

LINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Newsletter **05**
Term 1 2019-20

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Newsletter for the 2019-20 session.

It has been a very busy first term with lots going on for all year groups, visitors to the school, a vibrant joint Christmas Fayre with East Fulton Primary School and many activities and achievements across the school.



As always we are grateful to those parents who share their children's successes out of school with us via the Wider Achievement form on the School Website. Celebrating the successes and showcasing the talents and hard work of our pupils is what this Newsletter is all about. We hope you enjoy reading about them in this issue.

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MESSAGE FROM MISS MACARTNEY

Dear parent/carer

Welcome to our winter 2019 edition of Linwood High School newsletter. This is the first newsletter for our new SI pupils and their families. How quickly the months go by and I'm sure the SI pupils don't feel 'new' anymore. They have settled very well into Linwood High School.



It has been a very busy few months with many successes and achievements of our young people to celebrate. Highlighted throughout this newsletter are just a few of the exciting things that have been going on. I really hope you enjoy reading about them. As head teacher, I am always so impressed by the commitment of staff and the motivation of our pupils to take part in such a wide range of activities both within and out with the classroom. Your support for this is crucial to the success of our young people.

This term there has been a real focus on pupil leadership and pupil voice. It has been fantastic to see so many of our young people leading and organising events. One of the biggest pupil led successes was our whole school sponsored walk just before the October break. I was so proud of our students for their organisational skills and also how well the pupils did on the walk itself. It certainly made World Mental Health Day one to remember!

As you go through the newsletter you will see that learning is our core business and we focus on developing the whole child in the broadest sense. Raising attainment as ever is integral to what we do every day in Linwood High School. The hard work of staff, pupils and parents to raise attainment is making a huge difference. I am delighted to say our pupils have attained the best S4 National 5 results since their introduction in 2014. We have seen a 50% increase in the number of young people achieving 5 or more National 5 awards. A huge congratulations to all our pupils who sat exams at all levels, many working through units and course awards. It takes courage, determination, hard work and effort to succeed.

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We are now well under way with working towards our prelims in January with a focus on tracking progress and making sure you as parents are involved in your son or daughters learning. To support this and in conjunction with the parent council, we are launching Show My Homework which is an app to allow pupils and parents to have a clearer idea of the homework being issued in school and with reminders of deadline dates. An exciting move forward for us to show our commitment to learning and partnerships with parents.

Christmas is a busy time in school; courses and programmes are well underway and plenty of work and opportunities taking place for our pupils. In particular many of our senior learners are doing practical exams, writing up assignments and preparing for prelims. We will be taking time to come together for our Christmas Concert on Wednesday 18th December so make sure you come along and watch our talented pupils (and staff!) get in the Christmas spirit.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year. As a school we are constantly striving to work together to secure the best possible outcomes for all our young people. I look forward with excitement to the year and term ahead in January 2020 at Linwood High School.

Reminder – Uniform

You may remember we sent out a letter reminding all parents/carers and pupils of the need to wear school uniform. I would like to thank you for your support with this. We are very proud of Linwood High School and our uniform as we believe it promotes a sense of equity and belonging to the school community. Noted below is a reminder of what we expect our pupils to wear and we fully support Renfrewshire Council policy on school uniform.

- Black Blazer – core part of our uniform
- Blouse/Shirt – white
- Skirt/Trousers – black
- Tie – light blue junior tie
- Tie – dark blue senior tie (S4 – S6)
- Jumper/sweatshirt – black with or without crest
- Shoes – dark/black

Denim jeans are not part of the school uniform and we do ask that pupils remove coats, scarves and hooded tops in class as they again are not part of the uniform.

MESSAGE FROM MISS MACARTNEY

Reminder – Attendance and Timekeeping

The school day at Linwood High School begins at 8.50am. Pupils must be in class on time and ready to begin learning. Our experience, which is also supported research and by statistics is that pupils with good attendance & timekeeping are more likely to be successful with their education. Parents have a legal duty to make sure that their children attend school. But as well as this, children need to attend school to get the best out of their education.

The school records attendance on a period by period basis. Parents/carers must inform the school if there is an absence and do this on a daily basis. This allows us to inform you if for any reason your young person has not turned up for school or not returned in the afternoon.

Taking time off for holidays during term time should be avoided. Classes are working hard right up until the end of term, and there are important lessons and activities for all pupils which are an important part of their education.

Reminder – Winter Weather

As we are now well into winter there may be occasion to advise parents/carers of adverse weather that is affecting the running of the school. We have a team of gritters that come into the school to make areas as safe as possible and the janitorial team do the same. Areas around the school can become quite icy if the temperatures drop quickly. Last year unfortunately extreme snow shut the school for three days. Should anything like this happen again please consult our website and twitter feed. We also will endeavour if possible to send out text alerts to keep parents/carers informed at all times.

Contact Details

Please don't forget to follow us on twitter@LinwoodHigh, on Facebook @LinwoodHighSchool, email us on linwoodhighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk, and follow all the information on our website www.linwoodhigh.renfrewshire.sch.uk. Our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report are there for your information.

CURRICULUM AREA NEWS

English

Debating Team

Kai and Dillon (S4) represented Linwood High in the annual Donald Dewar debating competition in November. The motion was 'Should Britain introduce a compulsory national civic service for 16 year olds?' Our team were arguing against this motion and performed admirably on the night. We were in competition with Douglas Academy (the hosts), Bishopbriggs Academy and St. Andrew's Academy. Both Kai and Dillon got their argument across in an informed and eloquent manner while also responding well to points from the other team and audience. Unfortunately we didn't make the top 2 and therefore into the next round but both pupils should be immensely proud of their efforts.

Public Speaking

Our S3 team consisting of Liam, Emily and Jamie managed to successfully get through the Renfrewshire heat of the annual public speaking competition. In the next round, at Johnstone Town Hall, they were speaking about alternative options to custodial sentences. The pupils spent a lot of lunchtimes preparing their speeches and performed really well on the night. Unfortunately they didn't progress but it was a great experience in terms of confidence building and they are already preparing for the next one.

Accelerated Reader

Our S1 and S2 pupils have been engaging well with our Accelerated Reader programme this year. Every pupil is encouraged to select a book from the school library, progress through it by reading for at least 20 minutes per night and then complete a quiz at the end of their book. Our Star Readers in S1 who have accumulated the most points are: Sasha, Dylan, Chloe and Joanne. In S2 the Star Readers are: Aiden, Oscar and Lewis. Well done to all our winners and keep up the good work!

S1 Pantomime Trip

On Wednesday 11th December, around 70 of our S1 pupils and the English department will be attending the Paisley Arts Centre to see the wonderful performance of 'The Snow Queen'. We are looking forward to what should be an excellent day out at the theatre for some festive fun!

CURRICULUM AREA NEWS

English

The West Partnership

On Wednesday 6th November, the English department at Linwood High were represented at the inaugural English and Literacy Curriculum Network hosted by the West Partnership. Meeting at Arkleston Primary School in Renfrew along with another seven Local Authorities, discussion centred around the challenges we face with the English curriculum in secondary schools and areas we could look to improve. There will be more information to follow in the New Year and any new initiatives/next steps will involve the young people of Linwood High and benefit the literacy skills of all.

