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Farewell Mrs Elliot



Jane Elliot leaves us after 12 1/2 years as our Business Support Manager and laterally our Education Support Manager. Appointed in April 2004 as a direct result of the McCrone agreement Jane has worked tirelessly to support the school in the various aspects of her remit. Jane has three loves in her life:

Her first love

Her job and working with David Nicholls on a daily basis. Staff call them the Paw and Maw Broon of Gleniffer High School - the wee guy who thinks he's in charge of the money and matriarch who is actually in charge

Her second love:

As arguably Scotland's greatest ever Netball player (the Kenny Dalglish of Netball) Jane has played all over the world at world championships, commonwealth Games, home international events and invitational tournaments. Moving from player to coach she has also coached her club team to the National championship title, coached our Scottish national teams and only recently was invited to coach the national team of Gibraltar. In school she coached the senior girls team and to watch her on the sidelines is to watch a master class in coaching, communication and motivation.

Her third love:

The third love in Jane's life is without question the greatest and one where she is an open book - her family. Wife, mother and gran she just adores being the centre of what is a loving, caring and close knit family all of which is down to Jane and the wonderful relationship she has with her husband. To hear Jane talk about her grandchildren would just make you want to have her as your gran. She would love you protect you and spoil you rotten!

Jane has been an outstanding member of staff to work with. She is a colleague with whom the words trust and loyalty course through her veins. This school is where it is because of the work, dedication and commitment of so many staff and Jane is right up there in the starting line up. Happy, happy retirement Jane!



We spoke to Jane just before she was leaving:

Q. Jane, what did you enjoy about working in GHS?

A. "The constant drive from staff asking for resources etc for their departments to ensure that our pupils got the best - staff never gave up wanting and I have a lovely worn path to my door to prove it."

Q. What will you miss about Gleniffer High School?

A. "I will miss everyone who worked at Gleniffer HS and the pupils most definitely."

Q. What will you not miss about Gleniffer High School?

A. "The early rise in the morning to get to school and trying to sneak passed Mr Nicholls door before he asked me a question."

Q.If you had on last piece of advice for your Netball Girls what would it be?

A. "Never give up on anything you want to do - just keep on going you will get there in the end with determination."

"Mrs Elliot has been such an inspiration to us, she never points out our flaws and always gets us to perform to the best of our ability, we will miss her" Gillian Sinclair, S6

2017

Happy New Year!

January 2016

Dear parent / carer,

A Happy New year to pupils, parents and family members.

Welcome to our second newsletter of session 2016 - 2017 and the opportunity to read about what has been happening inside Gleniffer High School since October.

As ever the last few months we have been as busy as ever with so much going on in our busy school ranging from the core business of teaching and learning to fund raising events to a full range of Christmas festivities. All of which gives our school the hallmark of being a vibrant, energetic and inspiring place to work and learn. Long may that continue!

So as we go into another calendar year and the second half of the session, let us look forward to continuing to work together and developing and improving as a united school community.

Here's to a successful 2017.

David Nicholls
Head Teacher

CUSTOMER
SERVICE
EXCELLENCE



Customer Service Excellence

On Tuesday 15 November we took part in our annual UK Standard Customer Service Excellence evaluation which we came through with flying colours and full compliance in all categories. This national award is open to all service providers in the UK with some notable names such as the Department of Work and Pensions, numerous Scottish and English Councils, Greater London Olympic Park, Lake District National Parks, Oxford University and many more.

As a school we see this prestigious award as central to the service we provide to our pupils and parents and with an annual evaluation of our work, it ensures that we are always reviewing and improving the quality of our service. With only 5 schools in Scotland holding this award we have every right to be very proud of our achievements and the level of service we provide as a school community.

My thanks to everyone who makes this possible year on year and for the excellent support we received from pupils and parents.

If you would like to find out more about UK Standard Customer Service Excellence please visit the website at www.customerserviceexcellence.uk.com





Miss Feggans

I am delighted to report that large numbers of our S1 and S2 pupils received Behaviour Reward Certificates in December. These are awarded to pupils who have bought into our school values on a consistent basis over a period of time. It is always a pleasure to present these awards.

S1 Tracking Reports were issued to pupils and parents/ carers in November and S2 Tracking Reports were issued in December. This information allowed parents/ carers to determine how pupils are coping with class work. Our S1 Parents' Night on November 24th gave parents/ carers the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with individual teachers. The majority of our young people continue to work to the best of their ability, making a very positive contribution to the school.

