



# All Saints Secondary School



## NEWSLETTER Autumn 2012

### Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents & Carers,

As promised, here is our autumn newsletter. Firstly, I would like to thank all the staff at All Saints for their commitment and enthusiasm at the beginning of what is a very exciting session. Thank you to our learners, all the boys and girls who have helped make it a very smooth start to session 2012-13 and who contribute so much every day simply by coming on time, wearing the school uniform, working hard and living up to high standards set for them. Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers who support us all as we endeavour to achieve success everyday.

We hope this is a good read, that you get a flavour of what our school is about and are assured of our commitment to do everything possible to improve the experience of all our learners.

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

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### Important dates for the diary:

15th -19th October - Mid Term Holiday.

25th October 7pm - 8pm - S4 Information Evening

12th November (time to advised) - S3 Information Evening

19th - In-Service Day. Devoted to work on the new qualifications.

26th November 7 - 8pm - S1 Information Evening

24th December - 4th January 2013 inclusive - Christmas Holidays.



# All Saints Improvement Plan

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 four main priorities which we are all working towards improving on:

Priority for Improvement	How we will deliver
<p>1. Continue to implement the Curriculum for Excellence focussing on the Broad General Curriculum from S1-3 and the introduction of the new national qualification in the senior phase S4-6.</p>	<p>Review all our courses for S1-3 and improve them to make sure they are helping learners to develop fully and to prepare them well for the senior phase. We are focussing on how we assess the progress of all our learners, how we judge their progress in learning and prepare everyone for the new qualifications in 2013-14 by familiarising ourselves with them. At all points we are aiming to involve our learners in their own assessment.</p>
<p>2. Continue to improve our learners experience in school so that they are engaged in their learning and are developing their skills.</p>	<p>Using more co-operative learning strategies in classes and importantly giving teachers time to discuss their classroom practice with each other to share good practice.</p>
<p>3. To improve the way we share important information on our learners among teachers to make sure their learning, emotional, spiritual and social needs are met in and out of classes.</p>	<p>Involving all teachers in planning for the learning of our most vulnerable learners through Additional Support Plans. Introducing a new confidential data base of learner's support needs to share key information. We will have more staff involved in supporting learners.</p>
<p>4. To improve every learner's attainment in school. To recognise and celebrate learners achievements in and out of school.</p>	<p>Track all learner's progress in all their subjects keeping parents and carers informed. Identify under performance and deal with it effectively. Celebrate success. Improve the way we reward learner achievement. Help our learners record their achievement.</p>

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.

**Full Attendance = Best Chance of Success**

# Summary of 2012-13 SQA Results

Congratulations to all our learners for their very good SQA exam results. Overall last session 2011-12 we saw some encouraging improvements in some of our performance indicators. As always, we have now reviewed our performance and identified where improvements can be made.

**S4 Standard Grades:** Percentage of Learners who achieved:

	2011	2012
5 awards or more at level 3 -	88 %	92%
5 awards or more at level 4 -	61%	63%
5 awards or more at level 5 -	13%	14%
English & Maths at level 3 -	91 %	94%

Plus out of 20 S3 learners who sat Standard Grade English there were 20 credit passes!

**S5 Higher Still:** Percentage of Learners who achieved:

	2011	2012
1 award at level 6 -	26 %	22%
3 awards at level 6 -	15%	12%
5 awards at level 6 -	6 %	5%
5 awards at level 5 -	30 %	29%

**Level 3 – Access 3/Foundation**  
**Level 4 – Intermediate 1/General**  
**Level 5 – Intermediate 2/Credit**  
**Level 6 – Higher**  
**Level 7 – Advanced Higher**

**S6 Higher Still:** Percentage of Learners who achieved:

	2011	2012
1 award at level 7 -	3 %	7%
3 awards at level 6 -	17%	22%
5 awards at level 6 -	12%	13%

Our aims for session 2012-13 are to increase the percentages in all our S4 measures, to improve in 2 of 3 of our S5 measures and to maintain the very good attainment in S6.

