

All Saints Secondary School

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, carers and friends of All Saints,

Here is our latest newsletter packed full of information on what's happening in the school. It has been a very busy couple of months with the fourth year prelim exams, all our preparations for Christmas and looking forward to a successful 2013-14 school year. I hope you agree that this newsletter is a good read full of the success stories and achievements of our young people. Thank you to all of you for your support for our young people and for the school.

P Holmes
Head Teacher

Important Dates for your diary:

S3 Parents Meeting Monday 18th February 2013
4pm - 6pm.

S3 Options Information Evening Thursday 28th February 2013
5pm -7pm.

All Saints 40th Anniversary Mass 12th June 2013
St Catherine's Parish Church.

School Prom 14th June 2013.



Changes to school day

We will shortly be sending out some information about proposed changes to the school day for session 2013-14. At the moment we are having discussions on this and will keep everyone informed.

HMle Visit

Her Majesties Inspectors visited our Religious Education department on Tuesday 5th February. Thank you to all our parents, carers and partners who were able to come into the school to meet with them. For your information please see feedback received as a result of the visit across the page.



School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for their support with the All Saints Uniform. Every visitor who comes to our school comments on the welcoming atmosphere in All Saints, the courteous enthusiastic children and how smart they look.

We know that full uniform is only possible with everyone's support and we greatly appreciate it.

For next school session we are aiming to introduce school blazers for the new first year intake and the current first year group. More details to follow.

Commonwealth Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)

This will be open for registration for 4th, 5th and 6th years who are leaving school this year from 11th February until August 2013. It is the opportunity for leavers to apply for real jobs, ranging from admin, hairdressing, garage trades, construction, catering, computing, engineering, horticulture to name a few.

Applications are made via the CAI website from 11 February <http://glasgow.mappit.org.uk>. They will need to register and then they will be issued with a username and password to access the vacancies.

A Payne Careers Adviser



Fuel Zone Re-Launch

Launching the new points system in collaboration with the promotion 'On your way to your five a day'. The Fuelzone is open three times daily for the learners. Breakfast: - 8.15 - 8.40, Mid-Morning {Interval} and Lunchtime. Each food item in the fuelzone is allocated points which the learners accrue over the term and they can claim rewards i.e. 300 points = pair of cinema tickets, to 950 points for a six month gym pass to the Glasgow Club there are many more prizes check out the website www.fuelzone.co.uk for more information or contact Karen/Margaret at All Saints Fuelzone who are only too happy to help with any enquiry.



Full Attendance = Best Chance of Success

RE Verbal Feedback

Here are some of the main points and high level feedback from the HMIE visit with the Faculty of Religious Education on 5th February 2013:

Learners in All Saints liked Religious Education because it was interactive, involved discussion and research and they found it challenging. They appreciated learning about all world faiths and found that they retained knowledge about the subject because they were actively involved and there were many links to real life. Learners demonstrated a mature attitude towards the charitable work and Faith in Action programmes they were involved in. Experiences such as being part of the soup kitchen in town or visiting the young mothers unit at Smithycroft helped them with having a more rounded view of life and to be less judgemental in their attitude. Religious education experience had supported them to be nicer people, work better as part of a team, feel more part of the local community and be better equipped to make moral decisions.

Learners also reflected that RE helps to improve literacy skills and vocabulary as well as having close links with History.

Learners understand the value of putting faith into action and take part in a very impressive list of events and activities.

Our partners felt they were appreciated in their role with All Saints and our associated priests were very happy with our involvement in the celebration of mass and retreats in their parishes.

There is a sense of a really strong ethos and the school is welcoming, open and friendly. The inspectors noted several conversations and actions of learners and staff which highlighted this.

A key message for us was that Faith is a lived experience in our school.

- Evident in enthusiastic and engaging young people.
- Strong pastoral care for staff as well as learners.
- The quality of relationships among young people and staff.
- Well structured programmes such as the CARITAS award, Faith in Action, programmes of work in RE reflecting this is our Faith.



Teaching and learning was observed and good practice was reflected in : the focus on literacy and higher order thinking skills, learning intentions leading to well structured lessons and weekly homework adding to the experience and giving RE credibility.

In summary: the staff in All Saints have taken “This is our Faith” and made it a reality through Faith in Action.

