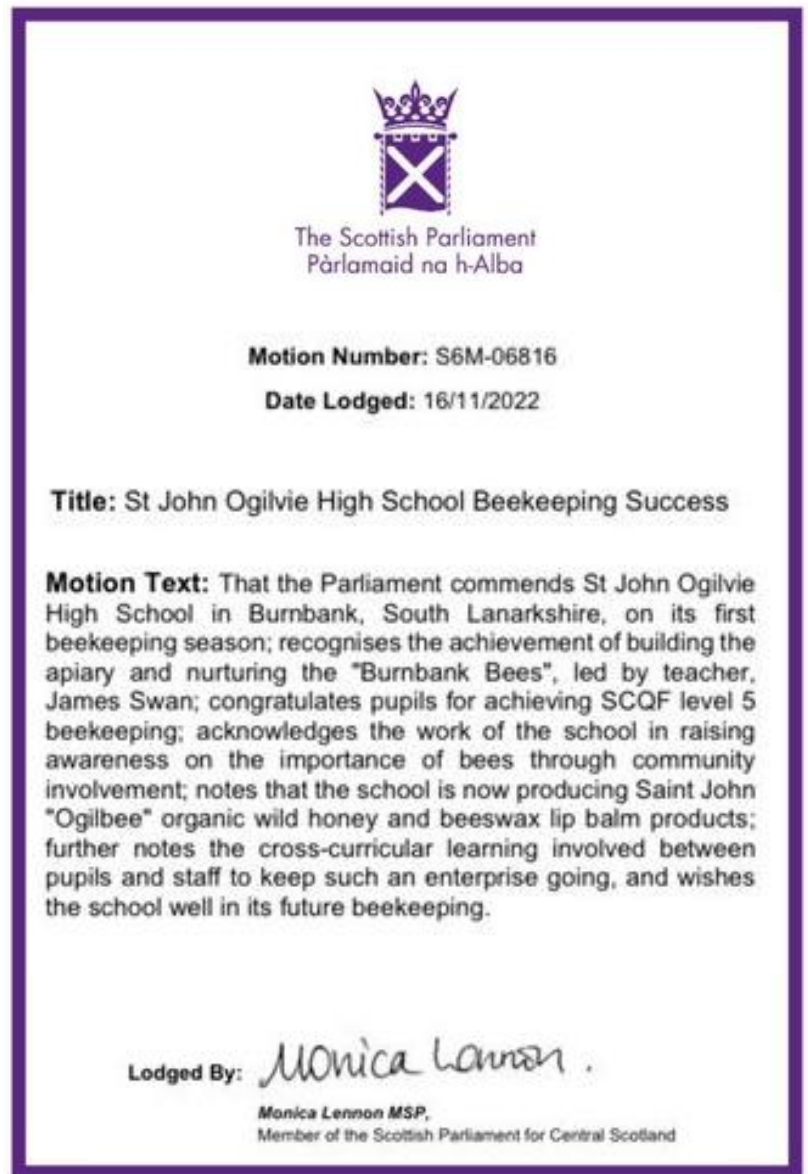
St John Ogilvie Beekeeping



After a hugely successful first season of beekeeping. Our *Ogilbees* have now been prepared to “over winter”. This is where the bees form a cluster in the shape of a ball inside the hive to retain heat. They now rarely leave the hive as there is no forage available and survive by eating their honey stores, supplemented by baker’s fondant icing, that was kindly donated by Jason McDonagh, parent of S6 pupil Sophie.

In class, pupils now start preparing for the start of the Beekeeping season next spring. This includes repairing hives and researching flowers to plant that will provide the most amount of nectar for our local climate. This session we were visited by the Head of Learning for the Scottish Government, Graeme Logan, along with colleagues from the Scottish Attainment Challenge who were hugely impressed with our project and the use of PEF money within our school. Local MSP Monica Lennon also visited out bees and we were mentioned in Holyrood as Mrs Lennon raised a parliamentary motion which recognises the hard work of our beekeepers. Hopefully plenty honey next year, more lip balms and we will be moving into candle manufacturing.