All S4, 5 & 6 learners have their subject target grades for 2012-13 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.

**Please check homework planners nightly and sign regularly**

# S1 News

It has been an exciting few weeks in S1. Our new First Years have settled very well into life at All Saints. Teachers have been very impressed with the excellent manners and positive attitude of the young people. On 6 September we celebrated the arrival of S1 to All Saints with a dedicated mass. This was a joyous celebration, led by pupils, in our local church. Arrangements are already underway for the Fire Reach Programme led by Calton Fire Station. This will involve all S1 pupils visiting the fire station and participating in workshops to improve knowledge and safety.

In school S1 have been getting involved in the extra curricular activities we have available. There was a number of S1 pupils involved in our choir for the annual awards ceremony which took place on 18th September. There are also a large number of S1 pupils attending Art, drama and PE at lunchtimes. First Year have made an excellent start in All Saints and I look forward to watching their journey over the year ahead.

There will be an S1 Supporting Evening on **Monday 26th November between 7pm & 8pm.**

All parents are warmly invited to attend.

*S Richford* S1 Year Head



## John Muir Activity Days

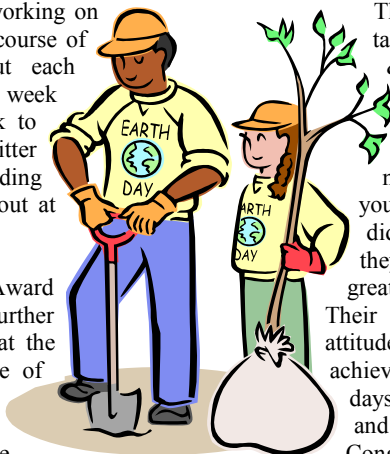
All of last year's S1 have been working on their John Muir Award over the course of the year. They have been out each Wednesday afternoon for a 4 week period going to Robroyston Park to learn about the nature reserve, litter picking, digging, planting and weeding at Lambhill Stables and helping out at Hamiltonhill Allotments.

In order to get their John Muir Award the young people had to spend a further two days outdoors so that is what the whole of S1 did over the course of two weeks.

1A-1C went out on 6th & 7th June

and 1D-1F went out 13th & 14th June to involvement in the John Muir Activity days.

Robroyston Park to work on a number of activities in partnership with Glasgow Life!



The young people were able to take part in: shelter building, arts & crafts, mountain biking, rugby teambuilding, pond-dipping, hill walking and orienteering. The weather was not particularly kind to the young people but this certainly didn't dampen the spirits of S1 as they took on every challenge with great enthusiasm and resilience.

Their fantastic behaviour, positive attitude and 100% commitment to achieving all they could from the two days outdoors was truly amazing and very impressive. Congratulations to all S1 for their

*M. Marlin*

## St Mungo's Museum Visit-S1

Some of our S1 pupils recently visited St Mungo's museum where they participated in a workshop exploring sectarianism and discussed what they could do as young people to change things. As always the pupils were complimented on their participation and behaviour.

*M Morrison*

**Thank you for your commitment to full school uniform**

# S2 News

Generally it has been an excellent start to the new school year by the vast majority of pupils in S2. We will continue to monitor: Learning & Teaching; attendance; homework, timekeeping and school uniform. For all of these issues, we welcome your continued support.

Girls HPV vaccination programme has now started with forms distributed to parents/guardians. The first dose of vaccination took place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

*J Houston*



# Pro Life Focus-S2

Our S2 Pro Life group did an amazing amount of work this term, especially in their collections for young mums in need. The group worked very hard to design posters, decorations and cards for their campaign and the results were excellent. Great job!