The pupils enjoyed the annual Panto Trip, with a visit to the SECC to see Aladdin. Pupils enjoyed this experience and were a credit to themselves, the school and to families.

Both S1 and S2 pupils have enjoyed a very busy term. PE staff arranged the Gladiator Games, where many S1 and S2 pupils competed in what was a fun morning.

The S1 – S3 Dance was enjoyed by all. 'DJ Gorman' and his assistant, S2 pupil Kyle McGregor, ensured that all pupils enjoyed great music and graphics during the afternoon.

"I love being part of the DJ club, I've been learning how to use all the sound systems and lighting"



Kyle McGregor



Mrs McMunn

Following the tracking reports issued in early November, it was a pleasure to see so many parents attend the S3 Parents' Evening on 8th November. Can I take this opportunity to thank parents for your excellent commitment to this key event in your child's calendar. Having achieved the record for the highest ever Parents' Evening attendance when your child was in S2, you continued this into S3, a proud moment indeed.

During PSE classes pupils were focused on taking part in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative and I was particularly impressed by the imagination and drive of so many pupils. I was delighted to accept the invitation to be on the judging panel but I couldn't have foreseen the difficult task ahead in choosing one winner. I took the opportunity to speak to pupils about the quality of the presentations at last week's assembly and highlighted words used by the judging panel in their summaries. They spoke of "enthusiasm", "determination", "engagement", "passion", "teamwork" and "personal stories". Congratulations to all S3 pupils for their commitment to such a worthwhile initiative.

The Behaviour Recognition awards ceremonies took place last week for S1– S3 and I was delighted to see the majority of S3 pupils receive their bronze certificates. I set out the challenge to those who did not make the grade on this occasion to make sure they have improved their behaviour and join the rest of the year group at the next event, which will take place just before the Easter holidays.

As I write this we are in the midst of all the fun events leading up to the Christmas holidays – the carol concert, the panto at SECC, the ever-popular G-factor and finishing with our Christmas karaoke on the last day. Always a great time of year in schools.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a fabulous new year and I look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed, recharged and ready to take on the challenges of new term.



Pupils with their certificates from the Behaviour Recognition Awards.
Well done everyone!

Head Teachers



Mrs Prentice

An incredibly busy term for S4 as they prepared for their first set of prelim exams in December. Prelims are extremely important in setting pupils up for their final exams after Easter and they also provide pupils with an insight into how they are performing overall in their subjects. S4 pupils can now relax and enjoy their Christmas holidays after all their hard work in recent weeks!

All S4 pupils will have their Work Experience week in January and almost all of them have found a place. Well done to Mr Ramsay for all his hard work in getting pupils placed. Those who do not have a work experience place will follow a single timetable. Pupils will have to ensure that they have work to complete!



Mrs Sangster

Mrs Sangster, the senior school have been very busy this term can you tell us a bit more about that please?

"Yes I can; Incredible efforts have been made by our Fifth and Sixth year so far this session especially our spectacular 'badge holders' led by our Head Girl, Georgia, and Head Boy, Dean, and their large team of deutes and prefects.

S5 pupils are buckling down to all the hard work that comes from being in their most challenging academic year so far. Between sitting National 5 prelims in December, completing unit tests, coping with assignments and with plenty of homework and home study, I think they really are entitled to a little holiday over the Christmas period. However, not for too long! After Christmas the S5 & S6 Higher prelim exams are looming and will begin on Friday 12th January, so there is not too much time to relax.

We had a very successful Parents Evening on 13th of October with a high turnout of parents eager to support their children and seek help and advice from members of staff.

We have had a series of events from Parents Nights, Open Evenings and Whole School events require the prefects to attend on mass. They do a great job of welcoming parents and assisting staff at these events. Many of them have given their full support contributing a great deal to each event.

Life in Gleniffer High School is always busy. At the end of October, S4, S5& S6 held an excellent Halloween disco which was organised by our deutes Brian and Gillian and was well attended by some very colourful characters. It really was a fantastic evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We especially enjoyed the revamped of the 'Ghost Walk' along the Maths corridor which raised a few screams and a lot of laughter. We all got soaked 'dooking' for apples and probably all ate too much chocolate.

In November we were entertained by the Sixth Year with a week of well organised events ending with a very well choreographed dance routine to raise funds for the BBC Children in Need appeal. The school raised an overwhelming £3351 which is going to be really hard for us to beat next year.

