

Clear Up Crew

iRoyalEco have been working hard, clearing 5 bags of litter, a scooter, and a blind from Kilwinning Road. Glorious sunshine and no litter makes our town shine even more!



Pi Day

On the 14th March our S1-3 classes celebrated Pi Day within the Mathematics department by taking part in lots of themed activities such as Catchphrase, Relay Races, Competitions, and more. Well done to Abbie, who managed to remember 27 digits of Pi - very impressive!



World Book Day



Well done to our S1/2 classes (plus English teachers!) who took part in our World Book Day quiz.

Our Book Cover competition winners were Freya, Sophie, and Kaitlin. The standard of entries was high and Mrs McPhee was glad some of our S6 pupils chose the winners.

Thank you to the staff who participated in *Who's Behind the Book*.

Breakfast

Following the Easter Holidays (Term 4), the canteen will reopen for breakfast between 8.30 -8.45am and pupils are able to get a free hot roll. You can enter the canteen from the Sandy Road entrance only. Bottles of water will now not be provided so pupils are encouraged to bring their own bottles and fill up from the fountains. North Ayrshire Council will be providing a new water bottle for each young person at Irvine Royal Academy.

Musical Practical Exams

A massive congratulations to all S4 and S5 pupils who completed their practical Music exams in the middle of March. All the hard work and practise has paid off and we're very proud of you all.

Upcoming Key Dates:

Mon 4th-18th April (inclusive) – Easter Holidays

Fri 22nd April – SPLT Lipsync Battle

Mon 25th April – Study Leave starts

Tues 26th April – SQA Exams start

Wed 27th April – P7 Challenge Day 4

Mon 2nd May – Holiday

w/c 9th May – S3 Work Experience week 1

Fri 13th May – National Numeracy Day

w/c 16th May – S3 Work Experience week 2

Thur 19th & Fri 20th May – P7 Induction Days

JASS

Pupils who attend the JASS group enjoyed participating in their own sponsored walk activities. The final stop off at the swing park was a big hit!



SSR

Pupils are concentrating hard during their Numeracy period in the SSR Base. Active maths games and activities are used daily to improve mental maths speed and confidence.



Ukraine Appeal

Irvine Royal Academy took part in a week long appeal raising the profile of the horrific events that are taking place in Ukraine. Pupils were shown informative videos all week during registration and were encouraged to provide donations for young people who have been evacuated from their homes. At last count, we have 37 bags of clothes, footwear and blankets, in addition to 4 bags of nappies and sanitary products, and a 2 crates of food.

Many thanks for the donations from Irvine and Dreghorn Brass and the continued efforts of the school community this week.

Reclaim the Night

Staff representatives joined with NA Violence Against Women Partnership on the 8th of March for their *Reclaim the Night* walk. This was a very powerful and moving event aiming to raise awareness of the dangers to women and girls from sexual violence, and promoting a safer environment for all after dark.

Fresh Start



This month, some of our pupils started the 4 day 'Fresh Start' programme at Dumfries House.

The four-day programme is led by The Prince's Foundation and involves pupils engaging in experiences at the education garden, farm, dedicated STEM centre, and outdoor centre at Dumfries House estate, near Cumnock.

During the first day at Valentin's Education Farm, our pupils learned about food production, discovering the range of related careers and understanding animals' needs, and how the farmer meets them. We met the pigs and used teamwork skills to execute a plan to move some escapee geese back to their pen.

Everyone had a great day with the adults enjoying themselves as much as our young people!

During our next visit pupils will focus on biodiversity. They will be spending time outdoors in nature noticing small details. The goal is to achieve a better understanding of the 'processes of nature' are how they are reliant and impactful on one other.

Bike Maintenance



Mr Muirhead's Junior Bike Maintenance group have been enjoying the dry weather and using lessons to explore the local community, whilst learning about road safety.

Enhanced Transition

The Enhanced Transition programme started this week and P7 pupils were given a tour of the school and the chance to meet a number of staff. The programme runs for 5 weeks and pupils will have experiences in Art, Technical, Maths, English, Nurture, and Health and Wellbeing. The final session is on the 5th of May and concludes with a celebration of success event which parents and carers are invited to attend.

School of Rock

On the first Creative Arts trip since the pandemic, 40 excited pupils (and some excited staff) were blown away by *School of Rock* in Glasgow. They were even treated to a Q&A session afterwards by the talented cast. We can't wait for the next one!



French Department

3C2 had an end of term 3 reward in Mrs Pesci's French class today... Dégustation de fromages français. Everyone enjoyed the smell, taste and texture of famous French cheeses



Creative Arts Showcase

On Thursday 31st March, pupils from the Creative Arts Faculty had the opportunity to present some of their wonderful art work and music performances. What an unbelievable wealth of talent we have within our Creative Arts Faculty. The courage and skills of our young people is mind blowing! Well done to Mrs Cook and her team.



Easter Egg Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated Easter eggs for our young people! The eggs have been given out to pupils in pupil support and SSR.



Afternoon Tea

Our Afternoon Tea with the Head Teacher event, was a great success gaining insight to what our families need, and showcasing the wealth of support and opportunities offered at Irvine Royal Academy. Thank you to all the staff, parent/carers and pupils who attended.