Waterstones Visit

Our school librarian Ms Bortolato, along with Mr MacColl, took nine of our S1-3 pupils to Waterstones at Braehead on the afternoon of November 22nd. The pupils were given a set budget and tasked with buying a variety of different texts in a variety of genres to expand the choice on offer in the library. The pupils had a great time and already their selections are flying off the shelf.

Kevin Gilday Visit

The English department were visited by spoken word artist and comedian Kevin Gilday in October. Several S1-2 pupils took part in an afternoon workshop that focused on their creative skills as well as their ability to perform in front of each other. A very enjoyable and humorous afternoon was had by all and it was great to see some of our 'comedians' in S1/2 hone their skills!

Maths

S1 Numeracy Ninjas

Congratulations to the following S1 pupils who already, at this early stage in their secondary mathematical careers, have achieved the status of "Black Belt" warriors. Ellie, Rachel, Chloe, William, CJ, Cayden, Ailidh, Daniel, Syed and Lewis. Of particular note is CJ, who has achieved the status of "Grand Master", having scored full marks on 6 consecutive occasions.

CURRICULUM AREA NEWS

Creative Arts

Music News

S1

Our S1s have been busy sampling all of the instruments that our music classrooms have to offer and have now chosen two instruments to specialise in. We look forward to seeing how they all progress!

S2

S2 have been participating in an Interdisciplinary Learning Project in conjunction with Science and Business studies called the 'Lipbalm Challenge'. Through this, they formulated and created a lipbalm in Science, learned all about marketing a product in Business Studies and created a radio Jingle to advertise their products in Music. This gave the pupils the opportunity to develop their skills in music technology and try their hand at being a studio engineer and music producer. The winning jingle will be decided by the departments and there will be a prize for the winning group!

Senior School

Our seniors have been working hard in preparation for their practical prelims which take place on the 6/12 and 9/12 and their understanding prelim paper on 28/1. We wish them the very best of luck and hope they have great success!

Prizegiving

The music department was happy to provide musical accompaniment to our prizegiving ceremony in the form of Melanie (S5) and Sophie (S6)'s beautiful singing voices, Lachlan (S1)'s guitar, Ben (S5)'s piano and our pipers' rousing playing. Thank you for your participation and talent.

S1 Assembly

The music department held a special assembly for all of S1, to share some of our success and give our young people an idea of what it is possible to achieve within our department. Lachlan (S1) was happy to play guitar as an example of some of our talent and Melanie (S5) sang and played guitar and even gave a talk on how music has helped her on her school journey. Additionally, we can't forget Euan (S3) who, along with Mr Coils, gave an impressive performance of his snare drum.

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Music News

Remembrance Service

On the important occasion of the Remembrance service, two of our pupils paid their respects by providing music. Kyle (S5) playing 'Flowers of the Forest' on his bagpipes and Sophie (S6) giving an emotional performance of 'The Last Post'. Thank you to our talented young people.

Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band

Our Renfrewshire schools Pipe Band placed second in the prestigious World Piping Championships. Congratulations to all involved! Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band have also been shortlisted for trad. Band of the Year at the Trad. Awards. The big announcement on who has won will be on Saturday Night in Aberdeen.

Vocal Group

Our Vocal group are going out to Tesco and Mosswood care home on Thursday 12th December to entertain the public and the residents and raise some money for charity. Thank you so much to our civic minded pupils for participating.

Christmas Concert

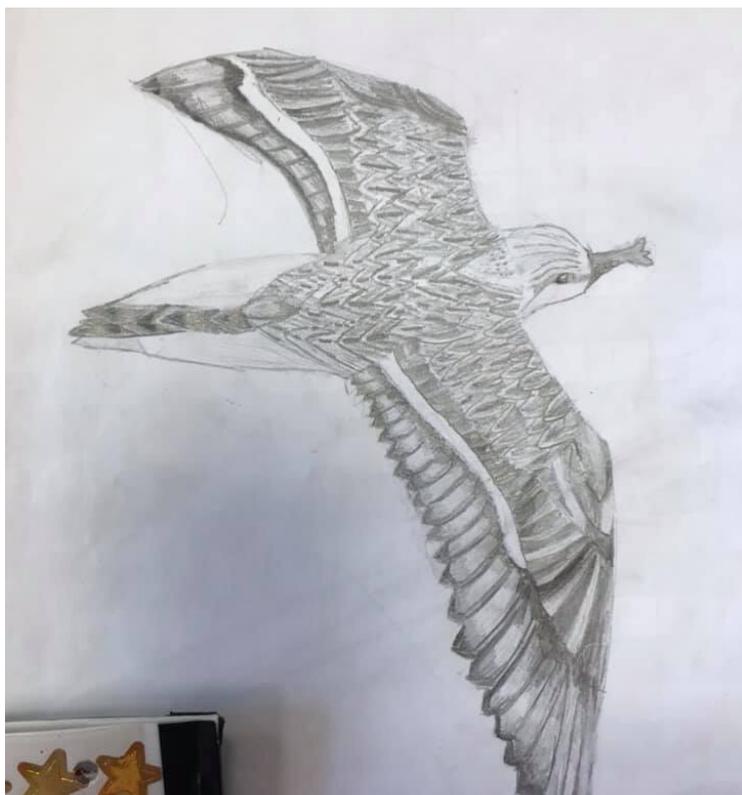
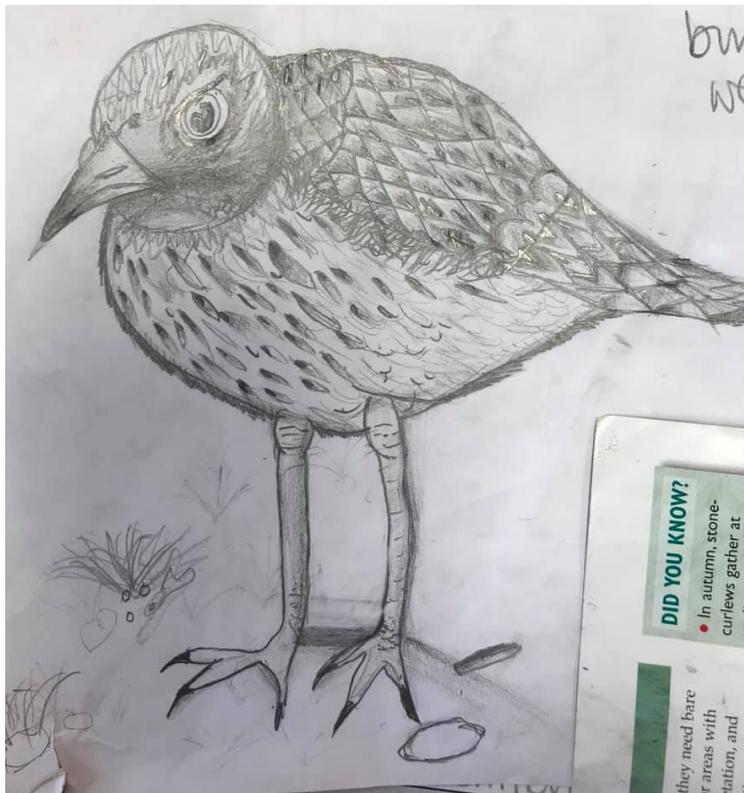
Our pupils have been very busy preparing for our annual Christmas Concert, which is shaping up to be a wonderful and festive occasion. The concert will include our vocal group, solo singers, guitarists, wind band, trumpet and much more.