The Christmas celebrations over the festive season, as you might imagine, were extensive beginning with our Christmas Carol Concert, Gladiator Games and G Factor Talent Show. This is followed by our S4, S5 and S6 Christmas Dance, organised by the head boy, Dean Whitehorn, the Christmas Service and finally the Christmas 'Sing- a- long'. Good job we had a holiday to recover afterwards... Phew!"



Happy
New Year!



Youth Philanthropy Initiative

By Miss Cameron



The Youth Philanthropy Initiative was launched once again with our S3 pupils on Friday 9 September 2016 by Alistair Cairns from YPI when he talked to the year group about philanthropic activity and challenged the pupils to think about how they could be philanthropic in their actions and how that could benefit the Paisley community. That Friday afternoon then played host to a Charity Fair which was attended by a variety of 14 local and national charities. The pupils were then all fired up and ready to identify the social cause that touched them the most and challenged to find a charity that supported their cause. The pupils then spent several weeks researching the work of the chosen charity, arranging visits to the charity and interviewing charity representatives. The pupils pulled all of their work together to then compete in class finals, presenting the case for their chosen charity to win £3,000. The groups had to focus on the impact that the £3,000 donation would have to families within the Renfrewshire area.

Brightest Star, a charity that provides support to families following the death of a child at any age, from any cause of death, successfully secured £3,000 as Beth Scott, Rachel Shaw, Lucy Quinn, Daisy Randall, Connie Renton gave a hard hitting presentation on the work of the charity and how they had personally been affected by what they had learnt about the charity. The following has been taken from Brightest Star's Facebook page:

"Today I was deeply moved by 6 teenage girls who came to visit Hulks Haven. These 6 young girls gave up a morning of their school holidays to come to find out about the work of Brightest Star for a project at their school, Gleniffer High School. They had already researched lots of information on Brightest Star and they weren't phased to talk about children dying or grief. I really wish we could educate more young people to know that dying is a normal part of life and its ok to grief the loss of a loved one. After watching my video on why we donate bears to bereaved families and mortuaries, these girls went to the shops, made and donated bear factory bears to Brightest Star. That is what you call a caring, selfless act from our young people and I am touched beyond belief. As a society, we should appreciate the unsung, unheard good acts that so many of our young people carry out of a daily basis."



Mr. Bilsland, Fifth Year Lauren Ferry and Sixth Year Amy Simpson recently participated in the Holocaust Educational Trust's "Lessons from Auschwitz" project. They attended two half-day seminars in Glasgow and subsequently visited the former Nazi extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Auschwitz

Mr. Bilsland answered the following questions about their experiences.

"What can you tell the new about the history of Auschwitz?"

Auschwitz is in Poland and before the Second World War it was called Oswiecim. When the Nazis took over Poland in 1939 they called the town Auschwitz, and used the army barracks and converted them into a concentration camp. The camp is where the Nazis sent people that they said were undesirable. These were groups of people such as Romanian travelers, Catholics, homosexuals and Jewish people. Overall around 1.6 million people were killed there the majority of the victims were Jewish. These camps are now open today for visitors to look round, and being in such a place is a haunting experience.

"What is the Holocaust Educational Trust?"

The Holocaust Education Trust is an organisation that works within schools and colleges and communities across the country, to try and improve people's knowledge and understanding of the holocaust. It also aims to help people understand the relevance that the holocaust still has in today's society. The Holocaust Education Trust also works against racism, anti-Semitism, and the prejudices that there are still today.

"What is the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project?"

The Holocaust Education Trust has set up the Lessons from Auschwitz project in order to educate people of the Holocaust. They also aim to show people that the events of the Holocaust are still relevant today. The Lessons from Auschwitz project, takes teachers and two pupils from each school across Scotland and runs two seminars with them, and takes them on a day trip to Auschwitz. Throughout the trip the students are given lots of support by the teachers and the staff who work for Lessons from Auschwitz.

What did you have to do?

To take part in the project, we all had to go to an orientation seminar in Glasgow which was about a week before we went out to Poland for the day. In this seminar we were introduced to the themes and key messages that the Holocaust Education Trust wished to put across to us, and we also had some ice breakers within our groups, as obviously we had never met before and we would all be going through as life changing experience together with in the next week. After this we then had Eva Clark give a survivor testimony. Her testimony was shocking and at the same time the most amazing thing I had ever listened to, as when learning about the Holocaust before the pupils who were in my group had never really thought much about the people that had survived and would have to live with the memories for the rest of their life. After this we then returned home and a week later we were on our way to Glasgow Airport at 4.30am in the morning to catch the flight to Poland.

What messages have you taken from the trip?

