



Parents' Newsletter



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¡Fantástico!



JOHS pupils, primary pupils, teachers and catering staff celebrate John Ogilvie's Spanish Day on Wed 16th June.

John Ogilvie High School has been named as the only Scottish School to be awarded the title of ***Spanish School of the Year 2010*** by the Spanish Embassy in London.



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The community of John Ogilvie High School wishes pupils, staff and parents a safe and enjoyable summer.



Pupils Return - Monday 16th August



Spanish School of the Year

The competition involved the submission of a portfolio of evidence which explained how the school promoted the teaching of the Spanish language and culture both within the classroom and across the school and the ways in which the school used the study of Spanish to promote international education and global citizenship.



John Ogilvie has been twinned with Francisco Tárrega School in Vila-Real since 2004 and students from Hamilton and Vila-Real are involved in an annual exchange programme which has had significant mutual benefits for the two communities. John Ogilvie is also involved in an ambitious Work Experience Programme in partnership with a school in Amposta in Tarragona which is funded by the Catalan Government.

This initiative is now in its second year.



Spanish School of the Year (continued)

The school was recently inspected by the 'Asesor' from the Spanish Embassy in Edinburgh, Señor Joaquin Moreno, who confirmed that the work described in the portfolio was in action across the school.

Following his visit, Señor Moreno was delighted to award the title of Spanish School of the Year to John Ogilvie for its innovative and imaginative promotion of the Spanish language and culture and for the way in which the school makes the learning of languages relevant to the pupils.

Head Teacher Eddie Morrison and Principal Teacher of Modern Languages, Linda Orr, will attend the national ceremony at the Spanish Embassy in London on the 25th June to receive the award.



Mrs L Orr and Mr T McLaughlin who worked tirelessly to achieve the award.

Mr Morrison commented, "This is a very significant award for the school and the result of many years of hard work and commitment to the place of languages in the school. It is particularly important at this time because major curricular changes in our Scottish schools have resulted in the future of modern foreign languages being questioned in some quarters.

The teaching of modern foreign languages and cultures is absolutely essential for the future prosperity of this country. We must not let Scotland become a monolingual backwater where languages are sidelined as an elitist minority subject in our schools."



Mrs Orr added, "The whole school is absolutely delighted with the news and on Wednesday of this week we will be having a "Spanish Day" for the whole school community to enjoy, including our primary pupils who are also enjoying learning Spanish.

I believe some of the costumes on display will be a joy to behold!" (see left)

Catering staff, Active Break workers and Primary Pupils celebrate the school's Spanish Day.



SQA Examinations

The SQA examinations are now complete and S4, 5 and 6 year students are now awaiting their results.

After a very entertaining and informative Induction day all classes have now resumed with the new S4 and S5 following their new timetables.

We wish all leavers all the best in the future and of course

Please return all books to your teachers

Make sure you logon to www.mysqa.info to get your results by text or e-mail on the 4th August before your certificate arrives on the 5th August 2010.



Students requiring changes to their options should attend school on Monday 9th August. S5: 9.30am - 12.30pm and S6: 12.30-3.30pm



We Can Do Anything

JOHS S2 pupils showed that they can do anything at a recent careers event.

As part of the school's Citizenship activities (which encourage pupils to think about the wider world and people around them) a conference which looked at different jobs was held in school.

The 'I Can Do Anything' day was designed to encourage pupils to think about all the various jobs they could do after school and not limit themselves in any way.

As part of this parents and other friends of the school came to speak about their jobs and also help the pupils with various challenges. There was a diverse mix of employment on show, including a forensic scientist, optician, museum curator and electrician.

Another key aspect to the day was that pupils worked in teams with pupils they may not know well, which will be an advantage once they start in their new classes in S3.



S2 Citizenship Events, May 2010

S2 enjoyed a busy few weeks as they engaged in a number of activities and events to celebrate the ways we can become more responsible citizens. During the first week, we had representatives from a number of charities visiting the school including: Guide Dogs for the blind, Age Concern, Shelter, Deaf Blind Scotland, Oxfam and SCIAF.