Mr J Swan



P7 Information Evening

On 8th November we welcomed over 450 pupils/ parents/ carers (as well as a few grandparents) from our associated primary schools. This was the first formal event of this year's P7-S1 Journey to Ogilvie Transition Programme.

Our guests were 'treated' to a presentation from Ms Lawson and Mr McConville which included input from current S1 pupils Sarah Fadeyibi, Shay Ryan, Robbie McFall, Gracie McDonald, Louie Bonnar & Holly Perrins. Attendees then had a tour of the school, visiting each department and even helping out with some experiments in Science, thanks to Miss McClintick and her team of STEM Leaders.

Feedback from all who attended was incredibly positive and all of our future S1 pupils seemed suitably impressed and ready for the next event of the transition programmes to get underway in the New Year.

Many thanks once again to everyone who attended, including staff and current S6 pupils who acted as tour guides for the night.

Mr McConville

Computing Dept- Robots

S3 Computing pupils have been using our new Lego SPIKE robotics kits, which we are using fully for the first time this year. 3H and 3F Computing put their Python knowledge to good use and had to program the robots to move around a map and then to take part in a robot dance-off.

There was lots of problem solving and trial-and-error with their programs but the winning teams were Aiden McVey and Joseph Fox (3H) and Jivin Joy, Reece Ayvin, Nairn Marr and Miguel Felix Vitorino (3F).

Mr McKay



Learning & teaching in the senior phase has been focussed on preparing pupils for their prelims over recent weeks. Pupils have been working very hard in preparation for these and we hope they will be rewarded for their efforts with positive results.

Our S4 pupils undertook their prelims between the 2nd and 12th of December and our S5/6 pupils will begin their prelims on Wednesday 11th January through until Friday 20th January.

The most important takeaway from the prelims is to give pupils the opportunity to replicate the real exams so that when the time comes, there are no surprises. It also presents a great opportunity for pupils to benchmark their learning and identify which areas in their studies may require extra focus as we move into the new term.

As always, pupils are being supported in class and beyond. We have a full programme of Supported Study running and would encourage pupils to attend classes after school to get additional help in subjects of their choosing. The Supported Study timetable is displayed on the SQA noticeboard in the street area of the school can also be found by clicking the link below:

[*Supported Study Timetable*](#)

The official SQA timetable for 2023 has been released and can be accessed on the hyperlink below:

[SQA Exam Timetable 2023](#)

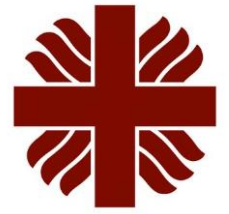
All S4-6 pupils should by now have joined the SQA Google Classroom to keep up to date with any developments. For those yet to join, the access code is: kks5ytn

The SQA website offers a number of digital support apps for pupils sitting SQA exams. These can be accessed from the SQA website by clicking the link below:

[SQA Learner Website](#)

If you have any questions or queries regarding any SQA matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mr Brogan by email on gw15broganstephen@glow.sch.uk

Caritas Update



Recently, we completed the Laudato Si programme at St. Ninian's chapel hall. This involved learning about our broken relationships with God and how this has affected the environment. This was an insightful seven week course, where we were guided through chapters of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. We have also organised and partaken in many charity events. We hosted the ACN Red Wednesday coffee morning, which was very successful. As a group, we are 'Walking to Bethlehem' for our Advent charities; SCIAF and Mary's Meals. It involves collectively walking 4044 kilometres which is the straight line distance from Hamilton to Bethlehem. There is also a Christmas Fayre on Friday the 16th of December which the Caritas students are very much involved in. Students from the St. Ninian's and St. Cuthbert's parishes are running a tombola and raffle at the event, to raise money for charitable causes. Other Caritas students alongside Mr Docherty and the 1615 club are running a sweetie stall and a soak the teacher event at the fayre.