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Creative Arts

Art News



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Creative Arts

Art News



ng with Coloured Pencil

Task 1 - Primary Colours
Red, Yellow and Blue
Primary Colours are the basic colours that all other colours are made from. You cannot make the primary colours by mixing any other colours together.
Use coloured pencils to colour in the colour wheel.

Task 2 - Mixing Secondary Colours
Green, Purple & Orange
Secondary Colours are made by mixing together two primary colours together.
Use coloured pencils to complete the boxes below. You will need to mix the pencil colours together to make the secondary colour.

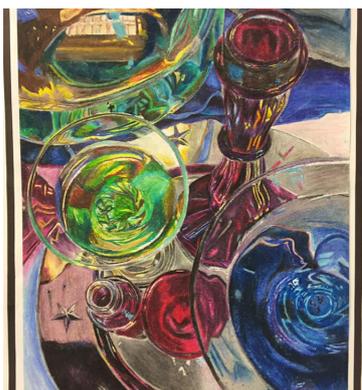
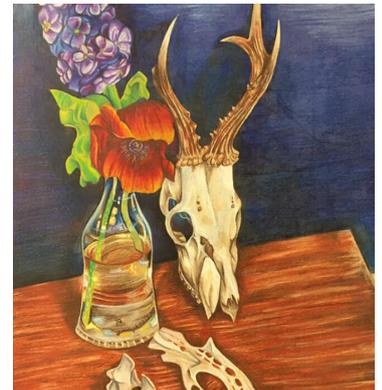
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| Red + Yellow = | Orange |
| Yellow + Blue = | Green |
| Blue + Red = | Purple |

Task 3 - Adjacent Colours
Adjacent Colours lie next to each other on the colour wheel.
Pick three sets of adjacent colours and fill in the boxes below.

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| Yellow + Green = | Light Green |
| Green + Blue = | Teal |
| Blue + Purple = | Dark Purple |

Task 4 - Tertiary Colours
Tertiary colours are variations of greys and browns made by mixing together a primary colour and its opposite secondary colour.
Using your coloured pencils now mix three different browns.

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| Yellow + Purple = | Brown |
| Red + Green = | Dark Green |
| Blue + Orange = | Dark Blue |



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Health & Wellbeing

Netball SI

Great to have both Johnstone High and Gryffe at Linwood. Fabulous games, respect and fun had by all. To clarify the final scores (3=win, 1=loss) Johnstone two wins, 6 points Linwood one win, one loss, 4 points Gryffe , two losses, 2 points. Lots of potential talent in all teams, I'm very happy to replay any teams again, let's play more friendlies. Also thank you for playing against my mixed team of S2 , they were really keen to play.



Volleyball

Last round of our senior Volleyball league before Christmas. Excellent play from everyone. Thank you to @pe_linwoodhs for hosting and thank you to @scottishvb for helping run the event.



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Practical Cake Craft

Seniors have been working hard all year to develop their skills and have produced some amazing cakes over the last few months. We also involved the Russian pupils who visited us earlier this term and go them to try their hand at cake craft.



CURRICULUM AREA NEWS

Modern Languages

S4 French Cultural Trip

On Tuesday 8th October, Mrs Bell and Mrs Price took a group of S4 pupils to Beaumartin, The Cottage in Bearsden. They had the opportunity to speak a little in French to the fluent French speaking staff and also to trial some French regional specialties. Both the staff in the restaurant and ourselves were completely blown away by the pupils' sense of adventure, manners and willingness to experience new things. They had a fantastic time and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone by talking in a different language and trying something new. Every pupil tried something they hadn't before, whether that was a mushroom (!) or snails and frog's legs. The chef/owner even made us Nutella ice cream, which truly was the 'icing' on the tarte au chocolat!



What we said

I would do it again

I would like to go back and try more of their other foods

It was a good trip

I thought it was fun to experience the different foods from France

The food was really good

I would like to try more

I'm most proud I tried a bit of everything

Such an amazing experience

I tried food I never thought I would



What we said

I'd love to go again in the future

I was most proud I ate a bit of everything

I ate 4 pairs of frog's legs. Soon Kermit will be more

Had a great afternoon

I would love to go on more trips like this one

All the food was lovely and the people were very respectful and the place was lovely.

Garlic snails were very strong tasting

Overall I had a really good time



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Modern Languages

European Day of Languages

We celebrated in style with lots of activities to include everyone in the fun. We sent out a Staff survey to find out everyone's wonderful and surprising linguist skills which we had classes guess during a quiz. Staff also took this opportunity to try new languages, saying 'hello' in a different language for the day. We reminded classes of the importance of languages, showing how they are relevant in today's world and how English is not enough.

We also hosted a French Breakfast for p7 pupils from East Fulton & Woodlands Primary schools when they got the chance to try brioche, croissant & pain au chocolat while competing against each other in a European Quiz.

Let's not forget the challenge of the Treasure Hunt 2019 where pupils had to collect ways to say 'hello' plus clues to solve and our winners were Jordyn & Amy - BRAVO! Thank you everyone for your support during this occasion for celebration!

We asked staff at Linwood if they spoke other languages and were pleasantly surprised....

Lived in France for a year working as a language assistant to teach English in two high schools. Also, visit Spain a lot on holiday where I use my Spanish.



Lived in Russia, on and off for about a year, studying in archives and libraries.



I have sung in a lot of different languages - so I suppose in a way this is a form of communication.

Yes French, German, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Portuguese, Srbo/Croat, Zulu, Gaelic, Danish, Dutch, Turkish. Always get a language book or App when visiting a country and like to try to use. Reasonably fluent in French and Spanish...Worked in vineyards and farms as a youth in these countries, so had to get by.



Italian as a tourist, Spanish as a tourist, German when I lived there for a year and French when I lived there for 7 months.



French asking for directions. Greek saying good morning, thank you etc...



Q8

Have you ever used another language other than your native language to communicate? Can you give a brief example e.g. as a tourist, for business, for research etc?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0

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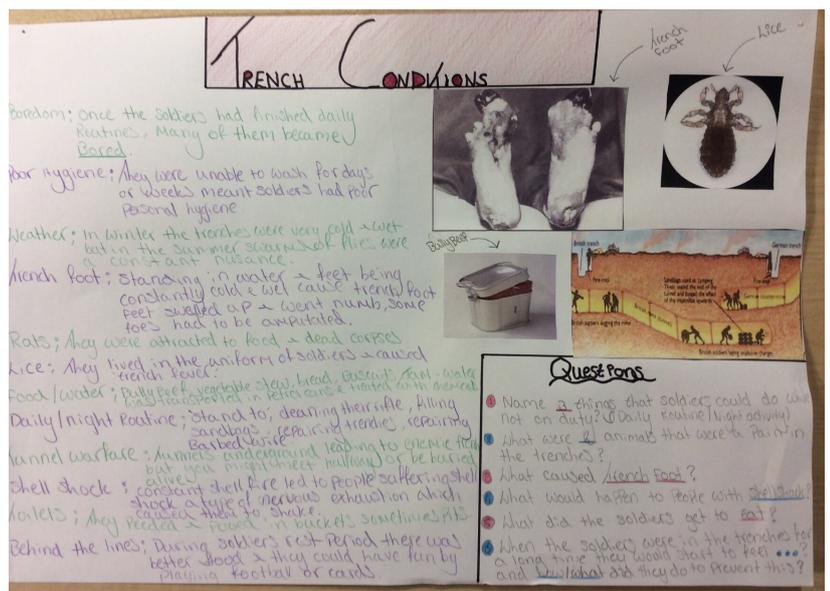
Social Subjects

History

Pupils in Linwood High School's History department continue to work hard.

