

## S1 Eglinton Event

A great day of learning, problem solving, critical thinking and imagining was had by S1 pupils. After a bright and brisk 2 mile walk on a beautiful morning to Eglinton Park, pupils participated in a series of workshops, including:

Technology – Bridge Building

Languages - Historical periods that Eglinton castle and its inhabitants had lived through and how decisions being made at the COP26, and in their own lives, are contributing to a dystopian or utopian future.

Geography - Environmental survey.

NASA – Climate change orienteering.

Amazing soup was greatly appreciated by pupils and staff having been made by S4 pupils and Mrs Inch using food from the Fair Share scheme which saves food waste.



## S3 Arran Trip

Irvine Royal Academy were the first school to visit the Arran Outdoor Centre since March 2020. Twenty-four young S3 leaders visited the island to take part in a range of outdoor activities and team building games led by Miss Mitchem, supported by Mr Couper & Mr Hill. Although the pupils experienced a number of challenges over the week, they all had a great experience, developing their communication, cooperation and contribution skills. The staff at the Arran Outdoor Centre were very impressed with the pupils commenting on their behaviour and effort throughout the week.



## Nurture

The Sphere are looking for some plants to enhance their room. Do you have any plants needing a bit of Nurture? - all donations gratefully received and cared for. For more information contact Mrs Schofield.

## Sporting Success

Former Pupil Kian Leslie has earned his first professional contract with Kilmarnock F.C. until 2023

## Modern Languages

Mrs Pesci's 3 S2 classes had a taste of French crêpes, brioches, croissants and pains au chocolat to finish their food and drink topic. Everybody enjoyed the treats wishing each other "Bon appétit".



## MCR Good Deed Feed

MCR Pathways have launched #1000GoodDeeds Challenge across all our schools. We're asking young people, mentors, co-ordinators and staff to share their everyday acts of kindness. These could be small gestures, from writing a thank you note or cheering someone up with a good joke, to bigger projects such as volunteering their time. The aim is for MCR to reach 1000 Good Deeds before Christmas.

### Upcoming Key Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Music Prelims

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – P7 Showcase- Event

9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Art Practical Prelim

16<sup>th</sup> Dec – S4-6 Parents/Carers Evening

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Royal Recognitions

20<sup>th</sup> – Interhouse Games

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Art Exhibition & Christmas Concert

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Kit rewards

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – School Holidays start (2 weeks)

### **COP26 – PE**

The Physical Education Department ran a very successful whole school event where pupils & staff were encouraged to walk / jog and cycle to school instead of using public transport or car. As a school community, we tracked the distance we covered to see how much energy we could save. In class pupils worked out how saving energy can reduce our CO2 emissions.

### **COP26 – Maths**

Classes were looking at the Eco Maths we use to recycle during COP 26. We learned that recycling is sorted in a MERF which sorts the materials by weight and shape. We also research the average food waste and charted this.

### **DYW – Maths**

Food Development Scotland were in for DYW month to discuss how they use Maths in their career in the Food and Drink Industry. We looked at measurement, ratio, time, profit and loss and sale statistics with S3 Pupils to promote careers in Mathematics.

### **S4 Careers Fayre**

As part of DYW month, every S4 pupil attended a Careers Fayre hosted in the school where they got the opportunity to chat with local employers and ask them questions about their industry and careers within. Feedback from both pupils and the business/industry representatives was extremely positive, with one even commenting that they could not believe the pupils were only in S4, as they presented themselves as being so much more mature than their age. Another representative also mentioned that every pupil spoke naturally to them and were confidently able to engage in discussion, which is something that really impressed them. Miss McNeil would like to thank North Ayrshire Council, Merck, Lowmac, Hub Southwest and Barnardos for their attendance.



### **Foodbank Donation**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Irvine Royal Academy collected nine full boxes of food and delivered it to the North Ayrshire Foodbank. Every donation they receive makes a massive difference to families in our local community. Thank you to everyone who donated.

### **Selection Box Appeal**

Mrs Inch is running a selection box appeal with a view to donating selection boxes to those young people in our school who are most in need. If you are interested in making a donation, please drop them off at the school office.

### **English Department**

In November we celebrated the launch of 'Shadow Over the 5 Towns' with a class book reading. Congratulations to Bobby Meek and Laurie Clarkson for being the winners of our inaugural Irvine Royal John Galt Award for Short Fiction.



The second issue of The Raven is out this week, featuring, Roxy Canning, Bobby Meek, and many more.

Irvine Royal welcomed so many guest writers this month. Graham Rae came in to discuss the beauty and toil of being a professional writer; local writers Simon Lamb and Lindsay Littleston popped in to deliver wonderful poetry workshops for our BGE students.

### **P7 DYW Transition Event**

As part of the Primary 7 transition event, Miss McNeil, Fiona (Careers Advisor) and Hollie (Area Inclusion Worker) visited our cluster primary schools: Castlepark, Loudoun-Montgomery, Annick and Woodlands to deliver a session based around skills and careers. Joining them were S6 pupils Laura, Hannah, Morgan and Amy - who were the biggest help and the P7 pupils really appreciated the girls taking the time to talk to them about their own pathways beyond Irvine Royal Academy.

During the sessions, Primary 7 pupils engaged in a variety of tasks that challenged them to think of a career beyond a fixed mind-set and taught them it is ok to have ambitions beyond what comes natural to them. Pupils also self-evaluated. Their individual skills linking them to a relevant animal.

Miss McNeil, Fiona and Hollie would like to extend their gratitude to all staff and pupils at our cluster primary schools for their participation in the sessions. We look forward to getting to know the Primary 7's more when they arrive at Irvine Royal next Summer!