Pupils were able to learn about the work of these charities and considered how they might get involved to help the charity, or even just tell someone else what they had learned about the organisation. We also had a visit from the Hopscotch Theatre Company who put on an excellent production of "Brand New Andrew and Fair Trade Fred" -a play looking at Fairtrade fashion.



In the second week we took the Fairtrade theme on further, as we challenged S2 pupils to create a Fairtrade advertising billboard. The winning entries went on to enjoy a Fairtrade breakfast later on in the week.

Pupils also participated in an active learning game, created by SCIAF and Christian Aid, called "Trading Trainers". This involved them taking on the roles of a family living in Peru, struggling to survive and trying to avoid owing money to the local loan shark. The pupils were also encouraged to use their Spanish phrases to ask for goods at the market.

We finished off the week with a Fairtrade breakfast and coffee morning for pupils and staff, where they were able to sample wonderful baking made with Fairtrade ingredients.

The pupils kept diaries of the events which they completed each day at tutor period.

I now understand that the money that we raise for charity does make a long term difference.

Paul Denholm 2d2

I now understand that Oxfam and Sciaf help people in poorer countries help themselves

Amy Richardson 2d1

I now understand that some young kids in poorer countries do not even get to go to school.

Rhiannon Dunn 2a1

They seem to have enjoyed the activities they were involved in and we hope to take the Fair Trade theme on further as part of our Citizenship activities next session.

Many thanks to all those who helped make the events a success.

Mrs L Galloway and Miss V Turnbull

THE BOYS DONE GREAT!

Football success for under-15 team

Players and fans of the John Ogilvie HS under-15 football team should be over the moon after the season they've had.

In their first season together as a team the boys won the South Lanarkshire Schools' Football league and were also runners-up in the all-Lanarkshire Schools' League and the Maxwell Cup.

After a poor start to season, including an 11-2 defeat the team went on a ten-game unbeaten run taking them all the way to league glory and two finals. All team members played their part but stand-out players included Declan Gaffney (top scorer) and others such as Marc Brown and Aiden Darcy. Team captain was Dominic Teece.

The team took pride of place at the recent John Ogilvie HS awards ceremony when they were the last group to be called on to the main stage and then presented with their medals. The applause they received showed just how much the school appreciated and recognised their success.



The team was run by Mr Marr (Modern Studies), Mr Laneres (Maths) along with parent-coach Mr Cleary. The squad were: Dean Wilson, Ross Quinn, Dominic Teece, Aiden Darcy, Matthew Connolly, Adam Dempsey, Ryan Gallacher, Marc Brown, Declan Stower, Kieran Whyte, Declan Smith, Kieran Amato, Connor Cleary, Kevin Quirie, Declan Gaffney, Michael Alexander

South Lanarkshire Schools' Football League 2009-2010

	P	W	D	L	PTS
John Ogilvie HS - Under 15's	8	6	1	1	19
Larkhall Academy	7	5	0	2	15
Holy Cross HS	6	4	1	1	13
Dalziel HS - Under 15's	5	3	2	0	11
Calderglen	5	2	1	2	7
St Andrew's & St Bride's HS	7	1	2	4	5
Uddingston Grammar - Under 15's	6	1	0	5	3
Duncanrig Secondary	6	0	3	3	3
Cardinal Newman HS	0	0	0	0	0
Lanark Grammar - Under 15s	4	0	0	4	0

K'Nex Challenge

The annual K'Nex Challenge took place amongst our 6 cluster primary schools on 19th March 2010.

The K'Nex Challenge is organised by Mrs Malamos of the Science Department and it is designed to engage and enthuse young Primary 6 pupils and encourage them to start thinking of careers in Science, Engineering and Maths and how exciting being a Scientist can be.



The K'Nex Challenge involves building models to fulfil specific criteria – in this case to design and build a working windmill. Four pupils were selected from each school and the JOHS Cluster Final took place in the Science Department on Wednesday 28th April. The event was attended by 24 pupils and 6 staff. The standard was extremely high but eventually the Science teachers and some S6 pupils selected the winners.

These lucky winners took part in the South Lanarkshire Council final at South Lanarkshire College on Thursday 13th May. Unfortunately the pupils did not win but the challenge to design a working lift 1 metre tall was 'too tall' an order this time. Now the primary schools know what was involved they will be raring to go next year.