SI-S3

SIs come to the department only once a week but have settled in well to the 'Ancient Scotland' topic and have most recently been learning about Skara Brae through the analysis of different primary and secondary sources (with our visiting teacher Miss Leitch). S2s have been developing their describing and explaining skills through an extended piece of writing as part of their end of unit assessment on the Atlantic Slave Trade. S3s have recently began the Scotland and the First World War topic, looking at why Scots volunteered to fight and what conditions were like for soldiers on the Western Front. Megan in S3: 'I think finding out about the hard conditions the soldiers faced in the trenches, such as the rats and trench foot is really interesting. I never knew what it was like for many Scottish men during the First World War.'

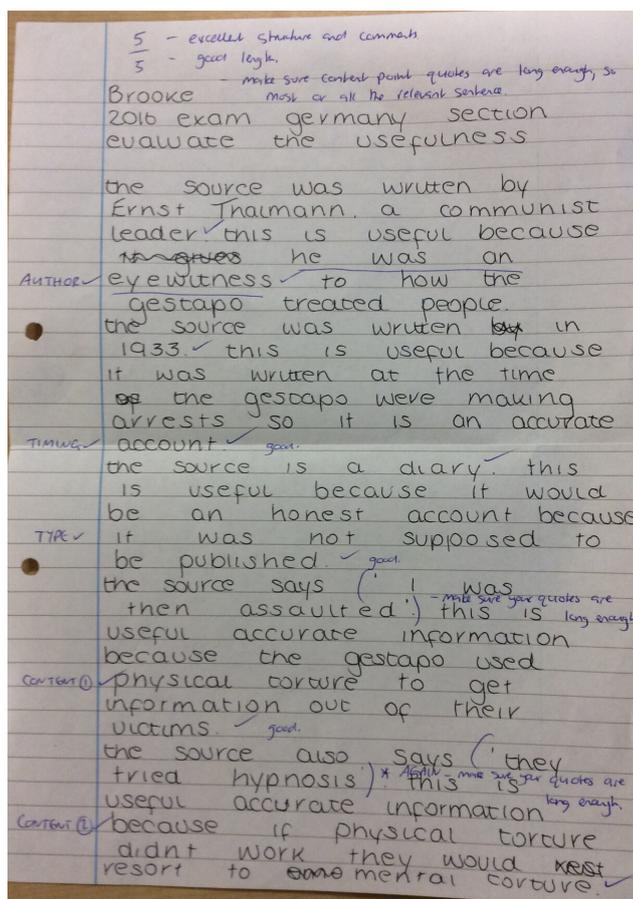


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Social Subjects

History S4-S6

Both S4 classes have continued to impress their teacher with their work rate and motivation in class. I have high hopes for this year's S4s and hope all can maintain a solid work ethic away from the classroom in preparation for their upcoming practice exams, assignments and the May exam. The S5 and S6 mixed level class are currently coming to the end of their British unit on Modern Britain (1880-1951), having finished the Russia topic in October. The Higher candidates continue to strive towards meeting the jump from National to Higher level, which is challenging. They have been focussing on essay knowledge, analysis and structure while also gaining some practice in writing answers under timed conditions. The practice exam in January will be a further indicator of their progress and I would encourage them all to continue working hard in class and at home.



Modern Studies

Police Scotland Visit

Huge thanks to Gordon and Innis from Police Scotland for coming in to visit S4 Modern Studies as part of their Crime and Law course on how the police tackle crime in Scotland to answer questions about the role of the police. They were very impressed at the confidence of the pupils when asking questions and the range of questions they asked.

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Social Subjects

Modern Studies

National 5 Sheriff Court Visit

On Thursday 10th October while everyone else was taking part in the sponsored walk National 5 Modern Studies went to the Sheriff Court in Paisley. We are very grateful to Nicola Glass for organising and Sheriff Lindsey Kooner for talking to us about the sentencing process and allowing us to watch the sentencing court. It was an eye opening experience and gave us some good real life sentencing examples to use in our National 5 exam answers on the ways courts tackle crime.

STUC Visit

We were pleased to welcome for the first time to Linwood High Modern studies representatives from the STUC. Pupils were interested to learn about the importance of Trade Unions and the issues they are currently campaigning against, such as Zero Hours Contracts. Huge thanks to Terry and Jess for coming in to speak to S4.

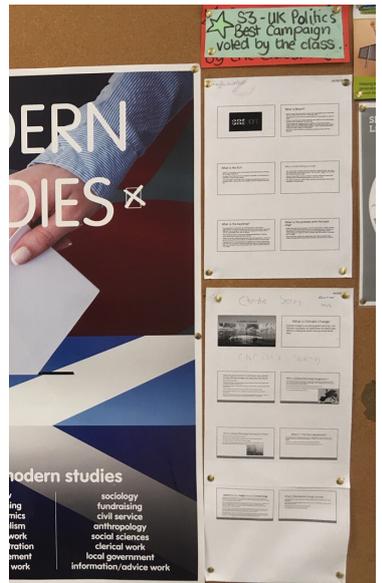
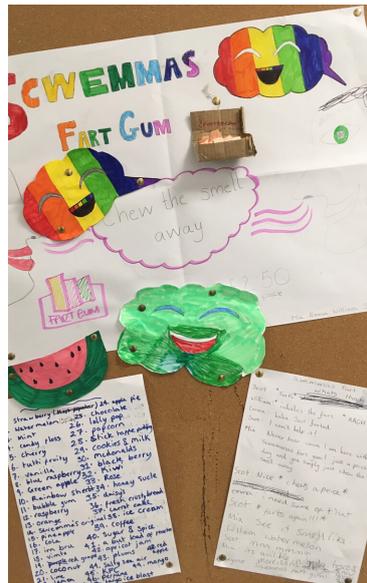
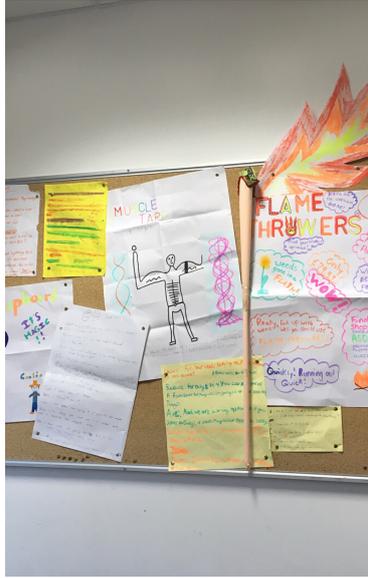
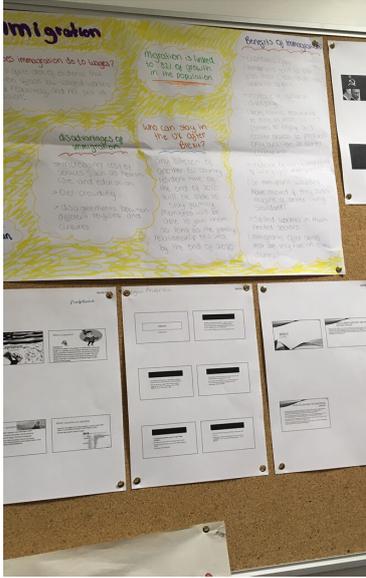
BGE Modern Studies

Here is some excellent work from S1-3 from last term. You can see excellent work from 2.2 with their Terrorism Newspaper Reports and from 1.2 with their advertising campaigns as part of their Introduction to the Media Unit, the winning campaign was for Fart Gum, flavoured chewing gum that makes life more fragrant. A great idea, maybe it should be the Dragon's Den next for them.