We have taken a lot away from our experience of taking part in Lessons from Auschwitz; it was an amazing experience, at the same time horrifying and extremely humbling. The main message we would like to pass on, is that we should not look at the mass number of people that were affected by the Holocaust, but the individual people that were affected. All of their individual lives stopped. Their families ripped apart. These were just normal people who lost their lives because of prejudice.

Mr. Bilsland also said "The scheme run by the HET provides an excellent opportunity for students to discover more about this terrible period in 20th century history. In allowing students to actually visit Auschwitz and also meet witnesses it provides an invaluable opportunity for them to go some small way in trying to understand the Holocaust.

The school has been participating for several years now and I have always been impressed by how much students gain from the experience and then pass on what they have learned to their peers and local community"



HEAD TEACHER INFORMATION MEETINGS

If you would like to discuss the current issues in education, the vision the school has for your child and the aims for the second half of this session, then Mr Nicholls is more than happy to meet with individuals or small groups of parents at a mutually agreed time during or after the school day.

If you would like to meet with Mr Nicholls and have a particular area of interest or concern you wish to discuss, then please contact me on 01505 813116 or at

glenifferhighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

GLENIFFER HIGH SCHOOL CARES

As a school we aim to provide the best education and opportunities for participation and achievement possible with the staff and resources we have available to us. To ensure that we do this, I welcome your feedback on how you perceive the service we are providing or any constructive comments on how we could improve our service. If you wish to do this, then please feel free to contact the school as we really do value your opinions.

If you would like to express your views please contact us by telephone on 01505 813116 or by email at

glenifferhighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Notice Board

UNIFORM

Our school has a very smart and practical uniform worn by all of our pupils. As we move around the school and conduct our uniform inspection visits to classes, I am pleased to inform you that the standard of dress remains excellent as a result of your support. Thank you for continuing to support the school in this important issue.

Girls:

White shirt school tie

Black zipper, cardigan, tank top or jersey (tops with school badges are preferable)

Black skirt or tailored trousers

Black shoes

Dark warm and waterproof jacket

School bag large enough for folders and pencils, pens etc

Boys:

White shirt school tie

Black zipper, tank top or jersey (tops with school badges are preferable)

Black trousers

Black shoes

Dark warm and waterproof jacket

School Bag Large enough for folders and pencils, pens etc

SPONSORSHIP

This session the PTA has donated £2,000 to school funds and £500 to our special support fund for those most in need of help with uniform, PE kit and school trips. This money is, as always, greatly appreciated and is now proving essential if we are to continue developing our extra curricular programme, rewarding pupils for excellent behaviour, achievements, attainment and representing the school. In addition to this money, the PTA also donated £100 of gift vouchers to support the fund raising no uniform day on 20 December. A big thank you to them for this very kind gesture.

However, as we work our way through the session and we continue to support and reward our pupils, we are always on the look out for assistance with additional finance to help assist with the financing of the many extras that go on within our school community.

In addition to this request for assistance, we are also looking for sponsorship and or donations towards the third planned expedition to our link school Dzenza Primary in Malawi in June 2018.

If you would like to help the school by sponsoring a sports team, a musical event, the school newsletter, the school website, a subject within the curriculum or donate towards our Malawi 2018 development fund then please do not hesitate to contact the Head Teacher on 01505 813116 or at glenifferhighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Any offer of help would be greatly appreciated.



Children in Need!



**The chop for
Lauren McColgen**



**Miss Robb goes
crackers for CIN**



Mrs McMunn

In November, the BBC Children in Need appeal was the focus of our fundraising with a fun packed week of events ranging from Car Pool Karaoke, a bake sale, staff versus pupil's football & netball matches, a movie afternoon for S1 and S2 pupils and ending with a very well choreographed dance routine involving senior pupils. The highlight this year was the humiliation of the Senior Management Team who bravely faced the ice bucket challenge! This was both original and entertaining for the whole school to watch and take part in. All our efforts raised a record breaking £3351 for a very worthwhile cause.



**Mrs Sangster, gets
a bit wet!**



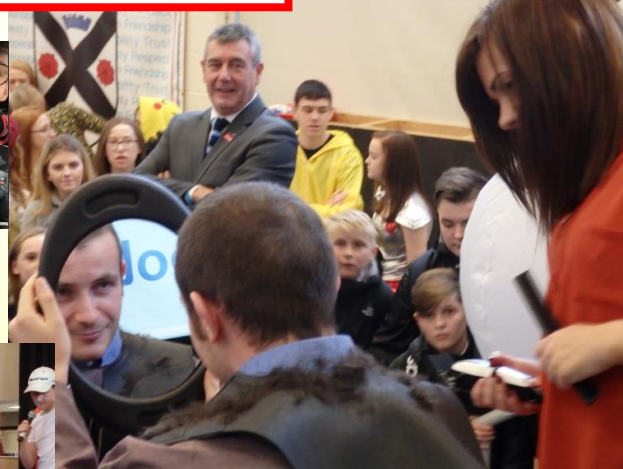
**Going for the Splash, the HT gets
four buckets!**



**Carpool Karaoke
with Miss Aitken**



A bit nippy Mr Nicholls?