School Bag and Equipment needed every day

Cookery Demonstrations

Quality Meat Scotland representative Executive Chef Steve Craik visited the school to put on cookery demonstrations and talk about the good work QMS is doing in schools all over Scotland. Learners from S3, 4, 5 and 6 who are studying Home Economics, Hospitality and Creative Cakes Production took part.

Steve discussed benefits of preparing and eating fresh meat produce which has been reared in Scotland and also why the carbon footprint of fresh meat is becoming more relevant to the environment and to people who want to know where their meat comes from.

Along with a few volunteers from each class Steve prepared two dishes for the learners, which when presented were polished off rather quickly, Steve said that the learners “were very enthusiastic and showed a lot of promise and that they were also very keen to be involved in the cookery demonstrations”.

Steve also stated that he would not hesitate in returning again to All Saints.



Thank you
A Neary



Faith in the Community

Glasgow Soup Kitchen



A group of our S6 learners have been volunteering with the Glasgow Soup Kitchen on a Sunday Evening. Learners help with the distribution of hot food as well as clothes, toiletries and essential provisions. This gives our young learners the chance to work with some of the neediest and most vulnerable members of society as well as a chance to give something back to the wider community of Glasgow.

All students undertaking this have done initial training and have now been invited to see some of the other groups who support the homeless in Glasgow.

Learners have donated clothes, toiletries and food themselves also!

G Campbell-thow

All Saints is a coloured tops and hoodie free zone

Modern Languages Update

For 12 weeks a group of students from Shawlands Academy and All Saints Secondary have been attending a weekly **Russian cultural class** in Shawlands Academy. The event is sponsored by the International Education Office and the Russian Cultural Centre. The aim of the course is to promote Russian language and culture. Among other activities, the group has learnt basic Russian vocabulary to deal with everyday situations. They have also learnt about Russian media, folklore, tourism and cooking. They even had a visit from a professional opera singer. The group has thoroughly enjoyed their experiences as the photos demonstrate.

Cooking pancakes (blinis) and Russian pasta (vareniki)



Learning about the Snow Maiden and making traditional Christmas decorations.



Modern Language Revision Days

French

On December 14th 2012 about 80 secondary learners from Lochend, St Paul's, Hillhead, the Gaelic School, Whitehill, Hillpark, Bellahouston, Rosshall, All Saints, Notre Dame and Cleveden attended a revision day for Higher and Advanced Higher French.

The day took place at the Alliance Française of Glasgow and was run in conjunction with Modern Languages Support and Development Team (GCC) and our three visiting teachers from Marseille (Jules Verne programme).

The learners enjoyed a variety of workshops on a variety of themes: “**La musique des jeunes en France**”; “**Voyages, voyages**”; “**Es-tu branché?**”, as well as an oral activity leading to a “Dragon's Den” competition where students had to work out a strategy to market an unusual item and present it to the judges in French (Maryse Payen-Roy)

Spanish

All Saints Secondary recently hosted the Higher Spanish revision day organised by the Consejería in Edinburgh. Learners from All Saints, Kingspark and St. Andrew's as well as our friends from St. Andrew's and St. Bride's in East Kilbride took part in 3 workshops to further their intercultural studies, Spanish grammar and productive language skills. It was a great day for both the learners, who completed a considerable amount of work, and for staff, who gained some new ideas for their teaching methodology! Our sincere thanks to Joaquin Moreno and his fabulous equipo!

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



Achievement

One of your learners, Jenna Delaney, was part of a group of young people from the Malawi Young Leaders of Learning programme who came along to support me at the Holocaust Memorial Civic event on Monday 28th January 2013.

The group were involved in meeting and greeting guests, taking photographs for pledge cards and generally ensuring that guests were looked after. The audience for the event included Sadie Docherty – Lord Provost, Nicola Sturgeon – Deputy First Minister, Cllr Gordon Matheson – Leader of the Council, various Bailies and Councillors, religious leaders from across faith groups and members of the Jewish community and other communities who were targeted in the Holocaust.

Jenna was incredibly respectful and well aware of the sensitivities which surrounded the occasion. She was confident and articulate and clearly had prepared well for the event showing an understanding of the Holocaust and its impact on the various communities. She was a credit to herself, your school and the Malawi Young Leaders of Learning programme. A number of our guests, including the Deputy First Minister, took time out to comment on how well the young people involved had done so please pass on my appreciation and thanks to Jenna.

