

Dear Parent/Carer,

We've had another fun-filled week at JGC and the changeable weather has added to the excitement – from spring sunshine to blizzards and back again!

A highlight of this week has definitely been our P3 class trips to the Hirsell. The children had a fantastic time learning about plants and farming, as well as baking their own pizzas. All involved (including the staff) received a house point for demonstrating campus values during their adventure!



If you have a few minutes to spare over the weekend, and haven't done so already, please complete our parent/carer survey which closes on Monday [JGC Parent & Carer Survey](#)

Many thanks



Susan Oliver
Headteacher

Learning Without Limits

P2 Artists

Our P2 children have been working on collage self-portraits. Here are some of their fabulous creations.



Developing the Young Workforce

This week, as part of their "People Who Help Us" topic, P1 set up a hospital and had a visit from local firefighters.

The children are loving learning about the world of work and we are hugely grateful to the parents and members of the wider community who are supporting this.



As part of Scottish Apprenticeship Week we have also welcomed a range of speakers to JGC. In particular, it was lovely to welcome back former pupils Corrie Patterson and James Hogg, who are following apprenticeship pathways with CGI.

Two of our S3 pupils, along with Ms Lambard, enjoyed taking part in a Glow Meet organised for International Women's Day. They met with female executives from Ground Control, a national company who do landscaping, arboriculture, commercial grounds maintenance, ecology surveys, installation of electric car charging points etc. and whose clients include Tesco and Network Rail. Lots of takeaways that will be useful to the girls in their future careers and we hope to involve more pupils if the event is offered again next year.

COMMUNITY

Intergenerational Working

One of the key aspects for the vision for opening the campus, was to provide opportunities for intergenerational working. Our children, young people and community volunteers have loved working together as part of our "Growing Together" project. We are delighted to report that our volunteers were awarded runner-up in the Best Group of the Year category at Volunteer Centre Borders recent "Loving our Volunteers" celebrations.



Family Support

National charity Children 1st provides excellent support to a number of our children and families, so we are pleased to share this opportunity with you. The Scottish Borders Kinship Carers Support group currently meet on a monthly basis in Galashiels. The group is a supportive and informal space for all adults of Kinship Care families – and is an opportunity to meet other Kinship Carers and find out more about further support, Kinship Care arrangements and legal status, advice, etc – and for a cup of tea and a chat!



**Are you a
Kinship Carer?**

Children 1st Scottish Borders invite you to a monthly support group:

- ♥ Enjoy support in a safe and welcoming space
- ♥ Meet other kinship carers in your community and share experiences
- ♥ Get information and advice to help you support the children and young people in your kinship family



Groups are monthly • Get in touch to find out more

Parental Engagement & Involvement

Parent Council – Save the Date

Many of you will remember the Colours Fashion Show fundraisers held by our previous Parent Councils. Lots of fun and laughter, alongside a bit of bargain hunting, while raising money to support experiences for our children and young people.

JGC Parent Council will be hosting a similar event on Friday 22nd September. Ticket details to follow. Donations for raffle prizes would be welcomed and can be handed into JGC reception.



Culture & Ethos

School uniform plays an important part in our children and young people feeling a sense of belonging in JGC, by promoting equality amongst them.

However, we are aware that sometimes by this time in the year children and young people are outgrowing uniform items. If we can help with provision of uniform, please get in touch with your child's class or pastoral teacher, or contact JGC reception. As part of our Pre♥loved recycling initiative, we have many items we can pass on!

We can also provide support with applications for clothing grants for the new school session [Clothing grant - FAQs | Free school meals and help with schoolwear | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Primary:

- Plain or embroidered royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers/skirt/shorts/pinafore
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Dark footwear, preferably school shoes
- Tie optional

Secondary:

- Plain or embroidered black sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Black trousers/skirt/shorts
- White shirt with school tie
- Dark footwear, preferably school shoes