



News Bulletin

Monday 31 January 2022

Striving
Higher

Dear Pupils and Parents,

S5/6 pupils begin their prelim exams this week. Alongside this, staff continue to seek opportunities to inspire our pupils and offer a breadth of experiences across the curriculum. Some of these are detailed in this news bulletin.

The Jordanhill Journal survey is still open for parents and pupils to give us feedback on our December edition of the Journal. The Journal is designed to celebrate the work of our current pupils and hear from those connected to our school. Your feedback will help us shape the June 2022 Journal and future editions. The survey link is [here](#)

My thanks to all pupils, parents and colleagues who have helped us to achieve such a positive start to 2022.

Kind regards,
John Anderson
Rector

COVID

Thank you to parents and carers for all you have done to minimise Covid-19 infection in school. We really appreciate how careful and thoughtful our community has been in following the guidelines and erring on the side of caution. With the many changes to regulations, some families have contacted us as they are unsure about what to do when young people have symptoms but are negative on a LFD. **Please note that anyone with symptoms should arrange a PCR test and self-isolate until the results are known.**

These flowcharts and Frequently Asked Questions are a helpful reference point:

Click here for the flowchart if you are a [close contact of a positive case](#)

Click here for the flowchart if you have [symptoms or test positive](#)

You can find further details by clicking here [NHS Frequently Asked Questions](#)

We continue to distribute LFDs to secondary pupils and have LFDs available for Primary pupils to collect from the north campus office when required.

Free Bus Travel

All pupils aged 5-18 are now entitled to free bus travel in Scotland. To obtain a travel pass, an application must be completed. Full details can be found here:

[Applications begin for free bus travel for under-22s \(transport.gov.scot\)](https://www.transport.gov.scot)



Board of Managers

The first board meeting of 2022 was held via Zoom. The board received updates on the school's on-going response to COVID alongside an update on work to improve ventilation.



Board members discussed and approved the [2022 school improvement plan](#), approved two operational finance policies, reviewed and approved the [school uniform booklet](#) for pupils and parents, and approved a new policy on [parental separation](#).

If you would like to hear about any aspect of the work of the board of managers, please contact us at the school using info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk

Eco Schools



Green Flag Award

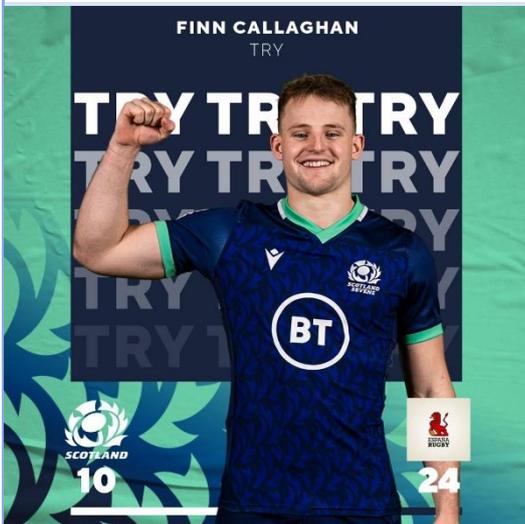
Congratulations to all our Primary pupils who helped us achieve our 6th Green Flag for our Eco Schools work. Highlights of the assessor's report included our Litter and Waste actions that have helped our pupils to develop their understanding of recycling waste and have encouraged greater recycling in school. Our partnership with the University of Strathclyde in teaching the 'Island Explorers' topics was also noted as having greatly supported pupils in becoming more aware of the current environmental issues around the world and in Scotland.

A great achievement for Jordanhill School!

Senior Summer Ball June 2022

While it is hard to predict how things will develop, we do hope that we will be able to run the Senior Pupil Ball for S5 and S6 pupils on Thursday 16th of June.

More information will be forthcoming later this term and so pupils should 'save the date'!



Rugby

Congratulations to our school rugby coach, and former pupil, Finn Callaghan who made his Scotland 7s debut on Sunday 23 January in Malaga. Finn even managed to pick himself up a try.

It is wonderful for our young rugby players to be coached on Saturday mornings by a Glasgow Warrior and now a try scoring 7s internationalist. We look forward to seeing Finn back for coaching duties on the pitches of Jordanhill School and hope that he hasn't become too used to the winter sun of Malaga!



Hockey Excitement

The Senior Scottish Cup Semi Final, Jordanhill v Dollar Academy is taking place on Saturday 19th February here at Jordanhill (9.30am). Spectators are welcome to cheer on our senior hockey girls in this prestigious sporting event in the hockey calendar.

Netball

The S3 Scottish Cup netball team have won their first round matches against St Thomas Aquinas, Glasgow Gaelic School and The High School of Glasgow. They are now waiting to hear who they will play in the regional round of this competition. A win in this match will allow them to proceed to the semi-finals.



Rowing

Congratulations to Dara and Briony Wood who competed in the Scottish Indoors Rowing Championships on Saturday 22 January 2022. Briony came 3rd in the Women's Junior 14

individual event against an international field and Dara also came 3rd in the WJ18 x4 relay. Dara's time in the individual WJ18 event was a Personal Best and qualifies her for consideration for selection to represent Scottish Rowing at a national regatta in London.

Jordanhill Primary Wider Achievements Survey

You may recall that we are looking to capture a record of your child's wider achievements so that we can track and support them over time.



Thank you for your help completing this survey with your child. We are really pleased to learn about the vast array of clubs attended, hobbies undertaken regularly as well as specific achievements gained.

We have received about 40% of responses from children so far. We are very keen to achieve a response rate of 100%, so please can you take a little time to sit with your child to complete the survey on the link below. The average time to complete the survey is ten minutes. Thank you for your support!

