

P7 Information Session

Irvine Royal Academy hosted a virtual P7 parent's session to welcome them to the school and introduce the transition plan for this year. Parents from all cluster primaries attended along with representatives from Irvine Royals Academy's Integrated Support Team. Parents were taken through a whistle-stop tour of the school's attainment and Covid recovery journey along with the transition plan for this session to support the P7's in moving to Irvine Royal Academy next year. S6 and S2 pupils helped to compile a video which was shown and they spoke about how much they enjoyed coming here, the support they have been given and continue to receive will allow them to believe in better. This was an excellent evening and introduction to the school!

S1 School Discos

Despite the complexity of current mass gathering restrictions, the Pupil Leadership team organized three separate school discos for the S1 House groups. This was a chance for the house members to get together, socialise and show off their dance moves. The Senior Pupils organised this event to try and raise some funds towards their year book and prom.

Go Purple!

On Friday 8th October, Irvine Royal Academy took part in Go Purple Day to raise funds for the Ayrshire Hospice. Pupils and staff wore a wide range of purple outfits and donated their pennies to a great local Charity. On the day we raised over £400.



Flu Vaccines

All pupils had the opportunity on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October to have their flu vaccine as part of a whole school initiative. This was a nasal spray and was carried out by Ayrshire & Arran Health Board.

Prelims

Prelims have now been confirmed for w/c 17th January and will run for two weeks until 28th January. S4-6 pupils will receive a prelim diet closer to the time.

S6 Common Room

S6 pupils can now enjoy the comforts of their own common room during break and lunchtime. This should provide a great space for them to socialize.

Childcare

A group of young pupils from S3 got their first experience of caring for babies during the childcare class. Pupils had to take home a virtual baby and care for it over the weekend. The babies cried when they needed changed, fed, burped or attention! The pupils had to note down when the baby needed attending to and what action they should take, describing how they felt at the time. This often happened in the middle of the night. Thankfully for some the batteries ran out – if only this happened with real children.

Scottish Women's & Girls Sports Week

Monday 25th October – Sunday 1st November was the Scottish Women's & Girls Sports Week. The PE department created a few initiatives to try and raise the profile of girls participating in physical activity, including daily promotion of local women sport stars through the pupil bulletin, pupil achievements through q&a sessions on Twitter and the ongoing promotion of women and girls in sport during classes.

Upcoming Key Dates:

1st Nov – Developing the Young Workforce Month

1st Nov – Cop26 Climate Change Conference

2nd – 5th Nov – S2 Parents Evening

w/c 8th Nov – S2/S5 mock options

16th Nov – S3 Parents Evening

18th Nov – In-service Day 3

19th-22nd Nov – Holiday

23rd Nov – Flu Vaccine

w/c 29th Nov – Music Practical Prelims

North Ayrshire Golf Day

Thanks to Active Schools, and for the first time since 2019, the school golf club managed to get some much needed time on the golf course. Alex, Euan, and Josh, accompanied by Mr. Robertson, took part in the day at Ravenspark, along with pupils from Greenwood Academy.

The course provided a good test for the boys, resulting in a mixture of good and not-so-good shots as it often does in golf. Nonetheless, the motivation of the boys did not waver and they finished the full 18 holes, having fun and gaining a great deal of experience along the way.



Ghost Tour

Thursday 28th October was our fabulous Ghost Tour with all 150 tickets selling out fast. This year's theme was 'Unhappily Ever After' - twisted Disney/fairy tales gone wrong. A great achievement to all involved and Mr Elliot for organising the event. The Ghost Tour made just over £400. This will be split between senior prom/yearbook and school funds.



School Football Trip



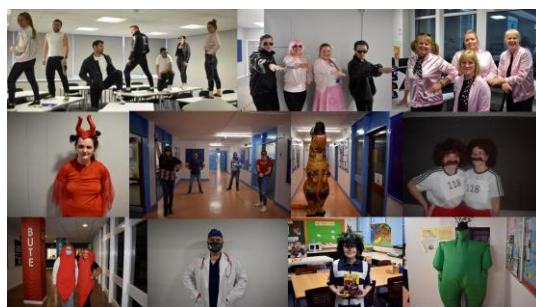
Mr Robertson organised a fantastic trip to Newcastle for pupils to watch Newcastle v Chelsea in the English Premiership on Saturday 30th October, with the away team running out deserved 3-0 winners. On the Saturday evening pupils were well entertained with bowling, and on Sunday they were treated to another football filled day. In the morning, they enjoyed a

training session at Sunderland's new Beacon of Light complex, before heading back to St James' Park in Newcastle for a stadium tour in the afternoon. A great weekend enjoyed by all!

Halloween Dress Down Day

The Yearbook Committee organised a dress down day to celebrate Halloween. We had a wide array of costumes and again the music department entertained everyone at lunchtime with their 'Grease' medley. In total, £280 was raised which is going to be evenly split between prom, yearbook and school funds.

The winners of the prizes, voted for by the seniors are:
Jay Stanners as a dinosaur
Morgan Tait & Amy Orr as 118-118
Eraina Hunt as a red devil
Congratulations also to Maths who were the winning department with their original superheroes effort.



Sporting Success

Aaron Connor - 2007 50kg champion at Boxing Scotland's Schools and Junior Championships
Irvine Royal Academy came 1st & 2nd at the North Ayrshire Senior Volleyball Tournament.

Congratulations

Miss Gilchrist – got engaged during the October holidays
Mr. Kelso & wife – gave birth to their first child, Penelope.



Former pupil Jack Peggie has just been accepted to University of Greenwich to do a PhD in photochemistry and computational chemistry.