Law Society Visit

The Law Society joined us in November for National 5 pupils to examine real evidence from a real murder trial and to decide whether the accused was guilty. Huge thanks to Katelyn and Cameron for coming in and great to see our pupils rational and intelligent decision making process on show.

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Science

STEM Audit

As part of an authority wide initiative Mrs Whyte of the science department has recently carried out an audit of the STEM activities that take place throughout the school session. It is fantastic to see the wealth of activities our young people have the opportunity to participate in throughout the year. This information is to be shared with Renfrewshire's STEM working group.

| Activity | Year Group | Area of STEM covered | Outside agency involvement |
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| Greenpower go kart | Ages 11-16 | Technologies and engineering | Greenpower/ stem ambassador |
| 4X4 Challenge | S1/2/3 pupils | Technologies and engineering | Landrover Jaguar |
| Scalectrixs 4 schools | S1/2 pupils | Technologies and engineering | Scalectrixs |
| Craft club (Ran by s6 pupils) | S1/2 pupils | Technologies and engineering | None |
| Craft 1 Maths Course - SQCF Level 5 | S5/6 | Maths course specifically based in Science and Engineering Contexts | SQA |
| Funmaths Roadshow | S2 Pupils | Maths Problem Solving and Puzzles | Glasgow University – Science Connects Unit/STEM Ambassadors |
| Maths Challenge Competition/Maths Olympiad | S1/2 | Encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. | UK Mathematics Trust |

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Science

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| Sumdog Inter School Competitions | All year groups | Online Mathematical Games with a competitive edge against other Renfrewshire Schools | SUMDOG.com |
| Enterprising Maths Competition | S3/4 | Inter School Mathematics Event with Regional Heats and National Final | Scottish Mathematics Council & The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries |
| Maths Puzzle of the Month Competition | All year groups | School based Maths Problem Solving & Puzzles | None |
| S1 STEM visit to GSC | S1 | Science / Engineering | GSC |
| S1 STEM visit to GSC | S2 | Science / Engineering | GSC |
| Chemistry SEPA Visit | S4/5/6 Chemistry pupils | Chemistry / Environmental Science / Engineering | SEPA |
| UWS Spectroscopy in a Box | H Chemistry pupils | Chemistry | UWS |
| 2 IDL STEM day – Rapid Response | S2 pupils | Science, Technologies, Engineering and Maths | STEM Ambassadors |
| Chemistry Dragon's Den | S4/5/6 Chemistry pupils | Chemistry | None |
| S1 Whitelee Wind farm trip | S1 pupils | Science and Engineering | Whitelee Wind farm / GSC |
| S2 IDL – Lip balm project | S2 pupils | Science and Technology | None |
| S2 Smart STEM event | S2 pupils | Science, Technologies, Engineering and Maths | Smart STEM / UWS |
| S2 Science Festival – new for this session | S2 pupils | Science | STEM Ambassadors / WCS / Local Businesses (TBC) |

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SI visit to the 'Water, water everywhere' workshop at the Glasgow Science Centre

20 SI pupils were invited to attend Scottish Water's 'Water, water everywhere' workshops and live science show at the Glasgow Science Centre. Pupils were able to access the Science Mall and attend a show which, through a series of exciting demonstrations, allowed pupils to discover where water comes from, where it goes and why it is vital for supporting life.

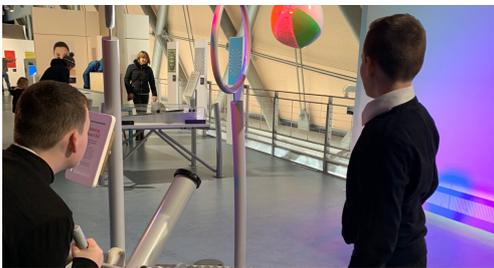


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Science

S2 visit to the 'Curiosity Live' event at the Glasgow Science Centre

20 S2 pupils were lucky enough to attend Glasgow Science Centre's 'Curiosity Live' event. This event was a celebration of talent, research, innovation and creativity. Pupils could participate in research that is happening now, right on our doorstep in Glasgow and the west with people who are carrying out groundbreaking work in their specialisms of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Pupils were able to access the Science Mall and ask questions of the many experts available on the day. They also attended a question and answer session with individuals who currently work in the STEM industries.



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Science

S3/4/5 DYW STEM visit to WCS Clydebank

Fifteen S3, 4 and 5 pupils were invited to the Clydebank Campus of West College Scotland for STEM West 2019. This event was organised by the Scottish Government funded Developing the Young Workforce West regional group (DYW West) in partnership with their host organisation West College Scotland. The pupils attending engaged with 40 exhibitors offering information and interactive activities to help inspire them to consider STEM related careers and subject choices at school.

