



Dear Parents/Carers,

We started November by hosting a one-day study visit for teachers and students from Driestar University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands. Our guests enjoyed spending time observing lessons and chatting to pupils and teachers. They were on a study tour of Scotland and spoke very positively on the enthusiasm and diligence of our pupils.

More visitors followed with senior pupils hearing firstly from a historian and, later in the month, from an energy industry chief executive. Dr Stephen Mullen, a historian and academic, gave an enlightening lecture to our senior pupils on the Smiths of Jordanhill. This complemented earlier learning in the history department where pupils explore the Atlantic slave trade and examine the connections of Scottish merchants to slavery. Two of our senior pupils, Caitlin Ashcroft and Abigail McCaffery, have been instrumental in bringing Stephen to the school following their own investigations into Smith House, including reviewing the school's archives. We were also visited by Keith Anderson, Chief Executive of Scottish Power, who gave a fascinating talk about his role, the energy crisis, and job opportunities in the energy industry. We are grateful to both Stephen and Keith for giving freely of their time to the school. Both offered illuminating perspectives on important issues and have helped to generate much debate and discussion.



Many of you joined us for a new venture for Jordanhill School – the PTA laser show and family night. This was a replacement for the fireworks displays which we can no longer host on the school grounds. The PTA team welcomed hundreds of Jordanhill families to this event and, with your generous support, have raised a significant sum of money for the PTA. Ideas are already being generated to build on this event for November 2023. We are extremely grateful to our PTA volunteers for their magnificent work bringing fundraising events to the school and providing the Saturday morning catering service.

The PTA are also kickstarting our festive events as they finalise arrangements for the PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December. This month sees a programme of school dances, concerts and fun events which will culminate in our end of term Church service on Thursday 22nd December. Full dates and details are included in this bulletin and reminders will be sent nearer each event.

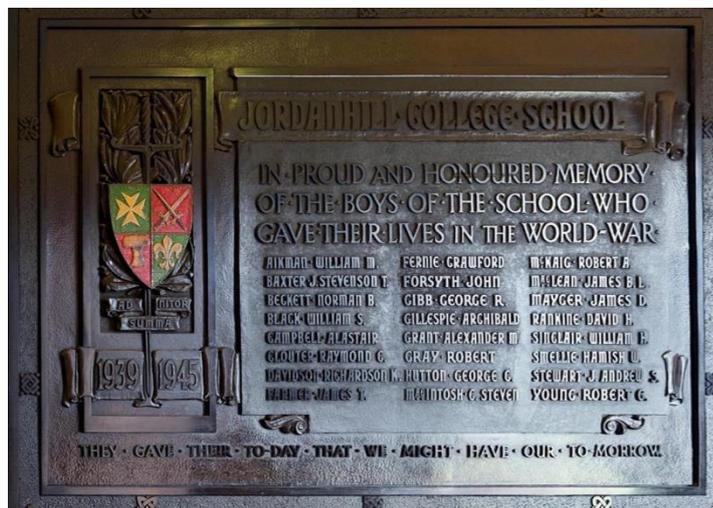
Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff for your ongoing support of Jordanhill School.

Kind regards,
John Anderson
Rector

Remembrance

Our Remembrance Day services were held in school on Friday 11th November. Secondary pupils heard about the sacrifices made by former pupils and marked the occasion by observing a one-minute silence before leaving past the school war memorial in the North Campus foyer. This memorial was unveiled on Sunday 14th November 1948.

Click the link [here](#) to find out more about former pupils remembered on the tablet.



Career Pathways



It was lovely to welcome so many pupils, parents and carers to the S4-6 Pathways Event on 9th November. Thank you for all feedback received to date and we hope that everyone who attended found the evening useful. It has been very heartening to hear our young people talk about the range of opportunities available to them after speaking with our delegates. We are always keen to expand our range of delegates so if you feel you could contribute to future career events then please do let us know by contacting us at info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk.

Christmas Events

Please note dates for Primary and Secondary Christmas events occurring throughout December.