A special thanks to all the primary school pupils and staff who took part in the challenge.

Mathematics Workshop

A team of thirteen 4th years considering taking Higher Maths represented JOHS responsibly and enthusiastically at the annual Stirling University Mathematics Workshop on Monday June 14th. Allan Gallacher, Taylor Boswell, Callia Soave, Eilidh McLaughlin, Stephen Rae, Daniel Gallagher, Joseph Hegazy, Tommy Cox, Sarah McCafferty, Andy Duffy, Stephen Queen, Samantha Dougal and Louise Parsons spent an enjoyable day taking part in some light hearted Mathematical activities and mixing with pupils from many other schools, coming away with four prizes.

Scotland Reads Awards

On Wednesday 9th June 17 pupils from S1 and S2 received certificates and book marks from Headteacher Mr. Morrison to mark their participation in the "Scotland Reads" programme.



This programme has been running for 2 years in JOHS and is designed to encourage not only reading skills in young people but also to develop confidence and self-esteem.

JOHS has 9 adult volunteers working with pupils on a one-to-one basis and they were also rewarded for their all hard work with flowers and a card.





*Mrs A Reid
Learning Support*



Scotland Reads Programme

John Ogilvie High School is currently only one of two high schools within South Lanarkshire who is participating in the Scotland Reads programme. This is a paired reading initiative developed by Learning and Teaching Scotland. Parents within the learning community of John Ogilvie were trained and paired with young people in S1 and S2.

Aims of the programme

- Develop skills to help develop and support children's literacy skills.
- Encourage young people to develop a positive attitude to reading.
- Develop skills in the technique of paired reading.
- To develop allow the tutors to build relationships with young people and act as positive role models.

There are currently 9 Scotland Reads tutors supporting 17 pupils across S1 and S2. Each tutor offers support to the young person on an individual basis once a week.

An evaluation was recently taken from both the young people/ parents/ school staff and all gave a positive reaction to the programme.

Home Economics

The Home Economics department of John Ogilvie High School were delighted to run a Second Year Cooking Challenge in partnership with the Alona Hotel, Strathclyde Park, Motherwell which was a great success.

Pupils had to create a healthy vegetarian pasta dish with staff throughout the school judging the semi finals.

Mr Ian Donnachie, General Manager of the Alona Hotel and the Head Chef, Chris Graham came along to judge the finals.

The winners of the competition, Marc Evans and Carly Hainie, were presented with dining vouchers for the hotel. Second Prize went to Zoe O'Conner and Omar Khalaf. All the runners up received prizes to thank them for their efforts on the day.

All the pupils involved had a fantastic time, demonstrating their cookery skills. The finalists of the competition will be visiting the hotel to get a first hand taste of the hospitality industry.



*Competition finalists
Carly Hainie, Zoe O'Conner,
Josin Jose, Jamie Mitchell,
Bethany Burns, Marc Evans,
Mark Aitken, Natasha Lochrie
and Omar Khalaf
pictured with Ian Donnachie,
General Manager of the Alona
Hotel, Chris Graham Head
Chef of the Alona Hotel, Mr
Wildman, Mrs Hunter and
Miss Higgins.*

*Winners of the competition
Carly Hainie and Marc Evans.*



Valedictory Mass

Mrs Tiffany and the RE staff arrange this beautiful service for over 70 Sixth year students and their families celebrated by Father Tom.

The pupils all received their S6 Diploma of Wider Achievement and mementos of their time here at school.

Mr Graham Rankin our AV technician put together a musical tribute of their six years which brought tears and laughter all round.



Valedictory Dance

The Prom saw an amazing sight of over 130 S5/6 students arriving in the car park in Limousines to be taken to a *fab* night in the Shawlandspark Hotel with over 20 staff attending.



Junior Awards Ceremony

Was a fantastic event with over 200 award winners receiving their awards in front of over three hundred and fifty parents.

The Junior band provided the entertainment.

The awards were presented by our Head Girl and Boy, Jacklyn McConachie and Paul Stuart, pictured here with Mrs Gaddis and Mr Meehan-Chair of the PTA and Parent Council respectively.