**Mr Parsons gets a trim.
Raising over £400!**



Gladiator Games



Christmas Concert



S1-S3 Panto Visit



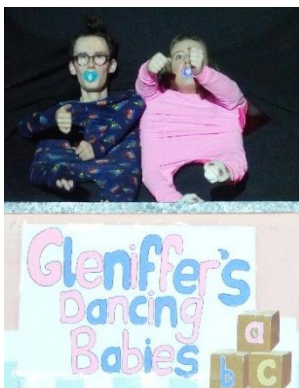


Christmas Dance



The Senior Pupils Christmas Dance took place on Thursday 15th December and was attended by 190 pupils. Everyone turned up in their glad rags and had an amazing night. A great big thank you to the head boy Dean Whitehorn for organising such a successful event.





G-Factor

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Place Gleniffer's Dancing Babies! (\$6 Badge holders)

2nd Place: Beth Hannay and Catriona Chalmers

3rd Place: Beau Cupples



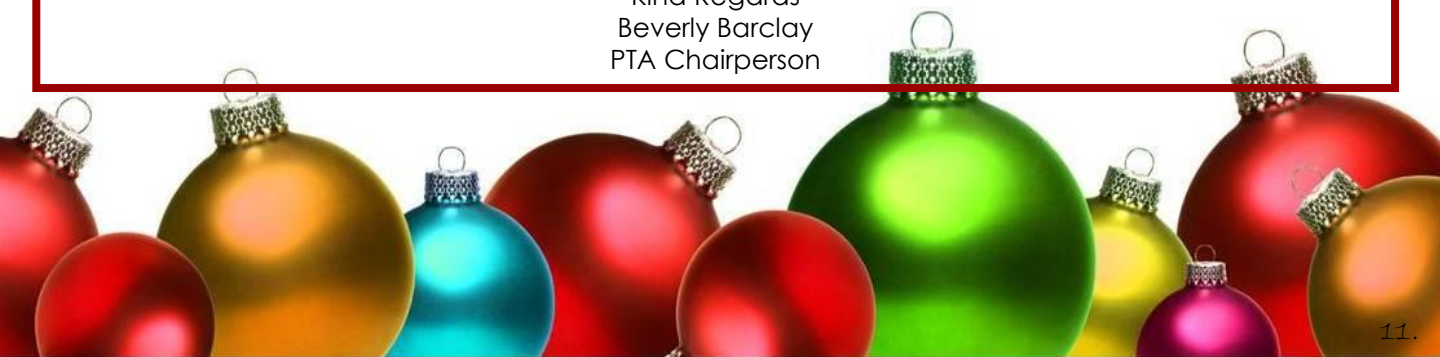
Merry Christmas from the PTA

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you very much for your support of our recent Christmas Fayre both in the way of donations and coming along on the day. We managed to raise the fantastic sum of £1080 and hopefully one Gleniffer family who won the panto tickets will have a great time there. Thanks to Sarah Kergon for the kind donation of these tickets. Our recent bake sale raised £110 which is another wonderful amount which will allow us to continue to support the school in various ways so thanks to all PTA ladies for their donations of cakes and thank you to the children for buying them. We are looking at a few fundraising events in the new year including a gin tasting event and our very successful afternoon tea in the spring/summer.

Have a wonderful Christmas and hope you will continue to support our fundraising efforts in the new year. If you would like to come along to our meetings or help at any events please contact me through the school office

Kind Regards
Beverly Barclay
PTA Chairperson





Malawi 2018

In February 2017, Gleniffer High School will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary of their partnership with Dzenza Primary School in Malawi. Over the past ten years Gleniffer High School has achieved a lot, facilitated the development of an orchard, built two toilet blocks (boys and girls), refurbished nine classrooms and seen two expeditions from the school travel to Dzenza in 2014 and 2016. The selection process for the Malawi 2018 expedition has now taken place, we hear from Keira and Grace to see how they got on.



