



News Bulletin

March 2022



Dear Pupils and Parents,

We are starting to see increased opportunities as restrictions are reduced and have very much enjoyed meeting our pupils for our weekly in-person assemblies that returned at the beginning of March. At the same time, the requirement for staff and secondary pupils to wear face coverings in classrooms was removed with some pupils commenting that they didn't know their teachers 'looked like that!' We will assume that this is a compliment.

March is always a busy time for senior pupils as they finish their courses and concentrate on revision. We have been impressed by the resilience and dedication shown by our pupils who continue to work hard and help each other through the final weeks of term. Our Primary pupils enjoyed Comic Relief Day on the 18th of March and Secondary are looking forward to their non-uniform day this Friday 25th March (see details below).

Changes to mitigations should, we hope, allow us to welcome parents back into our school after the Easter break. I have given some details of this below and I will write to clarify arrangements for the summer term after the break.

I hope this news bulletin finds you and your families well. My thanks to everyone for your on-going support of Jordanhill School.

Kind regards,

John Anderson
Rector

COVID updates

Current restrictions continue until the end of term. When we return after the Easter break (Tuesday 19th April), the following will apply:

- Warn and inform letters will cease.
- Pupils and staff will not be required to test after the Easter break. We will not have access to test kits.
- Self-isolation for pupils and staff continues if they test positive or have COVID symptoms. We are advised to follow the [NHS inform advice](#) at the time.
- Face coverings should continue to be worn in corridors and communal areas.
- Restrictions on parents/carers attending school functions will be removed.



We will write to parents/carers after the Easter break to give updates as it is likely that there will be further guidance released in advance of Tuesday 19th April.



WELCOME!



GOODBYE!

Farewell and welcome

Two members of our admin team, Margo Kant and May MacKenzie, leave us soon to start new adventures. Margo and May have been an essential part of the Jordanhill support team and will be missed by all.

We are delighted to welcome three new members to the admin team who joined us recently: Kirsty Sharp, Katrina Watson and Gill Duffy.

Board of managers

The March board meeting was held in school on Tuesday 15th March. The following items were discussed by the board:



COVID support and recovery

The board engaged in discussion about the school's approach to COVID recovery and heard presentations from Andrew Proffitt (English), Helen Kelly (Maths), Richard Buchan (Primary) and Dougie Brown (Pastoral/Wellbeing). Board members expressed their gratitude for the work of all staff and noted the difficult and unusual circumstances, particularly over the past few months.

Scottish Government Budget Meeting

The board received an update on meetings with the Scottish Government to review our budget projection for 2022-23. Headline items included:

- a bid for continued COVID support grants;
- our projected deficit for 2022-23 based on known additional costs associated with the rise in energy prices, food costs, National Insurance, and COVID related losses;
- the need to increase charges for our food service given the current losses associated with energy and food price inflation.

Instrumental instruction and core curriculum charges

Jordanhill School will no longer charge parents for music lessons, nor will we ask parents for contributions for 'core curriculum' items e.g. food for cookery lessons, art and design & technology materials, calculators, dictionaries, etc. The board were presented with a summary of how this new policy will affect our funding and detailed some ideas for fundraising to help off-set the new costs.

Development Office, Journal and Striving Higher

We discussed the survey of parental views about the December edition of the Jordanhill Journal. Feedback was very positive with parents enjoying the pupil-focussed articles and were supportive of the move to a digital format. However, many parents requested the option to have a hard-copy of the Journal so this will now be included as an option for June onwards.

A recruitment agency is working with us to recruit a new Director of Development to help the school boost funding as part of the Striving Higher campaign.

Health and Safety

Board members scrutinised the school's policy on health and safety and received a briefing on how the school promotes a positive health and safety culture.

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

Educational Amenities Trust

Trustees made a grant award to the biology department to help set-up and run a new venture for Jordanhill School: the dissection club. Graeme Gibb, Head of Biology, is keen for our pupils to gain experience and skills of dissection techniques that are no longer part of the core curriculum in biology courses.



Groups of S3 biology pupils enjoyed investigating the structure of the heart and eye, and spent time analysing the anatomy of rodents too. The biology department is grateful for the grant from the Educational Amenities Trust that allowed them to purchase equipment and consumables for this series of dissection labs.