Natasha Keaveny and Nicholas Fraser (Caritas)

1615 Club Update



The 1615 Club ran a very successful Red Wednesday Cake n Coffee morning to raise funds for Aid to the Church in Need. The event raised £70 so well done to everyone involved. The group are now working on their next project which is running 2 stalls at the Christmas Fayre on the 16th December. They have decided to run a sweetie stall and a soak the teacher event. Keep up the great work team.

Mr Docherty and the 1615 Club

Faculty of Social Subjects

Lessons from Auschwitz Project

Eva Clarke



Eva was born in Mauthausen concentration camp, Austria, on 29th April 1945. She and her mother are the only survivors of their family, 15 members of whom were killed in Auschwitz-Birkenau: three of Eva's grandparents, her father, uncles, aunts and her 7-year-old cousin, Peter. You can read more about Eva's incredible story of survival here.

<https://www.het.org.uk/survivors-eva-clarke>

S6 students Niamh Jamieson and Ellie Talent joined senior students from across Scotland to take part in a visit to the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland. The visit in November was part of the Holocaust Education Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz project.

Each year students from schools across the UK participate in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project. Based on the premise that 'hearing is not like seeing', students visit Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of a four-part course that explores the universal lessons of the Holocaust and its relevance today. The Project aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust for young people and to highlight what happens when prejudice and racism are unchallenged.

The project is run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. Founded in 1988, HET aims to educate young people about the Holocaust and the important lessons learned from it. Since 1999, more than 37,000 students and teachers have taken part in the Lessons from Auschwitz Project. Their visit was the first HET has organised since 2019, when the pandemic forced them to switch to an online platform. As well as visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau, Niamh and Ellie participated in two online seminars. In one of these, they heard the testimony from Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke and took part in a question and answer session with her afterwards.

Niamh described her experience of the project as 'a life changing experience', and one that 'everyone should have the chance to do.'

Niamh and Ellie are now official ambassadors for the Holocaust Education Trust; they will lead a project in St John Ogilvie High School where they will share their experiences and pass on what they have learned to others.

Mr Williams

Support for Learning Dept. - Family Learning Events



On Tuesday 8th November, the Support for Learning department welcomed several families of S1 pupils along to our first family learning event of the year. This event focussed on ways in which learners with dyslexia, or who are experiencing literacy difficulties, can be supported in school and at home. During the session, parents and carers were given the opportunity to try out activities which provided some insight into the barriers to learning experienced by learners with dyslexia and literacy difficulties. The families found it eye-opening to learn about the many obstacles which pupils may need to overcome and the impact that literacy difficulties may have on other areas of the curriculum. We then looked at ways in which we can support pupils to overcome these barriers e.g. with the use of coloured overlays, creating mind maps to organise notes, highlighting key ideas in a text and using text-to-speech and speech-to-text assistive software. Feedback was very positive with families commenting how worthwhile and enlightening the session was.



We then held another family learning event on Wednesday 30th November, this time focussing on the Fresh Start Reading and Spelling programme used in some S1 English classes. This event gave parents and carers an overview of the programme and gave the opportunity for them to experience some of the activities and tasks which their children participate in during Fresh Start sessions. We also distributed anthology texts which go hand-in-hand with the modules taught in class and can be used at home to reinforce the speed sounds which are being covered in school. Again, feedback on the event was positive with parents/carers finding it very useful to gain more insight into how they can support the development of reading and spelling skills within the home.

Our next family learning event will be held on Monday 23rd January and will focus on numeracy. Letters will be sent out in the New Year and we look forward to seeing some of you then.

St. John Ogilvie Photography Competition



October Winners- 1st Christine Zelmene 2D

Runner-up Molly Morrice 2C

Theme: Photographs using the colour Red

Pupils received certificates of merit and prizes kindly donated by our PTA.