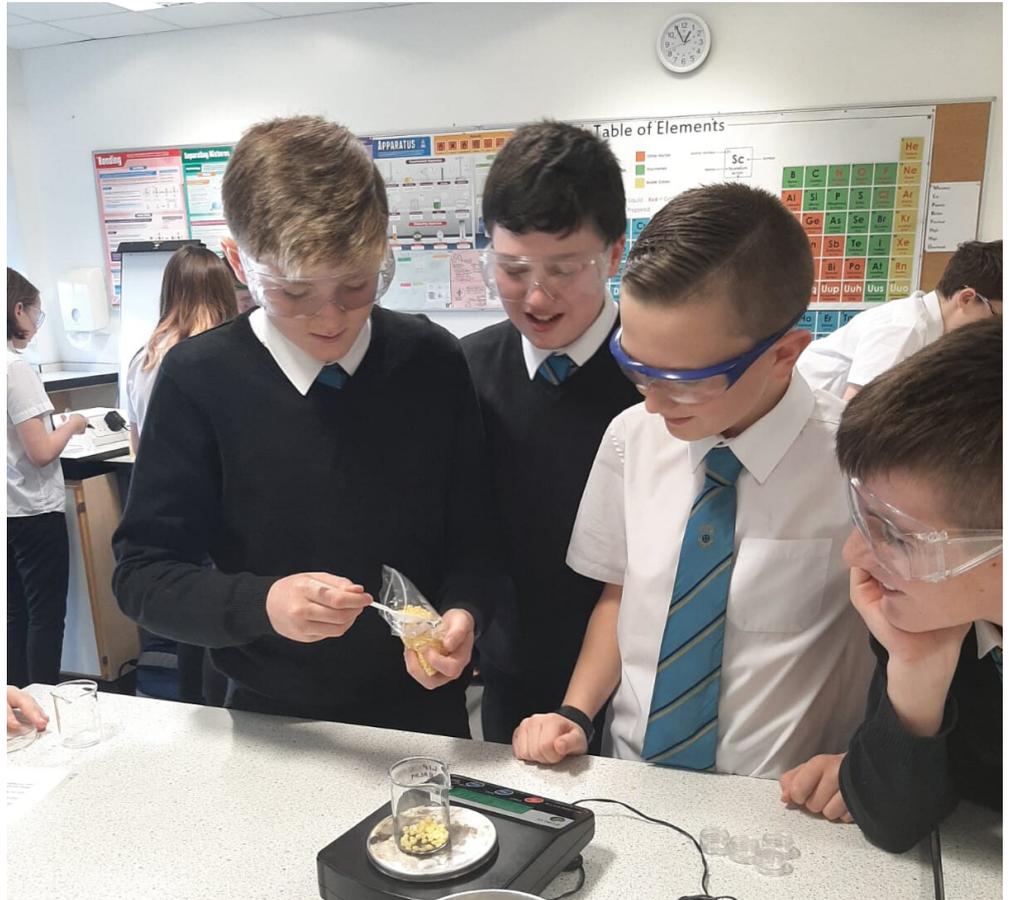


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Science

Music / IT / Science IDL Project

S2 pupils have been hard at work in the science department producing lip balm. They have spent time looking at the marketing at advertising of their product with Mrs Smith in IT and have produced some amazing radio jingles in the Music department.



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Technologies



Technical

The department have been working hard creating many Christmas items for the Christmas fayre and the upcoming Christmas concert. Mr Magee's Christmas helpers Libby and Lauren have been painting and creating wonderful things for the stall. They also came in to help sell our products and represent the department and school. They did an amazing job.

Pupil Support Centre

PDA class

This term pupils from the PDA class have been working hard to create items for the home as part of their 'Practical Abilities' unit. They have already produced beautiful, hand painted fabric lanterns and are currently making applique cushion covers. Next term pupils are going to be speaking to staff across the school to discuss their ideas for improving the learning environment in classrooms that need a bit of TLC.



KINTYRE BASE

Kintyre Base News

Our young people have been working throughout the session to develop their skills and expand their experiences. They have outlined some of the activities they have participated in. Well done everyone, we are very proud of you!

Archery Leadership Award

As part of our Outdoor Education programme, our young people worked towards a Leadership Award. As most of us had taken part in archery before, Scott, our instructor, thought it would be best for us to learn how to coach Archery to Primary School children. During the first lesson we had we revised how to practise archery in the correct and safe way and then how we would teach the children about how to hold the bow, how their stance should be, how to load the arrow into the bow, and how to shoot and aim for the target. We also went through us teaching the session to each other as if we were instructors.

In week 2 we practised the whole session again and then went on to learn how to teach some games such as a simple team points games and breakfast where every different colour would be a breakfast food item. On the 13th of November we went to Bargarran Primary School in Erskine and taught two lots of Primary 4's Archery. Every young person had a part to play whether it was to demonstrate how to shoot the arrow or to tell them the rules. Our young people did brilliantly well and coached the children excellently, boosting the children's confidence and their own.

The Rosey Project

The Rosey Project is an organisation whose goal is to alleviate Rape Crisis in Scotland. The project travels around the country, entering places of education to explore the issues surrounding young people and their attitudes to one another. Sarah from the Rosey Project visited the base four times. Examples of activities included discussing pressures and expectations put on young men and women of today. We also watched videos of ways in which students can accidentally perpetuate stereotypes through their actions. We learned a lot about the importance of respecting one another and the impact our behaviour on social media could have. Thanks Sarah!

KINTYRE BASE

Community Involvement

During this term, young people from the Kintyre Base have been helping to raise funds and collect items for many different charities and places.

- Items donated for Women's Aid were collected and delivered to make sure that women and young girls who had to access support from the shelter will get a Christmas present this year.
- Coats for the Homeless Posters were made and forwarded to other Renfrewshire bases, asking for coats to keep the homeless warm during these cold winter months. We delivered 6 black bags filled with warm coats on 29.11.19.
- ROAR (Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire) is a local charity dedicated to tackling loneliness. Some of our young people will be volunteering at their Christmas lunch this year, bonding with older adults, serving food, helping to set up and clear away and of course being festive at the same time. We hope that this event will be a roaring success for both the young and older people involved!



EMPLOYABILITY NEWS

Site Visit to J & D Pierce, December 2019

S4, S5 & S6 pupils were invited to visit J & D Pierce, in Glengarnock in North Ayrshire recently. We are the first school in Renfrewshire to be invited to a site visit, so we were very keen to accept this kind invitation.

J & D Pierce are one of the largest structural steelwork contractors in Scotland starting in 1975 as small family business. They now employ more than 350 staff from the local area and have been involved in a wide variety of engineering projects in the UK – eg. Queen Street Station, Clydebank leisure Centre, Ashton Gate Stadium. We received a very warm welcome from Alex Rose, one of the managers and spent the morning visiting the huge factory. Hi-Vis jackets, safety glasses and ear defenders were required as we toured the factory and design offices and talked to staff about their roles in the company.

It was fascinating to watch and chat to welders, mechanics, painters, engineers, steel fabricators, draughtsmen, accountants and estimators and many, many more, about their specific jobs. Who knew there were so many different types of career pathways available in J & D Pierce! Our pupils gained a great insight into this company and were interested to hear of the modern apprenticeships that will be advertised at the start of 2020.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Linwood High School Boys' Football Club

The under 14s and under 16s teams have shown a good level of commitment to fulfilling all their fixtures in the League, St Mirren cup and Scottish Shield. The boys have competed well and shown some good passages of play in matches against schools whose pupil roll is two and three times the size of Linwood High School.

The highlight for the under 14s came with a remarkable 10-0 victory against Castlehead in the St Mirren cup, which compensated for narrow defeats against Renfrew High School and St Ninian's. Well done to the boys for their perseverance and good luck in the next round of fixtures in the New Year.

Mr Allan & Dr Wright



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sponsored Walk October 2019 – World Mental Health Day

“Let’s organise a whole school sponsored walk”. Nobody can be sure whose mad idea this was, but our S6s were certainly up for the challenge. After our first planning, we decided it really wasn’t such a mad idea after all and with detailed organisation, we knew it was going to be a success. First of all, Ms Cowan and our S6 organisers, Beth, Sophie, Olivia and Ryan had to test out the route...So one morning we all set off, wrapped up, waterproof jacket pockets stuffed with snacks and with the knowledge that we could stop for a hot chocolate in Bridge of Weir, if required. Was the route too short? Was the path too muddy? It was pretty clear that the answer to all of these questions was a definite NO and we returned to school after our trial walk a bit tired but with the good news that the walk was definitely going ahead...!

Planning started in earnest...Pupils were organised into 24 groups with an S6 pupil and teacher in charge of each group. Off we set, 2 groups at a time with S6s supervising en route. 2 members of staff, Mr McDade & Mr MacColl cycled the route several times and were cheered on by pupils. At the halfway point in Bridge of Weir, Ms Hinde and Mrs Beattie welcomed us with water and this was a welcome resting place for our tired legs.

