

All Saints Secondary School

Newsletter October 2013



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very successful start to session 2013-14 at All Saints. As the nights draw in we have put together a newsletter which we hope you will find full of our young people's achievements as well as a good read.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in two areas especially. Many visitors have commented on how well our learners are turned out in their uniform. Thank you for your support in this important aspect of our school. Also, the attendance at our annual award ceremony was very encouraging, again thank you for your support.

Enjoy the read!

IMPORTANT DATES:

14th – 18th October – Mid Term Holiday

Monday 28th October – S3 Information Evening – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th November – S4 Parents Meeting – 4.15pm – 6.15pm

Wednesday 27th November – S5/6 Parents Meeting – 4.15pm – 6.15pm

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2014 inclusive – Christmas Holidays

Please note that I am always available for you to contact me with any questions or issues on:

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P Holmes
Head Teacher



Summary of All Saints SQA Results

Congratulations to all our learners for their very good SQA exam results and overall performance. Overall last session 2012-13 we saw encouraging improvements in most of our performance indicators. As always, we have now reviewed our performance and identified where improvements can be made as shown on Page 4.

Improvements in performance at S4

This year's fourth year SQA results were our best ever.

		<u>2009</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Difference</u>
% of learners who achieved	English & Maths @ level 3	89%	→ 97%	+8%
% of learners who achieved	5 awards @ level 3 or better	90%	→ 95%	+5%
% of learners who achieved	5 awards @ level 4 or better	53%	→ 75%	+22%
% of learners who achieved	5 awards @ level 5 or better	14%	→ 24%	+10%

Improvements in performance at S5

We were pleased overall with the fifth year results and have set higher targets for next year.

		<u>2009</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Difference</u>
% of learners also achieved	1 @ level 6	21	→ 28	+7%
% of learners also achieved	3 @ level 6	7	→ 13	+6%
% of learners also achieved	5 @ level 6	2	→ 1	-1%
% of learners	5 @ level 5	24	→ 32	+8%

Full Attendance = Best Chance of Success

Summary of All Saints SQA Results Continued

All S4, 5 & 6 learners have their subject target grades for 2013-14 which will be the focus for discussions with teachers, support staff, Year Group Heads and family for this session. Please discuss this with your children.

Some of the keys to success in exams are:

- Keeping up to date with coursework – attendance of 100%.
- Completing homework on time to the best of your ability.
- Discussing difficulties with your teacher.
- Setting aside time for revision whether that be note taking, problem solving with past papers, use of revision websites etc.
- Keep on top of homework. S4-6 aiming for 2-3 hours nightly and aiming for 4-5 at weekends.
- Most importantly – be organised keeping your study space tidy with everything you need. Ask for help if you need it.

Overall Attendance percentages

<u>All Saints 2012-13</u>	<u>Glasgow City 2012-13</u>	<u>Difference</u>
92.5	91	+1.4%

All Saints is one of the best attended secondary's in the city of Glasgow.

Destination Statistics 2012

% of our learners entering	<u>University/College</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Employment</u>
	53.6	9.4	21.2

This session we aim to reduce the numbers of our learners who do not move into a positive, sustained leaver's destination.

All of the encouraging improvement can only be possible with the hard work and co-operation and determination of all our staff, learners, parents/carers and partners.

Thank you.

School Bag and Equipment needed every day

All Saints Improvement Plan Summary

As always, the staff at the school are working hard to make the school experience as rewarding as possible for all our learners. Across the whole school we have made **3** main priorities which we are all working towards improving on:

1. We will improve the quality of the support we offer to our learners so that all of our learners achieve their very best.

We will do this by improving the tracking of each learner's progress throughout the school, so that we have up to date, useful and accurate information which will help support staff, especially tutor teachers, to work closely with learners.

2. We will involve our learners more directly in planning their learning and in the life of the school generally.

We will do this by listening to the views of our learners and providing more opportunities for learners to discuss their learning both in classes and via the learner voice programme.

3. We will form new and strengthen existing partnerships with the aim of improving the experiences of all learners.

We will begin formal business partner's meetings which teachers from the school will attend.

This is only a summary of some of the steps we are taking to improve across the school. Our focus all day, every day is on making everyone's experience in All Saints a very positive one leading to success for everyone.

Thank you for your commitment to All black footwear



We were all deeply saddened by the sudden death of Mr Stan Kerr over the September break. Mr Kerr was a very experienced teacher who was a great help to the learners and staff of the school and will be greatly missed.

“Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him”

Staff Changes:

Ms T Orengo PT English & Media left to take up a new position as QIO in Melbourne Australia. We all wish her well.



Following Ms Orengo's departure Ms S Hewitt has now taken over as Acting PT English & Media.

Mrs Henry's Acting role as PT Pupil Support for S2 was made permanent after interview.

Following Mr MacLellan's retirement at the end of last term Mrs E Phee is now the Acting PT of Business Education and Ms N Foulds has joined us as PT of Technical.



Welcome to our School Chaplin Father Anthony Gallagher. Congratulations on your appointment as Parish Priest at St Catherine's and we look forward to all that you will bring to our school.

Welcome to Mr D McNulty who will join our school as Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for first year from Monday 21st October.

Thank you to Mrs Richford for her excellent work over the last number of years as Depute Head Teacher and to Mr Allison who was acting Faculty Head of Social Science.



Please check homework planners nightly and sign regularly

S1 News

S1 learners have made an excellent start in their first term in All Saints. Staff and visitors to the school have commended all the young people on their excellent manners and positive attitude to learning. Already this year learners have been involved in a range of activities. BAE systems were invited to our school to provide a presentation to the children about the importance of Maths and Science in the curriculum. This was a highly entertaining and enjoyable performance and was followed by an engaging workshop for 30 S1 learners. We also had the opportunity to take 50 S1 learners to an audience with the BBC show “The Dog Ate my Homework”. This is a new family entertainment show that will be broadcast by the BBC later in the year on CBBC. The children had great fun participating in the show, especially watching their teachers cringe worthy dance performances. Not to be missed! S1 learners are now looking forward to the Halloween Disco that has been arranged by the Personal Development class on 31 October and to the Ghost Tour that is led by the Drama Department.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for the support they have shown myself and Mr Carroll in settling the S1 learners in to our school. It has been a pleasure to work with the children in this first term of their secondary education.

Thanks.

S Richford

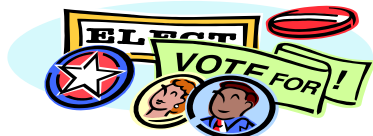
Saint Mungo Museum Trip - S1

This year some of our S1 learners had the fantastic opportunity of visiting the St Mungo’s Museum in order to take part in a “Bigot Busters” workshop which looked at the issue of sectarianism. Learners explored some of the causes of sectarianism and discussed what they, as young people, could do in order to try and combat it in our society. A great day was had by all and the staff at the museum all commented on how respectful and polite the learners were.

M Morrison

All Saints is a coloured tops and hoodie free zone

Senior School Elections took place earlier this term and our newly appointed seniors for session 2013-2014 are as follows:



School Captains – Jenna Delaney and Stephen Nugent

Vice Captains – Cassie McAveety and Connor Quail

Senior Prefects – Kayrene Donnelly, Fiona Gavin, Robyn Reilly-Collins, Tony McDonald and Stewart Watt

Congratulations to all of them on being successful and we look forward to working with them this year in school.

Caledonian University Shadowing Programme

During the month of October a large number of our S6 learners will be attending Caledonian University as part of the annual shadowing programme which allows them to follow a university student for a day in their desired degree area choice. This has proven very useful in the past in allowing our S6 learners much more insight into university life and has allowed them to make much more informed choices when completing university application forms.

Awards Ceremony

We have just celebrated another very successful awards ceremony where we recognised the achievements of almost 400 young people in our school. Awards included academic subject recognition, contribution and endeavour within school, sporting achievements, success in SQA exams and various other special awards. The event was attended by over 600 parents, family members and friends who were entertained also by our piano soloists, school choir and newly formed samba band. Thank you to all our staff, parents, young people and invited guests who made this a truly special event for All Saints.



M Murphy

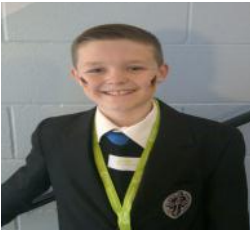
Mobile phone use is limited to Interval and Lunch time in the Square

European Language Week

For 3 days the school celebrated European Languages and Cultures. Every department contributed with activities for all learners.



In the Modern Languages department, all lessons on Wednesday were in Spanish and learners had the chance to look at the importance of the Spanish Languages across the world but more importantly in Glasgow. The Ladies from the department had their best Spanish dresses on which went down well especially at lunch time when some of them joined the Samba Band for a cameo appearance in the square! In the afternoon some of our primaries came to visit and they had the chance to work with Mrs Riley, Miss Goldie and the Higher Spanish Class trying Spanish food, finding out about Spanish Sports people as well as doing some writing and singing with Mr Cassidy from the Modern Languages Team.