Friday Lunchtime Photography Club

Open to all pupils interested in photography

Inspired by a suggestion from S2 pupils and parents. Now looks at different themes in photography. The weekly projects are suggested by the members of the group and have taken photographs using such subjects as Pattern and Big Sky photographs. Club members have recently learned how to use the school's Nikon DSLR D3300 Cameras.

Spaces available, all welcome. Room C103 Mr. Stark.

Rotary
Club of Hamilton



Rotary Club of Hamilton and St. John Ogilvie High School Photography Competition

This is an exciting opportunity for everyone interested in photography. Externally judged with prizes awarded, there is an open theme, which means that the choice of subject is up to the photographer- *unfortunately no photographs of people please.*

Please let Mr. Stark in Class C103 know that you are interested in taking part by 16th December 2022.

The main competition will start after the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Mr Stark

English and Literacy Dept.

*We have had another very exciting and enjoyable term in the English department.
Here are just a few of the many things that have been happening.*

In October, we held our **Annual S1 Halloween Poetry Competition.**



All our S1 classes took part in the competition.

Congratulations to the winners. 1st place went to "It's Halloween Night!" by Nadia Krawczyk, 2nd place went to "What does it mean?" by Skye Currie and joint 3rd place went to "Once a year" by Maia McKenzie" and "We hide our faces" by Julia Kaszak.

We had many wonderful, creative and really quite scary poems this year. Very well done to all our gifted writers.

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Theatre Trips

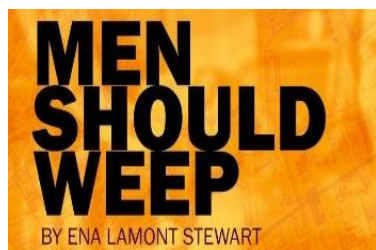
In November, the STJOHS English department invited our national 5 students and their families. We were thrilled to be able to take our pupils back to the theatre this term.

This is always an extremely valuable experience for our young people, deepening their understanding of the texts that they are studying and giving them a taste of the excitement and drama of a live theatrical production.

In September, Miss Hyland and Mrs McNicol took their S4 classes to see Rona Munro's play "Bold Girls" at the Lantern House Theatre Cumbernauld. The classes are studying this text for their National 5 exam.

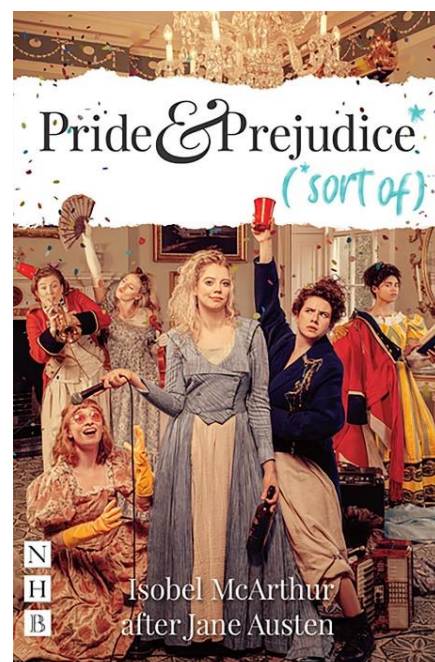


It was a great production and great experience for all those who attended.



In October Miss Lee's S5 class visited Eastwood Park Theatre to see "Men Should Weep" by Ena Lamont. This is also a text that they are studying for their Higher exam. This proved to be a very powerful and thought provoking production of a great Scottish play, which ensured that everyone had a very memorable night at the theatre.

In November, Mrs Soares and Miss Lee took the Advanced Higher class to see the hilarious touring production of "Pride and Prejudice (sort of)" at the Kings Theatre Glasgow. Again, our students had a great night watching an intelligent and innovative production and were even able to fit in a quick Italian meal beforehand.



