

Harry Potter – Family Learning

So much fun was had by the 14 wizards, witches, and muggles, who attended our Harry Potter Family Event on Thursday 3rd February. We performed magic by making eggs float, tested our Harry Potter knowledge, and put our creative skills to the test by making a golden snitch from a chocolate. We were also treated to fantastic Harry Potter themed cakes from our catering staff.



S1 Football

The S1 football team had their first outing of the season versus a strong Greenwood Academy. Coached by Mr Frew, Miss McConnell, and S5 Pupil CJ Johnston, the pupils battled through strong weather conditions of wind, rain, and hail. Sadly, on this occasion Greenwood got the better of their local rivals. However the goal of the day was scored by Irvine Royal's Logan Hodge and the player of the day was Charley Dickson. Irvine now have Kwinning and Prestwick to play and will be looking to build on this performance.



Parent/Carer Drop-in

A parent/carers face to face drop in session will take place on 31/03/22 from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Look out for more information closer to the date from Mrs Sloan.

Time to Talk

Time to talk day is the Nation's biggest mental health conversation that took place on Thursday 3rd of February 2022. The initiative encourages people to take a moment out of their busy schedules to have a chat about mental health. It is hoped that through discussion we can help to reduce the stigma around mental health, allow people to feel that it is okay not to be okay, and to help those who are struggling to seek the support they need. Staff and pupils within the school took the opportunity to reflect on their own mental health and wellbeing and discussed what supports they would like to see within the school. Staff also enjoyed a hot drink from our fabulous Barista crew.

Senior Phase Information Sessions

Our School Councilor Lucy Watkins, hosted the second Senior Phase Information Session on anxiety and stress. Lucy provided some great resources that can all now be found on the school website.

<https://www.irvineroyal.co.uk/news-events/Senior-phase-information-sessions>

Ski 23

If any pupil is interested in the Italian Ski Trip please see Mr Couper for more information. Deposits need to be paid by Monday 28th March



Upcoming Key Dates:

- 1st March – S5/6 Tree of Knowledge day
- 3rd March – World Book Day
- w/c 7th March – Literacy Week
- 14th March – BGE Reports issued
- w/c 14th March – PE Practical Performance Week
- w/c 21st March – Practical Cookery Exams
- 24th March – S1 Parent/Carers Evening
- 31st March – Royal Recognitions

Scotland Loves Languages

Every year, the first week of February is "Scotland Loves Languages" week. Thank you to staff and pupils for taking part at registration and during lessons. Everyone enjoyed learning something new and engaged so well with the different tasks on offer. So many languages are spoken in Irvine Royal Academy! A special thank you to the Barista and Nail bar teams for their contribution to this special week.



Ice Skating

A group of 16 targeted Irvine Royal Pupils are taking part in 6-week ice skating programme at Auchenharvie Ice Rink organised by Active Schools. The initiative is designed to develop social skills, confidence, and self-esteem, while learning a new skill and keeping physically active.



Easter Chicks

The SSR are selling Easter chicks. All proceeds going to the parent council. Not many left, they are available at the main office.



Purple Friday

On Friday 25th February Irvine Royal celebrated Purple Friday showing our support to the LGBTQi community within the school. A wide range of events were organised during the day by Hollie Johnstone our Area Inclusion Officer. These included a dress down day, the rainbow walk, a cake sale, rainbow nail art, and an informative video during period 6. It was great to see the support shown by all pupils in the school to such a fabulous cause.



Targeted Supported Study

There will shortly be a communication regarding Targetd Supported Study. This will be inclusive of:

- After School Supported Study (from 01/03/22— Monday – Friday)
- Saturday 12 and 19 March (9.00am – 1.00pm)
- Easter School (everyday except 15/04/22)
- Masterclasses (the day before final exams)

Pupils who are requiring extra support in the run up to their assessments and exams should speak to their class teachers to ensure they are aware of when they can access this.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to Holly Frew who recently represented the Ladies County Team, winning her match 3-0 scoring three centuries along the way. Holly also reached the semi-finals of the SDA tournament in Perth. Holly is now gearing up for the Scottish Open in April.

Congratulations to Aaron Connor 3 x Gold Medalist at the Western District Boxing Championships

Congratulations to Maddison Attridge for her second place spot at the recent North Ayrshire Dance tournament and to Team Irvine Royal for gaining the Gold for their team performance.

Congratulations to 'Miss' Brooke (Preston) who has received her dance instructor title at DBA Dance Academy

Congratulations Mol Lindsay winning Silver at the Scottish Open Championships in Tae Kwon Do sparring