Q. Keira, Grace, how do you feel now that you have been selected for Malawi 2018?

A. "Fantastic, being selected for the Malawi 2018 expedition was an exceptional achievement for both of us."

Q. What did you have to do to be selected?

A. "To be selected we had to attend a few meetings, write a bit about yourself, it asked questions such as our hobbies and why we want to go to Malawi. Finally, we had to take part in a 'selection afternoon' where we were put through team building activities with the teachers looking on to see how we preformed in different tasks, it also gave us an opportunity to meet and chat to the other potential candidates and get to know them. After we were all selected there was no time wasted! The groups were selected with us all evenly split into 4 mentor groups and 2 expedition teams which we will be working in throughout the whole process."



Q. I hear the team is raising money for Dzenza Primary School, how is that going?

A. "Fundraising has already started with our first event organised by the Malawi Fundraising Parent Committee with a quiz night that took place in the Paisley Golf Club on the 25th of November, the night raised £790. Speaking on behalf of the whole team, we would encourage and ask you to get involved in any upcoming events surrounding Malawi and give generously, every single penny counts and goes towards the refurbishment works that we carry out at Dzenza Primary School and no to reduce our cost of going on the trip.

Thank you in advance!"

Q. I heard that you went to Malawi Youth Congress, how was that?

A. "On the first Monday in November we visited George Watson College in Edinburgh for Malawi Youth Congress with the Scotland Malawi Partnership. There we got an insight into Malawian life, culture and some of the saddening problems the country face, we also got to speak to others our age and people from different organisations to hear their experiences of Malawi. All round it was a great day!"

Next Issue: GHS pupils participate in Malawi Week, beginning 20th February



Latest News

from



Abbie Thomas S1Th

A r t & D e s i g n



Erin Kelly S2GI



Rebecca Lee S5GI



Sophie McGillivray S1 Mo

Science Club

It has been a great few months for the science club, with many new members joining as word has clearly spread around the school about how good the experiments have been!

So far, the young scientists have carried out many different experiments, including testing how reactive different metals can be, mixing up and experimenting with various chemicals and acids, and heating different materials using the Bunsen burners.

Mr Morgan & Miss Aamir



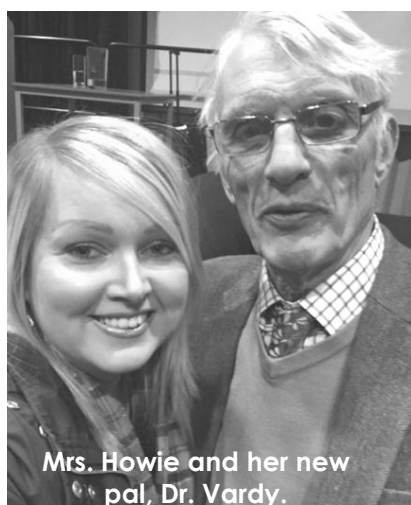
departments...

Business and Computing: Young Enterprise

The Young Enterprise Team would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone that has supported them over the last few months.



Young enterprise has been extremely busy lately, they have been involved in a competition at Intu Braehead with other schools from the surrounding area. The Pupils as part of their business idea have been selling glitter champagne glasses, word art pictures and Christmas wreaths to pupils, staff and parents. They have also had a raffle for a Christmas hamper, which was full of Christmas goodies chosen by the enterprise team. The winning raffle ticket was won by Mrs L Reid, a pupil in 5th year's mother. Enterprise will continue to look for further opportunities to sell other goods at Burn's night and Valentine's day.



Mrs. Howie and her new pal, Dr. Vardy.

RMPS

On Monday 5th December Mrs Howie and some Higher RMPS pupils went to Kelvinside Academy in Glasgow to hear Dr Peter Vardy (not of the car sales variety) speak at the annual 'Ethics Matters' conference.

Teachers and pupils from all over Scotland attended and it was a really worthwhile day. Dr Vardy spoke about arguments for the existence of God and the importance of ethics in all aspects of life.

We have been studying the use of embryos and organ donation so the bioethics section of the day was the best by far. It covered things like Euthanasia, IVF and selective genetic testing to create 'perfect embryos'. Most of the audience agreed this was morally acceptable for health reasons but was 'a bit dodgy' when it came to selecting appearance and intellect traits. The medical advances already in place and what is imminent in the world of medicine in relation to embryo use and treatment is unbelievable!



Mrs Howie is looking forward to finding out what developments are made by next year's conference!