A Logan
Social Inclusion Officer
Education Services

Follow our progress with Malawi Leaders of Learning at
www.glasgoweducationmlol.org.uk

Success

Molendinar Awards

Pupils in 1D wrote and performed their own rap at this year's Molendinar Awards. They competed against a multitude of Secondary, Primary and Nursery schools. Archbishop Emeritus Mario Conti and Gordon Matheson awarded them first place! They received a large framed certificate and a statue of St Mungo for their endeavours. A special well done to the following learners:



Abbie Paterson – lead vocalist
Corey Gallagher - rapper
Ryan Dickson – rapper
Joseph Loughran – rapper
Declan Manley – rapper
Connor McAneny - rapper
Alannya Stewart - performer
John Preston – performer

Jordan Hedger – performer
Sean McAleer - performer
Charlotte O'Brien - performer
Taylor Birell - performer
Emma Cunningham - performer
Matthew Curruthers – performer
Liam Sheridan – performer

Miss Reilly English Department

No Jeans or Leggings only Dress Trousers are allowed

Success



All Saints Film Productions - "The Olivia Show"

Following the success of their previous films, *For Our Tomorrow* and *Daydreaming*, ASF Productions are delighted to announce that their latest offering, *The Olivia Show*, scooped no less than four awards at the latest Determined To Make Movies Awards Ceremony. The film won Best Business Partnership; Best Actress for Billy Scott in S2; Best Actor for David McMahon in S6 and Highly Commended in the Best Drama category.

The Determined To Make Movies competition is a Glasgow City Council initiative to encourage film making and creativity in Glasgow Schools. The competition is open to all the schools in Glasgow and is run twice yearly. There were 26 films made for this competition, which had the overall theme of "Safety", with schools selecting a particular area (water safety, road safety, fire safety, personal safety, rail safety, cyber safety, etc.).

The Olivia Show explored the issues of cyber safety and personal safety and saw the central character, Olivia (played by Billy Scott), giving her friends good advice about their safety, but forgetting all of this in relation to herself when the potential threat came in a different way - a "once in a lifetime opportunity" of an audition for a "new show". This was the most controversial film that ASF Productions has made so far with no happy ending. The film was praised for the great acting and directing, the filming and editing and for being a really good tool for discussion about cyber and personal safety issues.

ASF Productions have really benefited from the huge amount of work that founder members Conor McMahon and Jack Patterson have put in to the projects. *The Olivia Show* was scripted, filmed, directed and edited by Jack and Conor - so its success is largely down to them. Currently in S5, they are both hoping to move on to study Film and Television next year and we wish them both every success in the future.

J Harris
Drama Department



Thank you for your commitment to full school uniform



Shakespeare

Young writers' Anthology

The Poetry Games – a worldwide competition to find creative poets and writers. This year in All Saints' twenty very talented learners have been chosen to be published in the Poetry Games young writers' anthology. These talented writers should be very proud of themselves:

S1

Mercier Ngoy
Codie Potter
Kimberley Duffin
Lana Docherty
Roisin Jones
Robert Young
Kaitlyn McGuire
Jack Deary
Niamh Dillon
Sophie Cummins

S2

Josh Brown
Declan Connor
Stuart Hill
Sean McGinley
Emma Slider
Mark Brown
Dionne Stewart
Olivia Murphy
Jade Gray
Shannon Conlon

The learners are now waiting to hear if they are one of the lucky learners to win one of the top prizes, they include: an iPad, a Kindle, £500, £300 or even £1,000! We have our fingers crossed.

Miss Reilly
English Department

Spring

The light blue skies,
the bird sings and flies.
The lovely green grass,
the cute bunnies pass.
Rolling eggs down the hill,
walking past the lovely mill.
Daffodils sway and grow,
the sun will always come and go.
Rivers as clear as air,
while the petals start to tear.
The hot summer's coming our way,
time to wave goodbye to that rainbows' ray.

Lana Docherty
Aged 12

Poems aren't cool

Writing poems isn't so cool.
I must write one to take into school.
I've struggled to think about what to write.
I've been sitting here thinking most of the night.
I hope what I've written does not go to waste
As I think it's been written to Miss Reilly's taste.

Declan Connor
Aged 12

Please contact us immediately if you have a question/concern