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Jordanhill School Newsletter

Investor in People



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

"To simply say that Jordanhill meets the National Standard is insufficient. Put plainly, the level of compliance was amongst the most impressive that this assessor has experienced."

Jordanhill School has been recognised as an Investor in People for a fourth time following an assessment undertaken in January 2011.

Examples of **Strengths and Best Practice** to emerge from the assessment include

- The planning of learning and development
- The encouragement provided to people to suggest ideas for improvement
- Providing recognition for the contribution made by people
- Promoting a sense of ownership and responsibility to people at all levels and cross all areas of the school
- People's L&D needs are met through a plethora of apposite approaches and activities; including a very impressive induction programme

The School's commitment to continuous improvement, in all areas of operation, including how it manages and develops people was most impressively demonstrated during the review.

The detailed findings of this review will be shared with the Board and staff and used to shape the School Improvement Plan for 2011 as part of the School's focus on continuous improvement.

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Numbers to Note:
Jordanhill School:
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French Conversation

On Tuesday 1st March, a S3 French class phoned a swimming pool in France.

The purpose of the task was to be able to use the language learnt in class, in a real life environment. Pupils had to ask for different information in French such as the opening time, the closing time, the prices and if there were discounts for students.



Some members of the class were "terrified" and "nervous", but once on the phone they tried their best and successful exchanged dialogue with the native speaker.

The activity has built pupils' confidence and as one said: "I was surprised they could understand us so well!"

Très bon effort!

Miss Foucher

Football Honours

Congratulations to **Emma Milliken** S5 who played for the Scottish Girls Independent Football Squad against teams from all the UK regions at the end of March. The Scottish team finished runners-up with 2 wins and 2 draws.



Swim Golds



Congratulations to **Ruaridh Keeley** P7 and the **P5 relay team** who won gold medals at the **Glasgow School's Swimming Gala**.

Ruaridh (centre) won the 50m Breast Stroke. He is pictured holding the R. W. Smith Memorial Trophy for the 4 x 25m Relay Boys won by Tom Keeley, Finlay Callaghan, Adam Farquharson and James Littlejohn.

Ziggy Starts for Hamilton

St Johnstone 2 – 0 Hamilton

This game marked the first team debut of former Jordanhill pupil Ziggy Gordon. Ziggy would have been in his 6th year at Jordanhill. However, after several years in the Hamilton FC youth system he was offered a full time contract in 2010.

Although this was a disappointing result for Hamilton, Ziggy played well during the full game and was praised on both the Hamilton FC website and national newspapers.

There has been more good news for Ziggy as he has been selected for the Scotland U-19 squad for a two day training camp at Largs. Well done Ziggy!

SI FRENCH

LE DÉFILÉ DE MODE

Keri
Lundi 21 février

Le défilé de mode

I really enjoyed the fashion show today, my whole group were modeling and I was also the script writer and organizer. We were modeling the latest french winter looks and played black eyed peas in the background with David as a brilliant 2011 dj! I learnt lots of new opening and closing phrases, which we used for the presentation to the class. Overall I really enjoyed this and hope the next year S1's get a chance to do it too.

Salun Young

On Monday the 21st we made a French Fashion Show with Ms Masson, there was 5 groups with 4-5 people in them each group had a specific task e.g. weekend, beach, summer and winter. We learnt some new words such as un gilet and des boots. The fashion show was very enjoyable because we all had a part and it was sunny. I would like to do it again because it is a good way to have fun but still learn lots at the same time.

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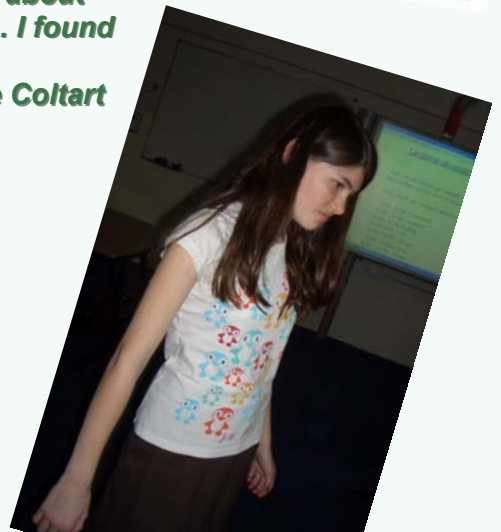


"This experience was really fun and I have a lot more confidence now!"