S1 Trip to Salou 22nd – 29th June

A group of 29 S1 pupils will be setting off on Tuesday 22 June to spend a week in Salou, Spain. Their programme will include a visit to Vila Real to meet with some pupils and friends from our exchange school, a trip to Barcelona and a tour of the Nou Camp, a day at Port Aventura Theme Park. There will also be time to soak up the sun (hopefully) and relax at the pool or beach!



Write at Home

To help encourage our students to 'Write at Home' John Ogilvie High School has its very own version of the BBC One Show called the JOS Show. Pupils from S1 and S2, under the close supervision and guidance of S3 mentors, have been writing articles since the start of the year to be shared with the whole community through our TV station. Articles such as interviews, reviews of the latest blockbuster movies, poetry, cookery, and holiday trips will be included in this month's premier. Watch out for the TV stars of the future!!



Rugby

For the second year running John Ogilvie High School has been awarded the Scottish **Rugby Bronze Award** in recognition of the level of Rugby provision in the school, the number of pupils participating, the number of games played, and the standard of coaching.

2009-2010 has been a very successful year for the Rugby team.



An under-15 team was entered into the National Schools Cup competition making it through to the third round. The S1/2 team won the Hamilton Rugby Club 10 a side competition and an S2/3 team reached the semi final of the Lanarkshire Schools Cup. Congratulations to all involved and a big thanks to Jared Tuoro from Hamilton Rugby Club for his help.

Mr E Clark

Edinburgh Dungeon Trip

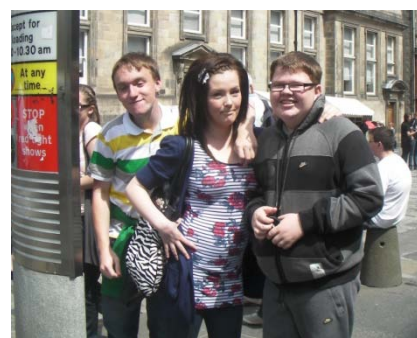
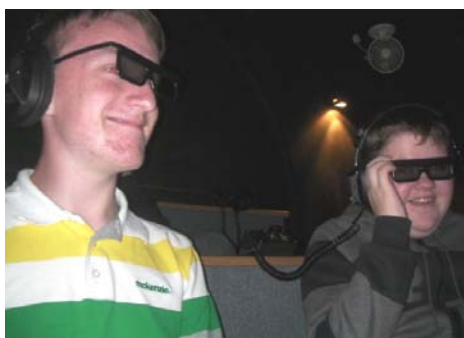
Tuesday 15 June 2010 saw 42 pupils ranging from S1 to S3 enjoy a fantastic day out in Edinburgh. The weather was lovely and the company wonderful.

First stop was a scary but exhilarating visit to the infamous Edinburgh Dungeon where we all screamed and screamed in terror and then came out admitting how fab it was.

Lunch was a mixed affair of pretty much anything you fancied at the Waverley Centre and then we walked up the Royal Mile and enjoyed the Loch Ness Experience – and yes still we debate *the is there or isn't there a Nessie?*

A quick visit to the scrumptious fudge making shop and a wondrous gaze at the street entertainer and we made our way to the Camera Obscura where we were dazzled by the delights of all sorts interesting and bewildering illusions.

All in all a very enjoyable day out.



Physical Education Department

Thank you!

We did it!

A massive **Thank You** to all S1 and S2 pupils who took part in the “Run a mile” and for helping to make Sport Relief 2010 a huge success.

Our fantastic fundraisers of S1 and S2 pulled out all the stops to raise a massive **£721.00!** And the really great bit is that all the money you’ve raised by getting sponsored will make the world of difference to people leading really tough lives both here in the UK and across the world’s poorest countries.

You never cease to amaze us with your fantastic fundraising feats - we can’t thank you enough!



Sports Day

This year’s sports day was unfortunately a wet one! As a result of this, the programme was adapted and the hurdle events were postponed until the following Thursday. This year to fit in with the S2 citizenship fortnight, classes were given a fair-trade country name.

