

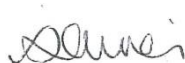
*Dear Parent/Carer,*

We have had great fun at JGC this week celebrating World Book Day, and it was lovely to welcome S4-6 parents along for the second Senior Phase Parents' Evening. It is quite incredible that for some of our young people it was the first time in their secondary education that their parents and teachers were meeting face to face, but feedback from both groups was how much better that is!

Next week we have S3 Parents' Evening on Monday and the start of SQA external assessments for 2023, with Music performance exams taking place on Monday and Tuesday. Our very best wishes go to all involved - we're sure that their hard work will pay off.

Our Parent Council are meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday and, as always, anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come along.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.



Susan Oliver  
Headteacher

### Learning Without Limits

#### Developing the Young Workforce

As part of their "People Who Help Us" topic, P1 had a visit from paramedics Lynn and Louise.

The children loved seeing some of the equipment they use to help people and learning about how to call for help in an emergency and how to become a paramedic.




## World Book Day

Back by popular demand, we celebrated World Book Day with PJs and favourite books. Here are our P1s and P2s . . . although some of our secondary pupils quite fancied the idea of getting a bit longer in bed and coming to school in their PJs too.



S1 and S2 pupils wrote a blurb of their favourite book and have been asked to choose and complete a challenge from a set of fun World Book Day Challenges as homework over the next week. Those who do will earn a house point.

Secondary pupils also now have the opportunity to join a Reading & Writing Club during Thursday lunchtimes.



MISS JUDEE'S

# READING AND WRITING CLUB

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY LUNCH IN 1/15

Want to share your current read with other readers?


Want a space to dive into your favourite book at lunch?

Want to write a story of your own?

Join us for our weekly reading and writing club!

Open to everyone

Snacks provided



## Maths in the Sunshine

S1s had great fun last week with some practical (and physical!!) learning outside.



## National e-learning Offer: FREE e-Sgoil Easter Study Support

All senior pupils are invited to take part in the e-Sgoil Senior Phase Easter Study Support programme for 2023, a key element of Scotland's National e-Learning Offer.

Easter Study Support will run from 3 to 14 April 2023 with a total of 80 webinar groups on offer, covering 30 subjects. The live, interactive webinars will be delivered by experienced, GTCS registered teachers from across Scotland. Each group will meet for three separate webinar sessions.

Last year, there were over 15000 webinar registrations and learners' evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. The service is free to all learners.

Registration for this free Easter Study Support opens on 1 March. The following link, which will be live from 1 March, will give access to the Easter Study Support timetable, registration form, and a range of supporting documents:

<https://e-sgoil.com/easter-study-support-2023/>

Building on its role throughout the pandemic NeLO's existing offers for learners remain available at all times, and on standby for any periods of school closure and disruption for whatever reason. These include the ongoing evening Study Support offer from ourselves, the thousands of recorded lessons by Scottish teachers held by WestOS, DYW Live and a range of mental health and wellbeing resources.

In addition to this national offer, we will be shortly sharing additional JGC study support offers.

## Developing the Young Workforce – Scottish Apprenticeship Week 6 – 10 March 2023

As part of Scottish Apprenticeship Week, Kim Ferguson (Careers Adviser) and Nicola Shaw (DYW Co-ordinator) will be hosting a lunchtime drop in for all pupils on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. This is an ideal opportunity to ask questions and learn more about Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships.

In addition to this, families can take part in the following national sessions:

### **How to apply for a Scottish Apprenticeship; Skills Development Scotland webinar for senior pupils, parents and carers**

Join our webinar on either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 6.30pm, to find out more about Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships, support available on [apprenticeships.scot.nhs.uk/](https://apprenticeships.scot.nhs.uk/) website and hear from our panel discussing:

- developing a CV and interview tips
- information from an employer about what they look for in applications/ interview process
- as well as apprentices sharing how they found out about their apprenticeships/ experience of applying and interview

Sign up  <https://fal.cn/3vZK8>

There are also DYW Live apprenticeship sessions taking place across the week too.

### **DYW Live Apprentice Showcase**

School pupils can hear from a range of apprentices and their employers about what it's like to take an apprenticeship. Choose from up to four 30min online sessions each day of Scottish Apprenticeship Week from 6 to 10 March. Apprentices and employers from a range of sectors will feature and some sessions will discuss current and future apprenticeship vacancies.

Register to attend any free session through the [DYW Live website](#)

During Scottish Apprenticeship Week, from 6 to 10 March, young people can follow the hashtag #ApprenticeShop on social media to get a better insight into what apprenticeships are like. Apprentices, employers and learning providers will share lots of information about apprenticeships across the country from a range of sectors including details about current and future vacancies, stories, films and more.

### Family Learning

Reminder that Mrs Keddie and Ms Hainsworth will be running the Raising Teens with Confidence programme starting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

The aim of this programme is to give parents and carers increased understanding about how they can best support their teenage children to navigate this time of change and help promote resilience.

Further details shared in a separate communication earlier today.

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