David C

"My group did weekend clothes and talked about them in French. . . I found it fun!"

Sophie Coltart



Kareena
Sardhu

Lundi 21 février
Le défilé de mode

Today our class took part in a french fashion show. We each had 5 minutes to perform, we had a fantastic time. All of my friends in my group took the privilege of all being models including myself. Our topic that we were modeling was winter. In our modeling we modeled body warmers, boots, scarfs, hats and many more accessories. Some new words we learnt were bootes=boots, un jean=jeans, un pull=jumper, un tee-shirt=t-shirt and much more. We also had music in the background like the black eyed peas and usher. I absolutely loved this memorable experience and hope to do another activity like this!



Tan Grant
Lundi 21 février
Le défilé de mode

On Monday the 21st of February we performed a fashion show in French. At the time I was in a group with Andrew McElvey, David Jackson and Matthew Greenshields. The clothes that the models, Andrew and Matthew wore, were based on the beach so T-shirts and shorts. The other two of us in the group were David who was the DJ and myself, the script reader. When the models walked down the catwalk I was reading and David was playing the time by the black eyed peas. Some new French words we learned were Ouhla la (wow), et maintenant (and now) and also salut tout le monde (hi everyone). I really enjoyed doing it and it was really sunny watching Andrew and Matthew walk down the catwalk.

Miss Masson

Thinking Day—22nd February

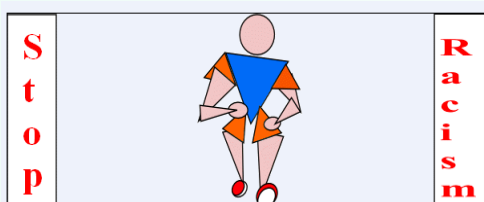
Here are a few of our pupils, looking very smart, dressed in their uniforms for Thinking Day.



Miss Edmonstone

Animated Success!

S2 ICT pupils recently participated in the SQA/SFA "Show Racism the Red Card" competition. The challenge was to develop a piece of work to put across loud and clear that racism is not welcome in Scotland. All S2 ICT pupils had the opportunity to create an animation using DrawPlus software with the best entries submitted for the competition. Everyone enjoyed the project with some very insightful messages being created. Well done to all who participated and particularly to our winners Robyn Black, Iona Staniforth, Katie Mellish, Holly Hutchison, Miriam Thompson and Caroline MacKinnon all of whom were presented with a gift certificate at a recent S2 assembly.



Holly's winning entry



Mrs Sterkenburg

Eco-committee update

At the eco-committee over the past few months we have been in the process of coming up with a new eco code for the school and will be delivering this idea to the whole school at house or year group assemblies.



As most pupils will have noticed there is an outdoor classroom that has been constructed between the All Weather pitch and the south campus main building. The outdoor classroom will be used for cross-curricular and active-learning, the area is made up of bird feeders made out of recycled



plastic bottles, benches and a teachers desk made out of recycled wood and a green house again made from recycled materials.

As part of our eco-campaign we are launching a competition for secondary pupils to design an eco slogan and universal code for pupils and teachers alike.

As part of this campaign myself and another member of the eco-committee have been randomly spot checking teachers classrooms after school. On the whole the primary department have not been wasting very much energy, but the secondary department have not been so careful however they have done very well in keeping up the schools good ecological status.

I hope to bring you another update on current and future matters soon.

Blair Bellamy

S2 Slave Walk

The whole of S2 took part in a history trip to Glasgow's Merchant City and to the People's Palace where they learned about their city's links to the slave trade – both how it benefitted from it and how and why people campaigned for it to be abolished. In what was a lively trek through Glasgow, all pupils were a credit to the school and engaged extremely well on what was a cold day!