Scottish Book Week

We celebrated Scottish Book Week again in November by raising awareness and enthusiasm for all types of reading. The “Book Cover” doors decorated by staff across the school again proved a very popular talking point.

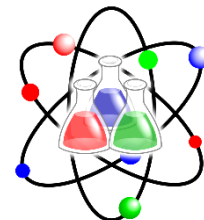


Family Learning National 5 English

In November, the STJOHS English department invited our national 5 students and their families into our school for an evening of collaborative learning. The aim of the evening was to provide parents with information about the national 5 English course and exam, allow them to participate in key components of the curriculum and advise on revision techniques and strategies that could be encouraged at home leading up to the prelims. A great night was had by all. The students proudly showed off their learning and hard work from the year - with the families finding it enjoyable, informative and well organised. Feedback from families highlighted that they would like these evenings for other subjects as it helped build their confidence with supporting their child with exam revision. This is something we will definitely be implementing in the school in the future due to the success. We are looking forward to many more nights like this and being able to engage more widely with parents.

Miss Hyland





Advanced Higher Chemistry and Young STEM Leaders

Our senior pupils have been raising the profile of STEM with P7 and S1 pupils. Our Advanced Higher Chemists took P7 pupils through flame testing during their Induction evening. During the S1 Parents' Evening, our young STEM Leaders had a stall on STEM with experiments for S1 and their parents to try.



N5 Lab Skills

Our Senior Lab Skills pupils had a great afternoon with scientists from the University of Edinburgh's Easterbush Outreach Centre. They learned all about separation techniques and are looking forward to visiting the University in February to develop their laboratory skills further.



Biology Careers Talk

Our STEM Leader Claudia McKale organised a talk by a lecturer from the University of the West of Scotland for our Higher Human Biology pupils.



The pupils learned all about the range of Biology degrees and careers available.

South Lanarkshire Council Youth Forum for Sustainability and Climate Change

SLC's Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability organised their first Conference of Schools (COS1) for primary pupils in October. Latifa Yakubu, Cadia Jaconelli, Charlotte Lamb, Claudia Gallagher, Eve Hunter, Katie Leadbetter and Sophie McDonagh all delivered exciting activities to teach primary pupils about how to live more sustainability using the principles of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle over the four day conference.