Sport in the Spotlight

For further updates check out our blog:
glenifferpe.wordpress.com

U13 Boys Football

The team continues to perform to a very high standard in both the league and Scottish Shield. A notable 6 - 2 victory over Woodfarm High School has taken the boys into the last 32 of the Scottish Shield where they will meet Carluke High School on the 11th of January. In the league a second two all draw with Gryffe High School ensures that Gleniffer finish the year as joint league leaders with Gryffe High School.

Mr. Wilson

U14 Boys Football

The U14s have shown great signs of improvement in their recent run of matches and looked to be starting to build a bit of momentum before a very tough St Mirren Cup tie to end the year. The U14s season got back on track after losing their opening 2 games to last year's section winners. The boys ran out comfortable winners against Renfrew High after a commanding performance saw Gleniffer win 7-3. This great result was quickly followed by an exciting 11-6 win against St Andrews. Leading 7-1 at half-time, Gleniffer abandoned the idea of defending and allowed St Andrews to score 4 goals early in the second half to get right back in the game. Thankfully, confidence was high and the goals started to fly in again and Gleniffer sealed the victory. 2016 ended on a disappointing note as Gleniffer was drawn in the St Mirren cup against a very good Gryffe side. On an incredibly cold and foggy evening, defensive frailties were exploited and Gleniffer suffered a heavy 8-0 defeat. There have been a lot of positives from the first half of the season, particularly the fantastic attacking football that has been evident in a number of games. If the team can make improvements in how it defends then there is the potential to do very well.

Mr. Bilsland.

Senior Boys Football

Tuesday 25 October

9 -1 home win against St Andrew's Secondary Glasgow in the 2nd round of the Scottish Shield

Thursday 3 November

5 - 0 home win against St Ninians HS 'B' in the league

Thursday 10 November

9 - 1 away league against St Ninians HS 'B'

Thursday 17 November

4 - 0 home league win against Johnstone HS

Tuesday 22 November

9 - 0 home league win against Linwood HS

Wednesday 14 December

5 - 1 home win against Mearns Castle in the 3rd round of the Scottish Shield

Mr.Nicholls.





Ski Trip Allan Sinclair

Skiing is an incredible sport. People think it's just a sport, but it's more than that. Skiing is an experience and it's the memories that count. If you go on the ski trip with Mr. Bleach and Mrs. Gillen

I reassure you, you will gain many memories. The views of the Alps are one of the most beautiful sights you will ever see, even if you are not skiing. Last year Mr Bleach ran the ski trip to Les Menuires in the French Alps which is part of the biggest ski resort in the world (les trois Vallees). When we are away we get an instructor for 5 days tuition and all meals provided. We also do other activities at night, like sledging!

Mr. Bleach and Mrs. Gillen are running a trip in January 2017 to the same resort. You don't need any experience of skiing or snowboarding as Mr Bleach runs trips to Bellahouston Ski Centre so you can learn before you go!

We hope that having read this article, more people will want to go on such an exciting trip, if you are interested and would like to give it a go, please speak to Mr. Bleach in the PE Department.

Hockey Mr Bleach

The Hockey teams recently competed at Gryffe High school in the junior and senior Renfrewshire Hockey leagues. The senior team have performed to a high standard in a number of games and played very well in their game against top of the league St Andrews Academy drawing 1-1. The junior side are finding the league challenging, however with a little more training from our local Kelburne coaches James Macpherson and Matthew Reid I'm sure we will progress quickly.

The matches and training take place on a Wednesday after school for an hour. If your son/daughter would like to play hockey, please encourage them to come along and give it a go.



Netball Miss Still

The first half of the year has been extremely successful for every netball team in the school. Our fantastic S2 + S3 Scottish cup teams have done themselves proud and made it through to the Silver section of the Scottish Cup, with the next round to be played in the New Year. In addition, with outstanding results, our S1 + Open team have made it through to the Gold section of the Cup, the S1's with an unbeaten record.

Miss Still, Miss Clark and Mrs Elliot could not be prouder of the teams, and wish them luck in the rounds to come!



Gleniffer Volunteers

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations go to the 19 new fourth year pupils successfully completed the expedition element of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award back in August. Pupils journeyed on foot through the Greenock and Kelly Cut over the course of two days, camping overnight on the way. The expedition was a huge success and pupils are well on their way to achieving the award. Certificates will be with pupils soon.

In November, 20 new participants from S3 were chosen to take part in the 2016-17 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award after huge amount of interest from pupils. It is great to see so much engagement with the award, which remains a key part of the Gleniffer High School Extra-Curricular program.