Mr McMaster



Glow Meet



The History Department took part in a Glow meet in March involving LTS, The Goethe Institute and the Washington Historical Institute as part of the launch on a new set of resources to support the teaching of German History post 1945. It was very successful and informative and the department will be using the same technology in classes in the upcoming months. Many thanks to IT, especially Darren, for their support.

Mr McMaster

Hair cut anyone?



A few days ago the learning zone was turned into an impromptu hairdressing salon all in the name of charity. Tom McNeill of S5 St John, and his friends

John McKendrick, Sean McLeod and Lewis McKenzie decided last month that they wanted to raise some money for Water Aid, a charity that works to provide clean water for third world countries. Tom had very long hair it was decided Tom's hair was the sacrifice...Tom agreed obviously despite not looking too convinced when they came to me last month with the idea!

Tom had his locks chopped by the highest bidders Rio Madan, Lana Reid-McConnell, Emily Moran and Tom Malcolm who bid £37 for the privilege today in the learning zone watched by most of S5 along with some pupils from other year groups. Over 10 inches of hair was first chopped as pony tails and then the finishing touches of shaving the rest was down to the highest bidders and me as Tom's tutor. Tom had the full support of his family and friends and will raise over £800 to donate to Water Aid.

In addition to the donation he will be making to Water Aid, Tom has decided to send his hair to another charity. Locks of Love are a charity who accepts real hair donations to make medical wigs for children. Tom will receive a certificate from Locks of Love and some lucky young person will,

I am sure, love the wig made from Tom's thick and long hair.

Tom and his friends are willing to accept further donations if you wish to give to this worthwhile charity and they asked to pass on their huge thanks to everyone who supported them in this event.

As Tom, Sean, Lewis and John's tutor I know I speak for everyone involved in saying we are immensely proud of what these guys have done and this is another event that has proved our pupils will do all sorts of things to help less fortunate people. I feel this really shows what can be done and that Jordanhill continues to be a place where generosity is huge despite tough economic times.

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who has donated and thank Mrs Douch and Mr Brown for their support of Tom in this process. I do hope his mum is OK with the new and improved hair cut.

Ms Bream



A fine display of Primary 3a's Spring artwork!

Mini Trial Report

Saturday mornings: the deep sigh after a week of toil and stress, of teachers breathing down your neck, of having to make tough and potentially life-changing decisions. They should be the most peaceful time of the week for a student. But last Saturday (19 March) was no ordinary Saturday. Instead I found myself, along with eleven others from Jordanhill School, standing outside the Glasgow Sheriff Court waiting to be taken to one of the court rooms with a lawyer and policeman. But –don't worry! – we were only there for a Mini Trial courtroom experience, not to be put on trial ourselves. And anyway, would an intelligent, sensible Jordanhill School pupil ever really get into that sort of trouble?



Once we'd shaken off our fatigue, the day began with an entertaining demonstration of the courtroom procedure by a few of the Crown and Defence lawyers. This gave us an idea as to how the trials would be structured, and was very helpful when it came to knowing when to speak and when to let the jury take stock of the evidence. Trial number one was an assault case, and we were split up, with pupils from the other Glasgow schools that had come along, into three court rooms. Then the roles were shared out (Prosecuting and Defence lawyers, witnesses) and the surplus of pupils was put up to the task of being jurors.

Small groups of pupils were taken down to the basement just after lunch to be given a tour of the cells. This was certainly a more sobering part of the day, to see the reality of where crime can lead you, and also to remind us of the power that the judicial system holds.

With the afternoon came a second trial, a drugs case this time, and new roles were handed out to everybody. I personally was given the role of defence witness to the accused, and I must say that, although we knew the case was fictional, the atmosphere in the witness waiting room was somewhat tense. The police officers, Sheriffs and lawyers that had generously given up their time on a Saturday made the whole experience that bit more genuine and exciting. I believe this pushed us as creative thinkers and got us working even harder to win our respective cases.