*M Morrison*

# Food Tasting



S2 pupils covered the topic of Healthy Eating in French in the spring term. In addition to designing healthy school menus, pupils researched some typical French dishes and came up with a whole range, from omelettes to *Bouillabaisse* (a fish stew from the south of France), *pot au feu* (a mountain stew) and Moroccan couscous.

Having worked up an appetite, some pupils had the opportunity to sample some typical French cheeses, pâté, olives, brioche, crêpes and bread. Having sniffed and prodded the more unusual items, most pupils tried a couple of foods they'd never had before, and some even liked them!

*S Bell*

School bag, homework completed and equipment needed every day

# S3 News

This is a very important session for our third year learners as they come to the end of their Broad, General Education and make final option choices for fourth year where they will be the first group to be entered for the new National Qualifications.

In All Saints, our teachers have been working hard to ensure everything is organised and ready for this transition.

I would like to invite all our S3 learners' parents and carers to an information evening **Monday 12th November time to be advised** where we will present our plans, distribute very important information and be ready to answer your questions.

*J. McGhee* S3 Year Head



## Francophonie competition

Two teams from S3 took part in the first online Francophonie competition in March. 25 questions (in French) on the culture, sport and leisure, everyday life, geography and language of different French-speaking countries were e-mailed to participating schools at 1pm and the winning team was the one to return the most correct answers the quickest, with bonus points being awarded for answers in accurate French.



Our 20 pupils worked well together and delegated tasks within the team to maximise efficiency. Teams were really up against the clock and a couple of technical hitches with full e-mail boxes meant a delay of a few minutes for one team to return their answers.

In the end, although both teams scored over 45/60, neither All Saints team ended up in the top 10, but it really did come down to milliseconds and the odd wrong letter or accent.

All the pupils agreed they'd had an exhilarating afternoon and had enjoyed the challenge and have already asked to enter again next year!

*S Bell*

## St Andrew's Cathedral

Some of our S3 pupils recently visited the newly restored St Andrew's Cathedral in the city centre. The pupils took part in mass and then were offered a tour of the cathedral's art work and learned about the historical importance of this beautiful church within our city. The pupils were excellent ambassadors for our school.

*M Morrison*

## S4 News

### Fourth Year Information Night

With fourth year prelim exams only a matter of weeks away we would like to invite a representative from **ALL** our fourth year learners to attend a short information evening on:

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm - 8pm**



**Full uniform includes All black school shoes**

# Success Stories:

All Saints scoop 4 awards at the XL awards ceremony in Glasgow City Chambers  
The S3/S4 went along to the XL awards ceremony in the City Chambers along with all the other schools in Glasgow to celebrate the success of the XL groups projects across Glasgow.  
The awards were given out and All Saints won the following awards:

- The S3 Outstanding Achievement Award for XL across all the schools went to Stephen Day.
- The S4 Outstanding Achievement Award for XL across all the schools went to Declan O'Connor.
- The S4 XL group won the successful learners category across all the schools for their fantastic work in helping within the community and producing a DVD showing this work in action.
- An overall group award for being a successful XL group.

Miss Marlin and Charlie from Glasgow Life were absolutely delighted and so proud of the xl groups within All Saints for all their achievements over the course of the year.



The news team in All Saints Secondary were delight to be involved in the BBC School News Report 2012 once again. The learners involved were from S1-S6 and they were solely responsible for: editing, news gathering presenting and editing their reports. Our learners had a variety of amazing opportunities this year and so much to report on:

Edinburgh Zoo's new additions –Pandas-Tian and Yan Guang- were interviewed and we were lucky enough to secure an interview with one of the Zoo keepers who gave us a real insight into how the Pandas were settling into Scotland. Cameraman Connor filmed some excellent shots of these rare and endangered species. This was a superb day for everyone involved.

We also used our Political knowledge to gain an

interview with Scottish Labour Leader – MSP Johann Lamont. Reporters: David, Anna and Declan researched and created their own burning questions and thoroughly questioned Johann on issues ranging from Education to Scottish Independence. Miss Lamont stated that she was extremely impressed and was sure that she would face Declan one day in the debating chambers. To visit the Parliament was a superb experience and one we will never forget.