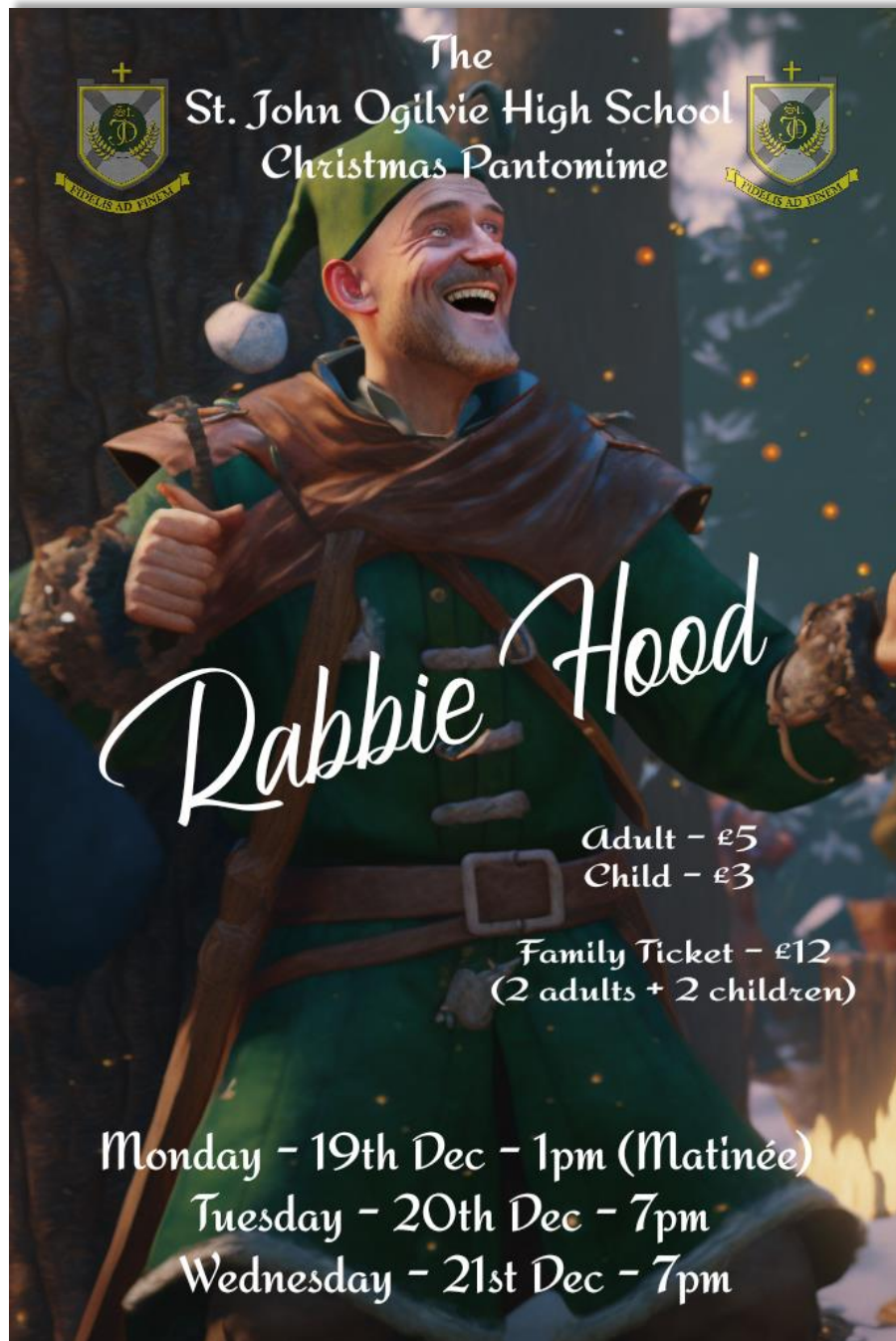


Since the COS1 event, Latifa Yakubu has delivered a presentation at a SLC Council meeting about her experience as part of the Youth Forum and COS1. We have welcomed two new members to present the school on the Youth Forum, Levin Joy and Jivin Joy. Latifa has also been voted Vice Chairperson of the Youth Forum.

Miss McClintick



School Pantomime



The St John Ogilvie High School pantomime returns with Rabbie Hood, the swashbuckling, music-filled festive tale of Burnbank's most notorious outlaw Rabbie, who loves nothing more than robbing from the evil Sherriff of Lanarkshire to help the poor villagers. Rabbie is ably assisted by the no-nonsense Maid Marian and his band of ragtag rebels, The Merry Men. Starring Jacob Duffy as Rabbie, Chloe Fullerton as Maid Marian and Katie Gillan as the Sherriff with a host of other talented pupils as the Merry Men, villagers, guards and even an ill-tempered alligator. A fun-filled, chaotic, feel-good time is guaranteed for all ages.

Evening performances:

Tuesday 20th December – 7pm Wednesday 21st December – 7pm

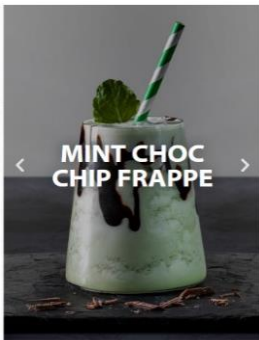
Tickets available from RE Base

Adults £5 Child (under 16) £3 Family Ticket (2 Adults, 2 Children) £12

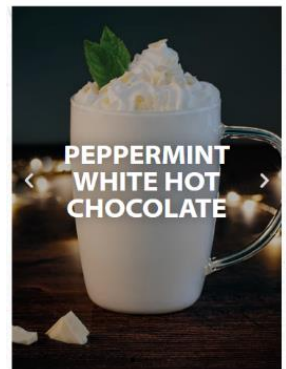
Developing Young Workforce- Senior Baristas

The Cuppa J.O Barista class have had a very busy start since August. They have supported the following coffee mornings, providing a variety of hot and cold drinks to staff and pupils.