I think I can safely say on behalf of all the Jordanhill School pupils who attended the Mini Trial experience that it was a great success. It aided us both in terms of our understanding of the courtroom procedure and of the kind of work that is undertaken daily by the staff of Glasgow's Sheriff Court. Using their expertise, they helped to enthuse and encourage us in all we did that day, and it was a privilege to have been invited to the Court, even taking into account the early morning start.

Rachel Blackhurst

Public Speaking Triumph

Congratulations to **Rory Elrick** S5 on winning the Glasgow Speakers Club competition against fierce opposition. This completes a rare double for Rory who also won the Rotary Club competition last term.



PE Department Update

Hockey Successes

Nina Dickson, Fiona Galbraith, Emily Moran and Nisha Kohli-Lynch were selected for the U-18 West District Team. They competed at the Scottish Inter District Tournament where West won, beating East in the final, Nina Dickson scoring the winning goal.

The 1st XI had a very strong team this year and were semi finalists at both the Hutchie 7s and High School 7s. They were runners up in the West District.

Our 2nd years had some success at their District Tournament where they were semi finalists. The 1st year team play their District Tournament on Saturday 19th March, so fingers crossed for them.

Both teams have grown considerably throughout the season. Their commitment to training, the school and especially to each other is commendable. Both A and B teams have played a good number of matches, experiencing both wins and losses. The girls have taken the season in their stride and most importantly have embraced every result as a team with the attitude: 'Team win, team loss'.

The primary 6 and 7 girls have had a productive hockey season, improving as individuals and as a team. They have played a number of matches, and the primary 7 girls recently took part in a variety of tournaments and festivals. The girls have done the school proud in both their behaviour and effort.



Rugby Season 2010/2011

Unfortunately in terms of results, this season has not been very successful, however in terms of improvement I felt the skill levels and understanding of the game got better as the season progressed. This was demonstrated in our final game against Kelvinside Academy. We were beaten by 40 points at Balgray in the first half of the season; in our last match at Jordanhill we were very unlucky not to win scoring five tries and showing good commitment and skill throughout the match.

At the start of the season fitness levels were not good, slowly but surely they started to improve and so did our competitiveness. The bad weather then hit and it was difficult to keep the momentum going and it was almost like starting over again, results reflected this.

We went on tour to the Lake District and achieved our first win of the season against Queen Katherine's School from Kendal, we played some good 15 man rugby and dominated the whole game.

I would like to thank Ian Gordon who captained the side, for all his effort both on and off the field. Vice Captain Mike Jones for the twenty two minutes of outstanding rugby he achieved this season; only joking Mike I hope the hamstring is good for next season.

Congratulations must go to Neil Herron who apart from having an outstanding season playing for the school was selected to play for Glasgow under 17's against Edinburgh, the South and North and Midlands.

Looking forward to next season already.

Gordon Taylor

Energise! Health and Fitness Club

The fitness suite continues to attract a core of fitness enthusiasts before school, at lunchtimes and after school. Of particular note are Blair Bellamy and Alexander Perry (S2) who attend at least once a day and have both just completed the "West Highland Way" challenge by completing the 152 km virtual route on exercise bikes.

In the Fitness Suite Challenge, the following pupils have completed awards:

BRONZE - Jenny MacDonald, Euan Hollands, Ali Rae, Blair Bellamy, Luke McElroy, Kenneth Siu, Stephen Mak and Rory Elrick

SILVER - Chris Murray

GOLD - Kieran Miller



Running

Alongside the busy schedule of hockey, rugby and football activities, the winter months have a predominant focus on running.

The running club, led by Gerry Sweeney, has persevered throughout the year, maintaining a consistent core of committed runners whatever weather the Scottish climate threw at them. Primary runners have enjoyed using the treadmill, cross trainers, rowing machines and exercise bikes in the fitness suite when the conditions outside have been unsafe underfoot. Special thanks are also due to Mr Neil Francis (parent) and Paul McFarlane (S6) who have given voluntary assistance with the club.