Popcorn Science

Pupils and staff have enjoyed a series of lectures as part of the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Schools Talk Programme.

We heard from meteorologist Alison McLure who shared her expertise of weather forecasting, demonstrating that forecasting is both an art and a science. We were then impressed to find out, from Dr Pam Anderson, that Scotland is at the forefront of the New Space revolution and is a world leader in small satellite technology (CubeSats). Our next talk will be delivered by Professor Karim Labib from the University of Dundee. He plans to enlighten us about the Origin of Life on Earth.

Young Musician of the Year 2022

Congratulations to all pupils who participated in Jordanhill School's Young Musician of the Year 2022. The judges commented on the obvious musicianship of all participants and were impressed with the high standards of performance on the evening.



Junior Category Winner: Alistair Hillis

Runners Up: Ellen Phillips and Martha Johnson

Senior Category Winner: Euan Aitken

Runners Up: Daka Zvekare and Eleanor Carrie

Sporting success

Our 1st XI hockey team played the school's first ever Scottish Cup final on Friday 18th March at the Peffermill Playing Fields, Edinburgh.

They were supported by two busloads of Jordanhill pupils, many parents and former pupils who cheered on our fantastic team.



Despite heroic individual and team efforts, we lost to George Heriot's School. The final score was 1-0 with Jordanhill the far more threatening team throughout the second half.

The team represented themselves and our school superbly in front of a large, noisy crowd. They gave everything during the game and were obviously very disappointed at the final whistle. However, you can see from the photo above that they had the maturity to enjoy and be rightly proud of this superb achievement.

The final capped a great season for the 1st XI. The team includes three members of the Scotland U17 team but it is their collective skill, teamwork and commitment that has been the foundation of their success. As the only state school in the competition, it was initially suggested that we enter the Aspire Cup for less experienced teams. To get to the final in the main draw we have beaten far more established hockey schools such as Loretto School, The High School of Dundee and, in a tense semi-final, former Scottish Cup winners, Dollar Academy. In recent weeks, the team have also won the Hutchesons' Grammar School and The High School of Glasgow 7 aside tournaments. Huge congratulations to the team, coaches and everyone involved.

We also have an outstanding Senior Boys' Football team this year. The team are in the final of the Cameronian Cup having recently defeated John Paul Academy 1-0 in a closely fought match on Wednesday 16th March. They also play in the Quarter Final of the Scottish Cup against Linlithgow Academy on Wednesday 23rd March and are in the knockout stages of the SISFA tournament. Congratulations to them and we look forward to their continued successes this season.

2022 has been a great year for sport at Jordanhill School with too many successes to capture in this e-bulletin. Instead, please look out for our Sport Review that we are putting together to showcase our pupils' achievements. We will also feature 2022 sporting highlights in our June edition of the Jordanhill Journal.

S6 charity news

This Friday, 25th of March, Secondary pupils will have a non-uniform day to support our S6 charity [Refuweegee](#). Secondary pupils are asked to bring £2 as their contribution to non-uniform day. Alongside the non-uniform day, we will be organising both a tuck shop and Soak the Teacher at interval. The tuck shop will sell a range of sweets that will cost from 50p to £2. The Soak the Teacher will cost £1 per sponge or four sponges for £3. Please bring some cash on Friday and support your S6 charity.

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

School uniform after the Easter break

As a temporary arrangement during the winter months, we relaxed secondary uniform requirements by allowing pupils to wear their Jordanhill school hoodie to school and in classes.



- ✓ **After the Easter break, pupils should not wear school hoodies. Normal uniform standards will apply. Our guidance on school uniform can be found [here](#).**
- ✓ **For footwear, a reminder that plain black shoes are required as detailed in the uniform booklet. Boots are not permitted.**

Dress code is a small – but important – indicator of our high expectations and our belief that all young people at Jordanhill School will benefit from a calm, focused environment without ‘brand competition.’ We appreciate that not all young people agree with our gentle but relentless focus on these small ethos indicators, but we sincerely believe that they contribute to our many successes. Thank-you for your on-going support.

Primary uniform

School re-opens after the Spring break on Tuesday 19th April and on our return, Primary children can wear the **summer uniform**. Details can be found on the school website [here](#).