- September - Day of languages.
- October – Wear it Yellow, in support of raising awareness of mental health.
- November - Dyslexia Awareness.



On the 16th of December Cuppa J.O will be selling drinks at the Christmas Fair. This event is organised by one of the pupils in the class (Brooke Carracher). The class will be serving two new festive drinks to help get everyone in the Christmas spirit



CUPPA J.O EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

The first employee of the month was Daniel Bochenek.

Daniel picked up essential Barista skills very quickly and displayed excellent leadership when working with others. He is organised and stays patient and calm when the coffee service gets busy, ensuring drinks are made to a high standard and that no orders are missed.



The next employee of the month was Ryan Alexander. Ryan is always early to class already starts filling up the water tanks and getting the cart switched on so it is ready to be used as soon as the bell goes, maximising service time. Ryan is always asking what he can do to help and is happy switching roles throughout busy periods. He continually rolls his sleeves up and gets the job done, displaying fantastic employability skills.



Elizabeth Suzeland is the next employee of the month. Elizabeth is another pupil who shows up early for class and starts getting the cart ready for service. Elizabeth is growing in confidence with her making skills and is enjoying working as a Barista. Elizabeth shows great organisational skills when she manages the orders and money. Orders are never missed, demonstrating excellent communication skills with the Barista and the delivery teams, ensuring smooth service.



Our Christmas employee of the month will be announced at the Christmas Fair.



Notice Board



In the S5/6 area there is a DYW display board. Here pupils can find updated information regarding apprenticeship and employment opportunities. There are QR code displayed for most of the opportunities, so pupils can find out more information or apply directly through these codes. This information is also put on a google classroom page for S4 -S6 pupils. Joining code is **jokbk7d**

Work Placement

Eight senior pupils secured a SCQ level 5 award in Barista skills and Aimee Work placement is a fantastic learning opportunity for pupils and a great way to experience different careers and the world of work. In years gone by all pupils deployed on a work placement in S4. This is no longer the practice in schools, however the opportunity to go on work placement is still available for pupils who are 16 years old. The most straight forward way to utilise this opportunity is for pupils to organise a placement through family or friends. Once pupils have contacted a place of work that is willing to provide an opportunity, pupils should then come and speak to Mrs Whyte from the PE department. The next process is for the pupils to issue SLC work placement forms to the prospective employer (these will be issued by Mrs Whyte). Once the forms have been completed and SLC approve the placement, the pupils can attend. Placements can be a weeklong or flexible, where they attend one afternoon/morning a week for a period of time agreed by the school and placement provider. If you are reading this and would be willing to offer a work placement for pupils, please get in touch as we are always looking to make new contacts with employers and businesses to help support our pupils. You can contact me on gw07whytenicole@glow.sch.uk

St John Ogilvie Careers Fair Save the Date

St John Ogilvie will be hosting an in-person Careers Fair on Wednesday the 22nd of February 2023. This evening is targeted at S3-S6 pupils, parents and carers. Attendees will have the opportunity to move around the variety of stalls and speak to contributors about future pathways for pupils. We already have a wide variety of contributors signed up to attend the event. Stirling, Glasgow Caledonian, and Napier Universities will be in attendance along with Morrison construction, Dakota hotels and a host of other employers and further education establishments. There will also be faculty and departmental stalls on display this evening for those pupils who are making subject choices for the coming year. Staff and contributors will be on hand to answer any questions regarding subject choices and career pathways. We look forward to seeing you then on what will hopefully be a very informative evening for all who attend.