The DofE is a prestigious, challenging and rewarding programme which involves pupils developing skills for life. The Pupils who take part in the award gain self confidence, self motivation and team building skills. Pupils achieve the award by completing four main aspects

VOLUNTEERING | PHYSICAL | SKILL | EXPEDITION



S6 VOLUNTEERS

S6 are well underway in their volunteering this year as part of their school day. Most pupils have already dedicated at least two periods each week to volunteering in school, at local primary schools, or at youth organisations within the local community.

Volunteering is often enormously valuable for our local community. By doing so, our pupils are helping without asking for anything in return. The people our volunteers are working with are hugely grateful. They are giving time to others and ultimately, proving that we at Gleniffer care.

Through volunteering, our pupils are taking a step forward and opening themselves up to people who may be on the lookout for candidates for jobs or other opportunities. Contacts are useful - you never know when you might need them. By putting themselves out there and grabbing one opportunity, they open themselves up to so much more. As a volunteer, our pupils gain the skills that entitle them to do more. The possibilities are endless.

Further placement opportunities are still available within Renfrewshire that will allow pupils to enhance key skills needed for higher and further education, and the world of work.

Well done so far to all our S6 Volunteers and thank you for giving your time to help others.



German Exchange 2016

"The German trip was a great experience and I would definitely go again."
Daniel MacKinnon, S3.

"I found the trip really interesting; very educational, but fun!"
Lisa Hamilton, S3.

A group of 26 pupils and 3 members of staff have just returned from Fürth, Germany as part of the German Exchange programme. Mr Nicholls accompanied the group in what is the 10th year since the link was re-established. We were given a wonderful welcome by the pupils and staff of Hans Böckler Schule who were there to meet the group on the first day. Mrs Quinn and Mrs McNicol also accompanied the group who left on Monday, 5th December and returned on Monday, 12th December.

There was great excitement as pupils left the school on Monday morning to travel by coach to Edinburgh airport and onwards to Munich and coach transfer to Fürth. The group stayed in the very comfortable youth hostel in Nuremberg in its magnificent setting overlooking the world famous Christmas market. There were many excursions, including a day trip to Munich and its beautiful city centre and a group visit to the Allianz Arena. Pupils enjoyed the wonderful Christmas markets in Rothenburg, a walled medieval town which looked just like a setting from a Christmas card. The school was welcomed by the deputy mayor of Fürth, Herr Braun in the comfort of the city chambers of the town hall. The city of Fürth is delighted to be twinned with Paisley and the deputy mayor talked of the links that exist between musical groups, hospital services as well as the educational link.

Gleniffer High School is the only school in Scotland to continue this link and with our young people, we hope to continue it for many years to come. Pupils were able to attend classes in a German school to see first-hand how lessons work and to see similarities and differences in the two systems. Another highlight of the week was the day spent with "buddies". Our pupils are linked with a pupil in the German school and they spend a day with them and their families. This was the highlight of the week for many of our pupils and there were tears at the farewell party on the last night. The pupils were a credit to their school and their families with one of the Easyjet flight attendants commenting that this group was one of the friendliest and most well-mannered she had ever come across.

Our pupils can't wait for the return visit of the German pupils planned for October 2017!

Mrs Quinn





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Something We Need to Know?

Please keep us informed about:

- Absences,
- Reasons for absences
- Appointments
- Issues which may be affecting your child
- Achievements and successes of your child
- Holidays
- Family events

Pastoral Support

If you have a particular concern, or something you would like to discuss with us in relation to your child, please contact your child's Pastoral Support teacher in the first instance:

- Brodie House: Mr Parsons
- Glen House: Mrs Denny
- Moredun House: Miss Cameron
- Thornly House: Mrs Harris



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Mrs McMunn is delighted to report on yet another successful P7 Transition Open Night for pupils and their parents/carers from our associated primary schools – and beyond. This marked the first of our “showcase” events each session and we were thrilled to welcome over 400 visitors to the school. Having visited all five associated primary schools the previous month, the Open Night visit is a significant step in the transition process. It allows pupils, parents and carers the opportunity to get to know Gleniffer High School a little better – our school building, our staff and pupils and the types of learning that takes place in our classrooms.

Here are some of the positive comments made in the questionnaires:

“Great tour, thanks”

“Very enjoyable and informative, thank you”

“Thanks for a great evening. The pupil guides were very informative”

Our S6 pupils turned out in force to help the evening run smoothly and many parents commented on how enthusiastic the pupils were in classrooms. It was encouraging to see so many visitors arrive early for the event and we will seek to improve our practices to try to ensure that all the tours move smartly around the building.