For our showbiz item..... the News team found themselves in Shieldinch aka-The River City Set. This was an amazing day and Studio Manager Neil Mac gave us an exclusive look at all of the set, the Oyster Café, The Tall Ship and inner studio. He discussed how to film properly and described how to film stunts. Reporters Anna, Declan, Shannon and Connor did an excellent job and Neil Mac commented that they could easily fit in with the cast.

The BBC again commended the report and selected it as the online Editor's choice. They congratulated all of the learners involved for such a high quality and engaging piece of work. Well Done BBC School News Report Team. Brilliant work and dedication from you all! A great team to work with! See you next year for more news, views and who knows..... maybe even a report from the Oscars..... If you missed this year's – log on and enjoy:

*S Hewitt*

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

# Trades House Awards 2012 Winners!

The School Craft Competition, run in conjunction with Glasgow City Council Education Services, seeks to recognise and reward traditional craft work undertaken by pupils as part of the SQA Standard and Higher Grade Craft and Design syllabuses. Pupils from across the city participate and their work is judged according to the following broad criteria: innovation and inspiration of design, technical achievement and execution and practical relevance to the individual.



The Faculty of Technologies' is delighted to announce that All Saints Secondary received no fewer than 5 awards; 4 Awards for folio work and one for "inspiration of design" for a woodwork project. All Saints received one of the highest numbers of awards achieved by any one school.

The prize-winners, from Fourth Year, were Liam Glackin , Jade MacKenzie , Emily McLean and Lee McLelland who received their awards from the Lord Provost who presided over proceedings – well done to all of them!

*A MacLellan*



## Success at Advanced Higher Art & Design

The Art Department has been contacted by the SQA congratulating us on the outstanding Advanced Higher Art and Design work presented by this centre. They have requested that we exhibit nationally the work of Zoe McLelland and Noor Sajjad. The exhibition will take place on the 11th October in Williamwood Secondary School and will showcase some of the very best Advanced Higher Art work ( 2012 ) from a selected few Schools in Scotland. *J McKendry.*

## Congratulations European Day of Languages Winners!

All Saints wins joint top place nationally for the European Day of Languages. A big congratulations to all the language learners and staff involved. Prize of £500 worth of Amazon vouchers to follow.

*G Campbell-Thou*

**No Jeans or Leggings only Dress Trousers are allowed**





Last session saw the formation of ASF Productions (ASF = All Saints' Film). We had a number of successes with the two films that we produced. *For Our Tomorrow* was a moving film about a young man and the choices that he was making. The central theme was Poppy Scotland, but it also explored the themes of role models, family and remembrance. *For Our Tomorrow* won Best Drama and Best Actor for Darren Smith who played the central character. There was a special award made to Ellen McCallion, a local lady who very kindly offered her services as an actress and the use of her home for location filming! This film was also a finalist in the Poppy Scotland "Moving Stories" film competition.

Our latest film was titled *Daydreaming* and had India and The Commonwealth as its central themes. We modernised a thought provoking (but light-hearted) tale from the Panchatantra (a book of traditional Indian folk stories) and linked to SCIAF to help tell the story of the central character Jack Tucker, played by Jack Patterson. This film won Highly Commended in the Best Drama category and Best Business Partnership. We are extremely grateful to SCIAF, and in particular John Sharp, for all the help and support they gave us, particularly with allowing us to film in their offices.



Both films were expertly edited by Conor McMahon, who worked extremely hard to meet the deadlines. The films can still be seen on the school website... and keep an eye out for our next offering which will be uploaded just before Christmas.