Mrs Whyte

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY THE 22ND OF
FEBRUARY
ST JOHN OGILVIE HIGH SCHOOL
CAREERS FAIR
6.00pm - 7.30pm



Music Dept.



RCS Schools Clarinet Competition

Eve Maguire (S5) took part in the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's Clarinet Festival. Eve was up against many musically talented pupils across Scotland and received very positive and complimentary feedback from the judges. She was also invited to participate in a bespoke experience including specialist tuition from one of the conservatoire clarinet tutors.

Well done Eve.



What an Achievement

Congratulations go to Isabella Lennon (S5) who passed her Grade 5 ABRSM piano exam with Merit.

Isabella has worked incredibly hard for this and we are extremely proud of her achievement.

Well done Isabella.

Live Christmas Concert



A huge congratulations to all pupils and staff who took part in our wonderful live Christmas concert on Thursday 15th December. The atmosphere was relaxed and super enjoyable for the families who came to support their talented youngsters.



A particular thank you goes to the music staff, the music instructors and all of our fantastic Parent Council and parent helper team. What a fabulous effort from them all.

Mrs Lawson



Christmas Fayre



Friday the 16th of December saw St John Ogilvie celebrate our annual Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Fayre and Christmas lunch too.

It was a very busy day for all involved. A special vote of thanks goes to Brooke Carracher of S6 (pic right) who organised our beautiful Christmas Fayre, the parent volunteers who helped her and the team of pupils who did a great job of selling a whole variety of things on their stalls.





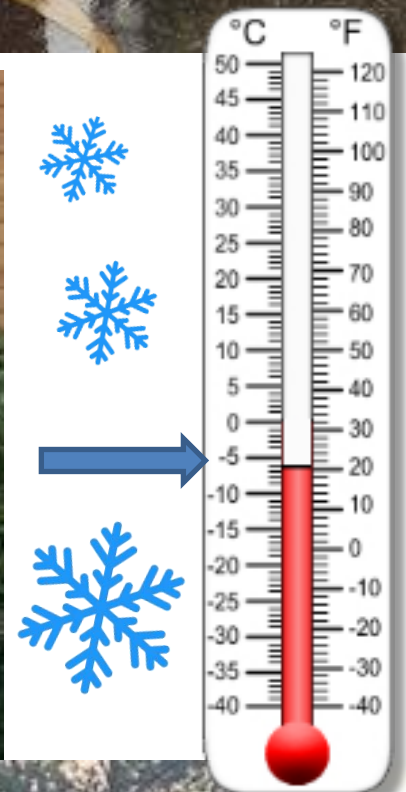
Of course we cannot forget the brave souls who volunteered to have their legs waxed all in the name of a good cause and indeed the 5 teachers who 'volunteered' for Soak the Teacher (right) in freezing temperatures all in aid of our chosen charity St Andrew's Hospice.



NOTE



The temperature outside was
- 6° C



A great day had by all that managed to raise over £1000.

Well done everyone!

Lorna Lawson



This is our School Uniform



St John Ogilvie High School



- Green Blazer and Badge
- Black school-length Skirt
- Black Trousers (not denims or combat trousers or leggings)
- School Tie
- White Shirt or Blouse
- Green or Black v-necked sweatshirt/knitted jumper (optional)
- Summer Dress (optional)
- Pupils are asked to refrain from wearing make-up.

- We are very proud of the standard of uniform in the school and thank all parents and carers for maintaining this high standard of dress code.
- HOWEVER, we ask that the following items are NOT part of the agreed dress code: leggings, shorts, culottes, denim trousers, dungaree-type items
- In addition, as it states above, the AGREED school shoes should be BLACK. Vans and Converse-type shoes, if worn, should be black (not black and white or any other colour).

Thank you.

Please provide below any issues, concerns or even positive remarks you wish to make about the newsletter contents or about any issue related to the running of the school.

Your opinion matters to us. Return this tear-off slip to the school office. **Thank you.**

L Lawson, Head Teacher