The walk took about 2 hours to complete and we all returned to school a bit tired but with a great sense of achievement. As our sponsored walk coincided with World Mental Health Day, S6s decided to make a donation from our proceeds to a local mental health charity called RAMH. We have started to plan for next year’s sponsored walk already...



RAMH 
recovery across mental health

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Young Enterprise



PARIS 2019

Paris 2019

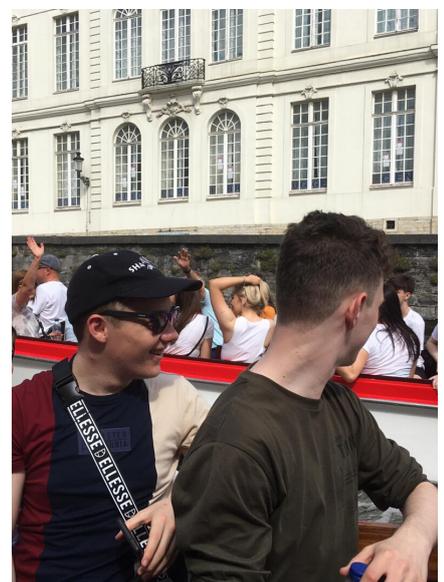
On 24th June 45 pupils and 5 staff left the school heading for Paris. With a stop in York for lunch we then took the overnight ferry to Zeebrugge. On Tuesday morning we spent time in Bruges seeing the sights from a canal boat before having some free time to take in the sights. The visit was complete after a trip to a chocolate factory and shop, unfortunately most of the chocolate melted as the temperature was over 30C for the whole trip.

Wednesday saw us heading into Paris for a day sightseeing. We started off going to the top of the Montparnasse Tower where we celebrated a couple of birthdays and several people overcame their fear of heights to admire the views. After lunch in street cafes near to Notre Dame we walked along the banks of the Seine stopping at the Louvre to cool down in the fountains before realising we weren't allowed to paddle there! Our walk continued with several pupils taking to the Ferris wheel while others cooled down with ice-cream. When we reached La Trocadero the temperature had soared again and some pupils decided to take a dip before heading to McDonalds on Champs Elysées for dinner. The girls then enjoyed a visit to Sephora and the boys to Paris St Germain shop or the Arc De Triomphe.

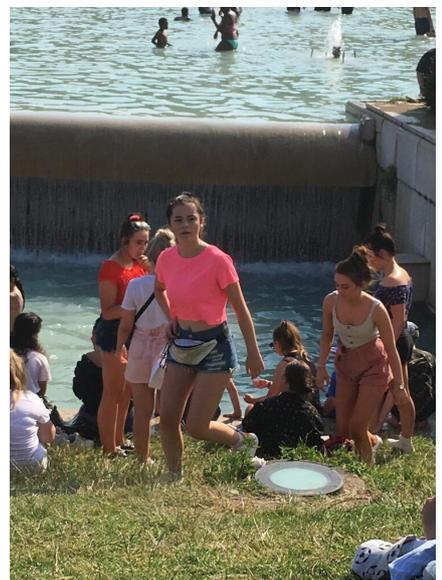
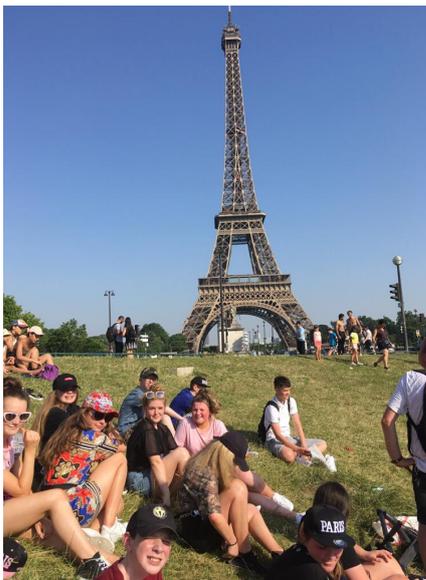
Thursday was our last day in France and we spent it at Disneyland. Everyone enjoyed the rides, shopping experience and getting to meet Mickey and his friends. Then it was back on the coach and time to head home.



PARIS 2019



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2019



REMINDER - PRELIMS

Senior Phase Prelims (V8) Monday 13th - Friday 24th January 2020

| Date | Slot | Subject | Paper | Time | Duration | Accomm | Other details |
|----------------------|------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------|------------|---------------------------|
| Monday 13 January | AM | H English | Paper 1: Close Reading | 8.50 - 10.20 | 1h30 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H English | Paper 2: Critical Reading | 10.45 - 12.15 | 1h30 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | N5 Media | Written Paper | 8.50 - 10.50 | 2h | Games Hall | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | PM | N5 English | Paper 1: Close Reading | 12.30 - 1.30 | 1hr | Games Hall | |
| | PM | N5 English | Paper 2: Critical Reading | 1.50 - 3.20 | 1h 30 | Games Hall | |
| Tuesday 14 January | AM | N5 Biology | Written paper | 8.50 - 11.20 | 2h30 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H Biology | Paper 1: Multiple choice | 8.50 - 9.30 | 40mins | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H Biology | Paper 2 | 9.50 - 12.10 | 2h20 | Games Hall | |
| | PM | H Art & Design | Written paper | 1.15 - 3.15 | 2h | Games Hall | |
| Wednesday 15 January | AM | H Maths | Paper 1 | 8.50 - 10.20 | 1h30 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H Maths | Paper 2 | 10.50 - 12.35 | 1h45 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | N5 Maths | Paper 1 | 8.50 - 10.05 | 1h15 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | N5 Maths | Paper 2 | 10.30 - 12.20 | 1h50 | Games Hall | |
| | PM | N5 Applications of Maths | Paper 1 | 1.00-2.05 | 1h05 | Games Hall | |
| | PM | N5 Applications of Maths | Paper 2 | 2.10-4.10 | 2h | Games Hall | |
| Thursday 16 January | AM | N5 French | Reading & Writing | 8.50 - 10.20 | 1h30 | Games Hall | Dictionary to be provided |
| | AM | N5 French | Listening | 11.10 - 11.40 | 30mins | F45 | Dictionary to be provided |
| | AM | H French | Reading and Direct Writing | 8.50-10.50 | 2h | Games Hall | Dictionary to be provided |
| | AM | H French | Listening | 12.00-12.30 | 30mins | F45 | Dictionary to be provided |
| | PM | N5 Physics | Written paper | 12.00-2.30 | 2h30 | Games Hall | Relationship sheets |
| | PM | H Physics | Paper 1: Multi choice | 12.00 -12.45 | 45mins | Games Hall | Relationship sheets |
| Friday 17 January | PM | H Physics | Paper 2 | 12.50 - 3.05 | 2h15 | Games Hall | Relationship sheets |
| | AM | N5 Geography | Written paper | 8.50 - 11.10 | 2h20 | Games Hall | Double Desks |
| | AM | H Geography | Paper 1 | 8.50 - 10.40 | 1h50 | Games Hall | Double Desks |
| | AM | H Geography | Paper 2 | 11 - 12.10 | 1h10 | Games Hall | Double Desks |
| | AM | N5 RMPS | Written paper | 8.50 - 11.10 | 2h20 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H RMPS | Paper 1 | 8.50 - 11.05 | 2h15 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H RMPS | Paper 2 | 11.30 - 12.15 | 45mins | Games Hall | |
| | AM | N5 Modern Studies | Written paper | 8.50 - 11.10 | 2h20 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H Modern Studies | Paper 1 | 8.50 - 10.35 | 1h45 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H Modern Studies | Paper 2 | 11 - 12.15 | 1h15 | Games Hall | |
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| | PM | N5 P Metalwork | Written paper | 2.00-3.00 | 1hr | Games Hall | |
| | PM | N5 P Woodwork | Written paper | 2.00-3.00 | 1hr | Games Hall | |