*J Havris*

## Success in Retail

Two of our S6 learners, Rebecca McCulloch and Kirsty Quigley were successful in gaining an Intermediate 2 award in Retail. The Retail course was introduced for the first time this year with our partners in education, John Wheatley college and John Lewis. The two girls completed a weeks work experience in John Lewis' store in Glasgow covering all aspects of the Retail trade. This award will increase the chances of future employment in this sector for Rebecca and Kirsty. J Houston

**All Saints is a coloured tops and hoodie free zone**

# All Saints Sporting Champions 2012

## Athletics

Stephen Nugent 200m Gold  
Andrew McLoone Shot Putt Silver  
Daniel O'Hear 400m Gold, Long Jump Bronze  
C. Shand Bronze 800m  
Lewis Collins 400m Bronze

## S2 Football Champions Glasgow Cup

Paul Callaghan  
J.P. Cuddihy  
Andrew McLoone  
Kevin Fell  
S.P. McKinley  
Kieran Allison  
Aiden McNeill



Loic Lomboto  
Joe Slee  
Declan Bryson  
Kevin Kelly  
Alan Campbell  
Michael Malloy  
Jack Plunkett



12 S5 Sports Leaders Awards presented.

17 S2 Play Leader Awards presented.

10 Girls qualified as official netball Umpires.

S3 Bollywood Dancers performed fantastically at shows all year.

15 S3 girls completed Workshops with Scottish Ballet.

Declan McMahon and Darren Nicholson gained Soccer Futures SFA awards.

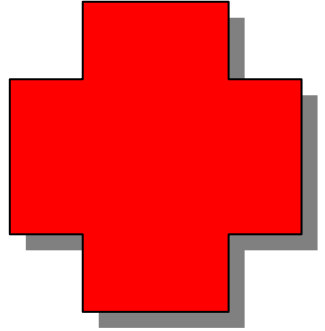
Mr Thom awarded for 20 years service to SSFA.

**Please contact us immediately if you have a question/concern**

# Red Cross Workshops

The Red Cross worked with a broad range of learners from S1-S3 last term delivering thought provoking workshops about the work delivered by the Red Cross in times of crisis and on “positive images”. This was where learners looked at how asylum seekers are represented in Britain and discussed the many stereotypes associated with them. This was a hugely beneficial visit and the Red Cross staff remarked upon how impressed they were with the conduct and enthusiasm of our learners.

*M Morrison*



# Backpack Project — Mary's Meals



A huge thank you to all the pupils parents and carers who supported our recent Backpack Project; the results were fantastic! The aim of this project is to help some of the world's poorest children go to school; where they will not only gain an education but where they will receive a meal day. This helps children have a brighter future and hopefully allow them to lead a life free from poverty.

*M Morrison*

# Staff Changes

Ms Varma (Science) moved down to England. Congratulations to Ms Varma who is getting married on 21st October. We all wish her well!

Technician Mr Russell has moved to Eastbank Academy and is replaced by Mr Shaw.

Classroom assistant Mrs MacDonald has moved to St Francis of Assisi Primary School.



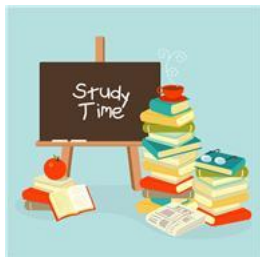
Welcome to Mr Brown our new Faculty Head of Science and Mrs Campbell -Thow Faculty Head of Modern Languages.

# And Finally:

There has been a tremendous effort to support one of our sixth year learners who has gone through a very difficult time recently. Shoesday Tuesday, beauty treatments, sponsored events, cake and candies etc have helped to raise a very significant amount of money. Sincere thanks to all who have organised events and supported them.

*P Holmes*  
Head Teacher

Early warning for Senior Phase Pupils



S4 Prelims  
begin  
3rd December!!!

8 WEEKS AWAY

All S4 should be studying  
NOW!!!!

See Miss Higgins & Mrs Brady  
for Study advice



S5/6 Prelims