Sportswear & Primary summer uniform purchases

The School online uniform shop will be closed from Monday 28th March until Saturday 2nd April to allow us to do year stock takes and audit verification. If any sportswear or summer uniform items are required from the online shop, we request that purchases are made this week up until Monday 28th March at 9am. Purchases made from 2 April will be issued to pupils after the Easter break.

Primary assemblies

After a long gap of two years, we were able to re-launch stage Assemblies for P1-P7 last week.

P3-P7 Assemblies focused on the theme of **Achievements** and this was linked to the term’s **health and wellbeing skill**. We reminded the children about the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** and highlighted **Article 29**, that relates to achievements.



We emphasised the importance of having the right attitude to be successful and adopting a growth mindset. A group of children from P6-P7 made super presentations about clubs that they attend. P1-P2 enjoyed their first ever Assembly and we focused on the importance of being kind, gentle and helpful in school. The children met a regular visitor to our Assemblies – Monty the monkey puppet!

Primary wider achievement survey

So far, almost 50% of Primary children have completed the wider achievement survey. **Our aim is to ensure 100% completion.** We have set the classes a competition to see who will be first to reach 100% completion – and win a small prize.

Completing the Wider Achievement Survey is the focus of homework for the next two weeks. Please encourage and support your child to complete the survey [here](#). Thank you for your help.



Comic Relief 2022

Our Pupil Council were keen that Primary pupils participated in this year's Comic Relief Day.

Children responded with enthusiasm coming into school sporting red noses and wearing something red!



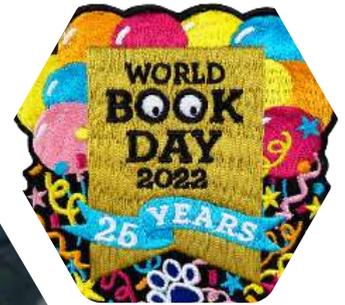


World Book Day 2022

Primary children were invited to dress up as their favourite storybook character to celebrate World Book Day.



It is fair to say that Harry Potter remains popular in Jordanhill School!



Bikeability 2 success

Our cycling proficiency leader, Mrs Fleming is delighted that another cohort of Primary 5 children have successfully completed the Bikeability Level 2 Award.



Primary Growmato! project

With the first signs of spring beginning to sprout, we thought it would be the perfect time to introduce a new growing project for the Primary pupils! If you are interested, your child can buy a tomato seedling from the Eco Committee. The seedlings will be taken home to grow throughout the Spring. At the end of June, we will use your progress photos for a "Height and Harvest" competition. Pupils are also encouraged to bring in a recipe that uses their tomatoes, or even the fruits to be used in our Refectory!



- Each tomato plant costs 50p, on sale week beginning 21st March
- P6 pupils will visit classes to collect money and deliver seedlings.
- We will need to set a limit of 1 tomato plant per family (1st come, 1st served basis)
- Take photos of your tomatoes for the competition in June
- Bring in a copy of your recipe to go into the cookbook

Eco group recycle project

The eco group will be launching *The "Wee Can" recycle!* scheme after the Easter break as part of their commitment to looking at different opportunities to recycle. We will collect aluminium drinks cans and take them to a local recycling company. The eco group are keen to share that this is not an encouragement to buy fizzy drinks, rather, an opportunity to explore a local recycling opportunity. Further details will be given after the Easter break.



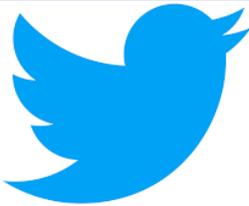
Secondary school examination dates

S4-S6 pupils will be on study leave from Mon 25th April until Fri 3rd June. Pupils will attend school for their SQA exams and return to school on Mon 6th June to begin the new timetable.

We wrote to all S1 and S3 parents/carers this week about the S1 and S3 exams:

S3 exams: Tuesday 19th to Tuesday 26th April

S1 exams: Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th April



Celebrating success

We use Twitter to celebrate the success of our pupils and the wider community. Please join us by following us on Twitter.

We aim to release 1 or 2 tweets per day.

Dates for the diary Dates for the diary

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

April

School closes at 12 noon on Friday 1st April for the Easter break.

We will have a Primary and Secondary Easter Service on the last day of term for both Primary and Secondary. We re-open on Tuesday 19th April.

May

May day holiday: Mon 2nd and Tue 3rd May (in-service day for staff).

We re-open to pupils on Wed 4th May.