Primary only: The survey can be found here – [Wider Achievements Survey](#)

Bikeability success

Well done to the children in Primary 5 who successfully completed the **Level 2 Bikeability** training course.

Many thanks to Mrs Fleming for providing this super opportunity to our Primary 5 children. Another group of children will embark on the Level 2 course shortly.



General Primary Department information

If your child is wearing wellington boots to school on wet, winter days, can we ask that they also bring a pair of shoes to change into, so they will be more comfortable in the classroom.

Nut allergies

We have several children across Primary who can have a severe allergic reaction to peanuts. Please support us by ensuring that your child does not bring any food items containing nuts into Primary.

I would also like to make you aware that we have other children who have allergic reactions to sesame. Thank you for your support.

Uniform

We would also like to remind parent/carers that in Primary School coats/jackets should be brown, dark green or black and that hats, scarves and gloves should be as per the uniform regulations which can be seen on the Parent's section of the website here :- [School-Uniform-Booklet.pdf](http://jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk/School-Uniform-Booklet.pdf) (jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk)

All such items are available for purchase from the school [uniform shop](#).

Primary Christmas Card Art Competition 2021

| Name | Class |
|---------------|-----------|
| Tara Porter | Primary 1 |
| Chloe Yang | Primary 2 |
| Bobby Bennett | Primary 3 |
| Harry Morton | Primary 4 |
| Jasleen Kaur | Primary 5 |
| Isla Thomson | Primary 6 |
| Tara McIntyre | Primary 7 |

We had a great response to our annual Primary Christmas card competition. The winning entry was a lovely design produced by **Katie Longhurst** in Primary 7 and was selected for the school's Christmas card. The other finalists are shown below. Well done to all children who took part!





Primary Learning & Teaching -Social Studies

This term is always a very stimulating and exciting one as the children across Primary learn about well-loved interdisciplinary topics focused on People, Past Events and Societies. The range of topics are as follows -

Primary 1 When Grandparents were Little

Primary 2 Toys from the past

Primary 3 Ancient Egyptians

Primary 4 Knights and Castles

Primary 5 Romans in Scotland

Primary 6 Victorians

Primary 7 World War 2 - Home Front



S2 STEM Business Challenge

All S2 pupils took part in a full day of enterprising activity as part of the S2 STEM Business Challenge. Mr Andrew Proffitt, one of the panel judges, gave the following observations.

'It was tough to pick a winner from four terrific business

concepts. All four teams impressed by presenting their visions with confidence and clarity. We liked that the teams had all looked to emerging business trends for inspiration but used their STEM knowledge to create unique selling points to help them stand out in the market. They also recognised that simply providing a product or service is not enough on its own; customers also want socially responsible businesses that contribute to their local community. In the end, 'Soled Out Shoes' secured the top spot thanks to their environmentally-friendly plans to use innovative technology and cutting-edge textiles to reduce fashion waste.'

The judges were 'soled' on the concept of a local shoe up-cycling service to rival impersonal online competitors. Well done to all involved!

S6 Charity News

S6 got off to a strong start raising money for this year's charity, [Refuweegee](#), with the festive activities alone raising almost £1000! We have so many more new and exciting ideas to carry out this year. Admittedly, it's not been easy, Covid has put a big damper on what events we have been allowed to arrange, but the committee has collectively put their creative minds together and delivered multiple events in the run up to Christmas with the virtual Santa dash in December, a home based bake off in November and Christmas themed outfit day.

We've been in touch with Refuweegee, and they are thrilled by and grateful for our efforts. We hope to volunteer some hours in the coming months to see the charity in action and lend our support. Huge thanks go to Mrs Cockburn, Mum of School Captain Anna, who ran a brilliant coffee morning at home and raised over £700 for Refuweegee! The charity was overwhelmed with this donation and so are we. If parents and carers have any ideas for fundraising in the community then please get in touch (info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk) and let us know how we can help.

As mentioned, we have more great events to come - watch this space!
S6 Charity Committee

Refuweegee

(ref-u-wee-gee)

noun - A person who upon arrival in Glasgow is embraced by the people of the city, a person considered to be local.

see also Glaswegian -

We're all fae somewhere

COVID support

Since April 2021, we have invested in additional teaching and pupil support staffing to create interventions for pupils in both Primary and Secondary. This investment, supported by a COVID support grant from Scottish Government, has been necessary given the disruption stemming from the national lockdowns. Initial projects have targeted numeracy, literacy, and wellbeing, with early progress reports indicating our work is making a significant difference to our pupils.

We are pleased to announce that Mr Brian McMaster (Head of Crawford House) and Dr Helen Kelly (Head of Mathematics) have been appointed acting Depute Head Teachers (part-time) to assist with our on-going COVID recovery and support programmes. Both posts will run until June with Brian and Helen continuing their Pastoral/Head of Department roles (part-time) assisted by colleagues in both departments. They will oversee several whole school projects designed to help the school as it responds to the on-going pressures of COVID.

Contacting the school

A reminder to parents that only **pupils** should use Microsoft Teams to contact staff. Parents and carers can contact the school by emailing info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk or calling 0141 576 2500. This allows us to keep track of parental queries and to reserve MS Teams for pupil queries.

Our preferred method for receiving notifications of pupil absences is by email to absence@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk. Alternatively, please telephone the dedicated absence line – 0141 576 2526 and not the main School number which is especially busy at the start of the day. This ensures that the absence is recorded timely by the attendance officer, preventing unnecessary phone calls to parents/carers. Further details are on the school website here: - [Attendance and Absence – Jordanhill School](#)

Dates for the Diary

Our school term dates can be found on our website [here](#).

February 2022

Wednesday 9th

S2 Parents' Evening (5pm-7.30pm, Virtual)

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th

February Holiday (staff in-service day on the 16th)