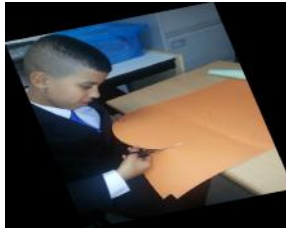
Thursday saw German Day with the Goethe Institut in working with our S1, S3 and S4 beginners in German. Learners took part in a project called “discover Germany in 16 steps” which involved them moving round the school to 16 different “cities” doing tasks with i-pads, remote controlled cars, art and cosmetics. It was a wonderful morning and the Goethe Institut commented on just how fantastic our young people in All Saints really are. In the afternoon we had a multilingual service in our new oratory with Fr. McNaught. We had hymns in French and Spanish and prayers in Italian, Gaelic, Spanish and French. It was great to see our primary 7’s joining us too.

French Friday was a hoot with more stripes and berets than Paris on a Friday night! All learners in the Modern Languages department worked through activities to learn about the influence of French in the world and impact of the French speaking world.



No Jeans or Leggings only Dress Trousers are allowed

We had our friends David and Sian from Strathclyde University who are both language ambassadors talking to us about different ways of using languages after school. Our primaries joined us again and worked with Miss Goldie and Mrs Campbell-Thow and the Higher French class. They had the chance to listen to some French stories, try some French food as well as working with our sports coaches as well! Can't wait till next year!



Mrs G Campbell -Thow

Hello from Home Economics.



The ***Glasgow Centre for Population Health and Education Services*** hosted a 'Food Summit' for **S3** learners on the morning of **Thursday 3rd October** in **The Lighthouse, Glasgow**.

Along with learners from five other schools across Glasgow, 10 of our S3 learners went along and represented the school on food issues within schools and beyond the school gate.

The learners did a great job of providing relevant and interesting points and getting their opinions across to a room of their peers and professionals.

Whilst there, there was a competition on who could Tweet the best message about the event, I am happy to announce the winner was one of our learners Olivia Murphy.

Olivia will receive a £20 Boots gift voucher, and her winning Tweet was;

“Great day at the Lighthouse learning about health + wellbeing in Glasgow! Good fun #Glasgowcitycouncil#Healthy#Food”

Well done Olivia.

Mr. Neary

Reminder - school day starts at 8.50am

Bad Hair Day for Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 6th September 2013



The Personal Development Classes of 2014 would like to thank all learners, staff and guardians involved in the success of this event. There were certainly many “hair raising” sights around school that day, with awards for Worst Hair going to Ellie Glakin (S2) Callum MacAuley (S6) .

The learners raised a fantastic **£337.00** which has been added to the profits of the Home Economics Macmillan Coffee Morning, held on Thursday 25th September which raised **£530.00**; giving a grand total of **£867.00**. Well done everyone!!!



Please contact us immediately if you have a question/concern

S6 Young Enterprise Company

Our brand new S6 Young Enterprise Company, Compass, got off to a great start at their Company Launch held at the Awards Ceremony. They have chosen 2 charities to support – the Scottish Cot Death Trust and Respite Now – 2 very worthy causes. A highly successful raffle (prizes donated by local businesses and parents) raised over £250 and specially produced Award Ceremony Cupcakes and Candy Cups were a sell-out! Many parents/carers chose to have their children photographed holding their certificates and framed copies will be ready by the end of October. Compass have raised finance by selling shares in their company and are now developing new products so watch this space ...

A Collins



Homework to be completed on time

Backpack Appeal - Mary's Meals



There was a fantastic response to the “backpack project”; run by Mary’s Meals. This is a project where learners are asked to donate a backpack ; new or old, and fill it with items that can be used to help children in impoverished countries gain access to an education. Many thanks to everyone who was so generous in taking part.

Rosary Tannoy and Prayer



Throughout the month of October; the month of Our Lady, there has been a special focus on the rosary and Mrs Richford visited classes to give learners special rosary prayer packs and to discuss with learners the importance of prayer. This led to classes being involved in leading the rosary and also writing facts about it which learners then read on the school tannoy. Learners worked very hard and their excellent presentation skills were commented on by many.



Homelessness Appeal - Wayside Centre

There has been a special focus this term on the collection of items, particularly men’s clothing for the Wayside Centre for homelessness. The response to this collection from both staff and learners alike has been excellent and the centre sent a lovely letter to the school which was read to learners thanking them for their kindness and for putting their faith into action in such a positive way.

M Morrison

Work hard to ensure Success