Names were as follows;

- 1A and 2A – Argentina
- 1B and 2B – Bolivia
- 1C and 2C – China
- 1D and 2D – Dominican Republic
- 1E and 2E – Ecuador
- 1F and 2F – Fiji

Due to the wet weather it was competitors only, however the atmosphere was excellent and the pupils had a great afternoon competing and cheering on their classmates.

The S1 and S2 inter class competitions were very close this year with three classes all in contention to win. After the hurdle events took place the following week 1C - China and 2D – Dominican Republic emerged as overall winners. Congratulations to all competitors.



County Sports

The county sports were held at the John Wright Sports Centre on Wednesday the 3rd and Tuesday the 8th of June. John Ogilvie had 45 pupils competing over the two day event. The first day of competition was the heats and the weather was glorious. 25 pupils managed a place in the finals day and brought home two medals – Peter Stewart (S1) in the javelin and Mark Russell (S5) again for the javelin. Unfortunately the weather on the finals day was atrocious, the rain was relentless and it did not stop from start to finish! However this did not dampen the pupil's spirits and they were all motivated and determined to succeed. A lot of our pupils finished 4th or 5th, just out of medal contention. The PE department would like to thank all the pupils who competed for their outstanding behaviour and effort over the two days, especially on day two when the weather conditions were so miserable. Well done!

Active Kids Vouchers

Just a reminder that the PE department are still collecting active kids vouchers from Sainsbury's. Any voucher that you have collected would be gratefully received.

Lanarkshire International Games

Lanarkshire are hosting the International children's youth games in August 2011. There will be a variety of sports on offer including judo, swimming, athletics and sailing. All of the events will be held at venues within Lanarkshire. Competitors will be selected from schools and clubs and the selection process will start towards the end of this year. Pupils can also become involved in the event through volunteering to help run events and perhaps use their language skills to work with foreign teams. If any pupil is interested they can log on to www.ICG-Lanarkshire2011.com. Or contact the PE department.

Softball Tournament

The annual softball tournament will be held on the last week of term with the finals being held on Wednesday the 23rd of June. The event is open to all S1-S3 pupils; again we hope that the weather is kind to us next week.



Standard Grade Interclass Athletics Championships.



S3 standard grade pupils competed in the first ever interclass athletics championships. The event took place on the afternoon of Wednesday the 16th of June. The weather was excellent (for a change) and the event ran smoothly, all pupils had a fantastic afternoon competing and cheering on classmates.

S3 Athletics Championship Team Names



After a fantastic and close run competition, the winners by one point were WHYTES WINNERS! (below)



THE PE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO WISH
YOU ALL AN ACTIVE AND ENJOYABLE
SUMMER.

John Ogilvie raises money for worthy causes.

The money was raised by the whole school through events such as sponsored car washes, coffee mornings, a 'cross bar challenge' and 'shoot the hoop', as well as, daily collections through SCIAF's 'wee boxes'. A total of £1700 was raised and split evenly between the two causes.



The representative for SCIAF, Mrs Catherine McGrath receives cheque from John Ogilvie pupil Shannon Docherty.



The representative for ACT – St. Joseph's Sierra Leone, Father Patrick Duffy receives cheque from John Ogilvie pupil Caitlin Barron.



Finally, the community of John Ogilvie High School wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

On Monday 16th August we hope that *a//*students, new and existing, arrive at the school adhering to the rules below.

School Uniform

- 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)
- I would also ask that pupils refrain from wearing excessive jewellery, large earrings, chunky bracelets or rings which straddle more than one finger, as these can accidentally compromise health and safety of other pupils.
- Pupils are asked to refrain from wearing make-up.
- In addition, pupils should not wear any item which advertises a particular brand name or which conceals the school tie. In particular, the brands of Playboy and FCUK should not be worn at any time within the school as these are not considered compatible with the ethos of our Faith Community.



Clothing Grant/Free Meal Entitlement

Please find enclosed (*posted newsletter only*) the Important Information for School Clothing Grant and Free Meal Entitlement for your child/children for 2010/2011. Please read the information carefully to determine whether you can qualify for this entitlement. As the employment situation changes by the day please do not forget that you may be now entitled to apply for this important support.

Application forms can be uplifted from The School Office now or on any working day during the school holidays.

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

Thank you.

E. Morrison
Head Teacher