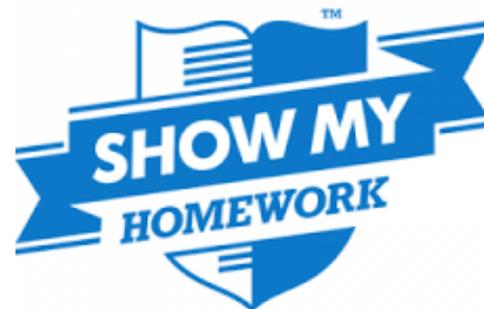
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| Monday 20 January | AM | N5 Graphic Communication | Written paper | 8.50 - 10.50 | 2hr | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H Graphic Communication | Written paper | 8.50 - 11.20 | 2hr30 | Games Hall | |
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| | PM | N5 Computing | Written paper | 1.00-3.00 | 2hrs | Games Hall | |
| | PM | H Computing | Written paper | 1.00-3.30 | 2hr30 | Games Hall | |
| | PM | N5 Business Management | Written paper | 1.00-3.00 | 2hrs | Games Hall | |
| | PM | H Business Management | Written paper | 1.00-3.45 | 2h45 | Games Hall | |
| Tuesday 21 January | | | | | | | |
| | AM | N5 Art & Design | Written paper | 8.50 - 10.20 | 1h30 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | N5 PE | Written paper | 8.50 - 9.50 | 1hr | Games Hall | |
| | AM | H PE | Written paper | 8.50 -11.20 | 2hr 30 | Games Hall | |
| | AM | N5 Music | Understanding | 8.50 - 9.50 | 1hr | Music dept | |
| | AM | H Music | Understanding | 10.30 - 11.30 | 1hr | Music dept | |
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| | PM | N5 History | Written paper | 1.00-3.20 | 2h20 | Games Hall | Not N3 or N4 pupils |
| | PM | H History | Written paper | 1.00-2.30 | 1h30 | Games Hall | |
| Wednesday 22 January | | | | | | | |
| | AM | N5 Admin | Practical | 8.50 - 11.20 | 2h30 | S03 | |
| | AM | H Admin | Paper 1 | 8.50 - 10.20 | 1h30 | S02 | |
| | AM | H Admin | Paper 2 - practical | 10.50 - 1.20 | 2h30 | S02 | |
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| | PM | N5 P Cake Craft | Written paper | 2.00-2.45 | 45m | Games Hall | |
| Thursday 23 January | | | | | | | |
| | AM | N5 P Cookery | Written paper | 8.50-9.50 | 1hr | Games Hall | Calculator |
| | | AH Music | Written paper | 8.50-10.05 | 1h15 | Music Dept | |
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| | PM | N5 Chemistry | Written paper | 1.00- 3.30 | 2h30 | Games Hall | Data Books |
| Friday 24 January | | | | | | | |
| | ALL | N5 & N4 Art & Design | Practical | 9 - 2.50 | All day | F06 | N4 AM only (7 Pupils) |
| | ALL | H Art & Design | Practical | 9 - 2.50 | All day | F07 | |
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SHOW MY HOMEWORK

Show My Homework

A new way to record, track and monitor homework is coming to Linwood High School. We are excited to be launching Show My Homework, an online tool to help you keep track of your child's homework. Show My Homework will allow you to see the details of the tasks your child has been set, all their deadlines and their submission status. It will also help us to streamline communication with parents.



Key Features of Show My Homework:

- 24/7 access
- View quality and quantity of homework
- Translation into over 50 languages
- Apps available for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android devices
- Receive automated notifications before homework is due

All pupils have been guided through setting up their account and downloading the app to their mobile devices. Staff training will happen next ahead of a full launch in January 2020. All parents will be issued with detailed instructions and where to find support at the launch in January.

We look forward to engaging with you to help support your child's learning out of school.

Senior Leadership Team

Miss G. Maccortney Head Teacher
 SS-6 Ms G Cowan Deputy Head Teacher
 SS-4 Mr B McKenna Deputy Head Teacher
 S1-2 Mr J Hammond Deputy Head Teacher
 Mrs L Shaw Acting Deputy Head Teacher

Pupil Support Staff

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Calendar

19/20

Holiday
 Staff In-service day
 Pupils return Date

Term 01
 School Photos
 Parent Council Meeting
 Awards Ceremony
 Work Experience

Dates
 Wed 28 August 2019
 Tues 3 September 2019
 Thurs 5 September 2019
 Mon 9 - Frid 13 September 2019

August
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Term 02

Parent Council Meeting
 Halloween
 Snowball Dance
 Christmas Concert

Dates
 Tues 22 October 2019
 Tues 29 October 2019
 Thurs 12 December 2019
 Mon 16 December 2019

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Term 03

Parent Council Meeting
 Prelim Exams
 HPV Immunisations
 Teen Booster
 Parent Council Meeting

Dates
 Tues 7 January 2020
 Thurs 9 January 2020
 Frid. 10 January 2020
 Frid. 21 February 2020
 Tues 3 March 2020

April
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Term 04

Leavers Ceremony
 SQA Exams
 S3 Exams start
 Rapid Response Day
 P7 Induction Days
 SS/6 Induction Days
 New Timetable
 Prom Reception
 Parent Council Meeting
 School Summer Show
 Activity Day
 Summer Close

Dates
 Fri 24 April 2020
 Mon 27 April - Frid 29 May 2020
 Wed 6 May 2020
 Thurs 14 May 2020
 Wed 27 - Frid 29 May 2020
 Frid 29 May 2020
 Mon 1 June 2020
 Fri 5 June 2020
 Tues 9 June 2020
 Tues 16 Wed 17 June 2020
 Wed 24 June 2020
 Frid 26 June 2020 - 1pm

Parents Evenings

(7 - 8 pm)
 P7 Information Evening
 Thurs 19 September 2019
 S2&S3 Choice Meeting
 Frid 5 June 2020
 S4 - S6 Choice Meeting
 Mon 18 February 2020
 P7 Parents Evening
 Wed 27 May 2020

Parents Evenings

(4:00pm - 6:30pm)
 S1 Tues 12 November 19
 S2 Mon 13 January 20
 S3 Thurs 13 February 20
 S4 Tues 3 December 19
 (3:30pm - 6:00pm)
 SS/6 Wed 30 October 19

Tracking Report

week beginning...
 S1 & S3 23 September 2019
 S4/5/6 7 October 2019
 S2 4 November 2019
 S1 & S2 23 March 2020
 S3 27 April 2020

Full Report

S1 4 May 2020
 S2 9 December 2019
 S3 3 February 2020
 S4/6 2 March 2020