Both our primary and secondary cross-country teams have had exceptional successes again this year.

The primary 7 boys brought home team gold in the Scottish Road Relay and also took gold in the Glasgow Schools cross-country with Jamie MacKinnon, Andrew Moreland and Ewan Rae finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Anna Breckinridge won individual gold, leading the primary 6 girls to a team silver.

The secondary runners also came away from the Glasgow Schools cross-country with medal places. Jay Van Den Hoven won the S2 event and Fraser Glass, Fraser Purves and Marc Austin all gained individual silver.

In addition to these excellent individual performances, special congratulations are due to the S1 boys team (Fraser Purves, Peter McManus, Stephen Gethin, Ritchie Austin), S2 boys team (Jay Van Den Hoven, Fraser Glass, , Max Hanning, Ali Rae) and senior boys team (Marc Austin, Andy Harper, Paul McFarlane, Calvin Moyes) all of whom came second overall in their team event. A fantastic achievement!

Numerous others also competed with great spirit and determination in the muddy conditions at Nether Pollock and they were all a credit to themselves and the school.

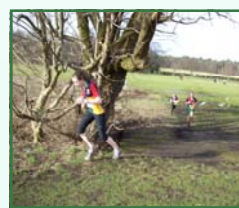


Table Tennis

A recent development has been the introduction of table tennis at lunchtimes to provide an informal opportunity for secondary pupils to stay active and try a new sport. We are looking forward to visits in May from international players who will be providing demonstration matches to show pupils just how fast and exciting table tennis can be in the hope that we might begin to develop a strong school club.

Athletics and Tennis

As the team sport season draws to a close, it is worth noting that competitive sport continues through the summer term with athletics league, Glasgow Schools Athletics Championships, Glasgow Schools Multi-sports championship and School Sports. We hope that our athletes can repeat and build on their many successes of last year.

The tennis season also starts after the Easter holidays, with lots of fixtures arranged so any tennis players should see Mrs Dunlop for details. Our boys team won their Scottish Cup match against Boclair and now face Hutchie in the next round in a couple of weeks. Jotie Purba and Nina Dickson will be going out to defend their Senior Girls title at the High School of Glasgow Tournament. They have won it two years in a row.

Interhouse Competitions

Primary 6 to S3 pupils enjoy the opportunity to compete against the other houses in hockey, rugby, netball, cross-country, football and badminton. These events provide good-natured competition for all and give older pupils opportunities to take responsibility for refereeing and managing primary teams, which they do with great maturity.

The interhouse competitions bring the tally of annual sports events organised by PE staff to well over forty.

Volunteers

The school is very fortunate to have a large pool of temporary coaches who referee and coach approximately twenty school teams every week. However, we also benefit greatly from the help of many parent and staff volunteers, without whom many of these activities would not be possible and their contribution is gratefully acknowledged. Any other parents who would be interested in finding out more about volunteering in sport are invited to speak to Mr Brownlee or any other member of the PE department.

Mr Brownlee

Earth Poem

The time set,
of this verse.
is when the humans,
made Earth a hearse;
of animals and resources,
and many, many poor young sources.

The western world,
wrecked Earth out of greed.
so scamming poor countries,
out of their feed.

So from these words
the fate in Avatar
I have just realised
is not that far.

The amount of care
God put in, to make the universe.
such a beautiful place,
but tomorrow may have,
a ravaged face.

Sagar Sharma, 2 SM

Young Musician of the Year Finals

**Tuesday 19 April in the Atrium
at 7.15 pm**

Free Entry and Refreshments



Reminder

The Primary Easter Service starts at 9.30 am with the Secondary Easter Service following at 11.00 am. Both services will be held in Jordanhill Church, Woodend Drive on Friday, 1st April. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. The school will close for the Spring Holiday on Friday, 1st April at 12.00 noon, returning on Monday, 18th April at the normal time.

Easter Weekend

Good Friday, 22nd April —Easter Monday, 25th April

Royal Wedding Holiday

Friday, 29th April

Have a great break!