Date	Event
Mon 5 th December	S1 Community Christmas party
Tue 6 th December	Flu immunisations
Wed 7 th December	Primary concerts (2pm and 7pm)
Thur 8 th December	P2 Party Striving Higher reception (6pm)
Mon 12 th December	Secondary concerts (2pm and 7pm)
Tue 13 th December	P3 Party S1 and S2 ceilidh
Wed 14 th December	P6 and P4 parties
Thur 15 th December	P7 Dance; S3 and S4 ceilidh
Fri 16 th December	P1 party
Mon 19 th December	P5 party
Tue 20 th December	Panto for all Primary pupils S5 ceilidh
Wed 21 st December	P1 Nativity S6 ceilidh
Thur 22 nd December	Christmas services School closes at 12noon
Thur 5 th January	School re-opens

Separate communications with details about each event will follow for the relevant year groups.



School holidays and school calendar

Our school term dates can be found on our website [here](#). Also remember that our google calendar showing key school events can be found on the front page of our website [here](#).

Primary 6 Robert Burns Birthplace Museum Trip



Primary 6 pupils had a great time visiting the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum as part of their learning about Scotland. Pupils visited the cottage where Burns was born and explored artefacts to learn about his work, life, and legacy. Pupils also enjoyed dressing up in garments from the Eighteenth Century and being involved in role-play activities.

The Poet's Path took the children on a story-telling journey celebrating scenes from Burns' well known Tam o' Shanter.

Primary 2 Fire station Trip

Pupils in Primary 2 had a fantastic time visiting Knightswood Fire Station as part of their learning about 'People Who Help Us' in the local community.

The children enjoyed sitting in the fire engine, trying on protective helmets and boots, and looking at all of the equipment a fire fighter needs to use. The main highlight was using the hose to spray lots of water!



Odd Socks Day



To help raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week pupils across the school proudly wore their odd socks to celebrate the fact that difference amongst us is what makes us all unique.

Members of our secondary Anti-Bullying Group also presented assemblies to all S1 – 6 pupils throughout the week. A particular mention to Eva Drummond (4Cr) who recently visited the Scottish Parliament as part of her role on the national RespectMe Youth Action Group.

Master Classes Primary 1 and Primary 2

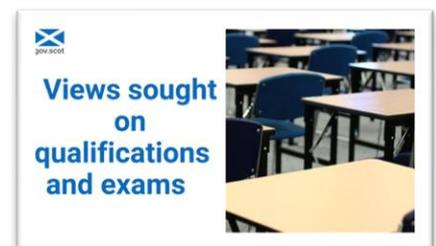
Children have been taking part in Master Classes to develop their skills across the curricular areas of Cooking, STEM and Drama. Pupils work collaboratively to solve problems, make decisions, enhance their creativity, and boost their communication skills. The Cooking Master Class allows the children to take part in a range of practical food preparation tasks to develop their cooking skills. Hopefully this will encourage lots of children to help in the kitchen at home during mealtimes!



During STEM Master Classes children take part in practical activities to design, build and test solutions. In Drama, pupils have been learning how to use their facial expressions and role-play activities.

Scottish Education Consultations

Consultations have been launched on the future of Scottish Education and on how Scotland's qualifications and exams should be reformed. Young people, parents, carers, teachers and education staff are among those being encouraged to give views. You can read more about the consultations and offer your views here:



[National Discussion Scottish Education - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/citizen-space/national-discussion-scottish-education)

[Professor Hayward's Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/independent-review-qualifications)

Board of Managers: November meeting

The November Board Meeting was held in school on Tuesday 22nd November and a brief summary is detailed below. A minute of the meeting will be approved at the next meeting and posted on the school's website [here](#).



Teaching and Learning: Brian Toal (PT Learning and Development), Andy Madill (PT Business and Computing) and Richard Buchan (Primary Headteacher) updated the board on approaches used by teachers in Jordanhill School to improve teaching and learning, and the impact of these approaches.

GIRFEC and Safeguarding: The board received an update from Douglas Brown (Depute Rector) on the national revisions to Pupil Support guidance and ongoing work of the Pupil Support team. This includes joint working with two schools to review each other's approaches to child protection and safeguarding.

Budget 2023: Board members discussed the financial challenges facing the public sector and noted actions being considered by local authorities to deal with these challenges. The board noted the budget projection for Jordanhill School and the challenges of rising energy costs, inflation and staffing costs. The board will continue to monitor this when we receive notification of our funding for 2023-24.

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

Order your copy of the December 2022 Jordanhill Journal

Our [Journal](#) celebrates the work of Jordanhill School and helps to connect pupils, families, friends, and staff to the school. A digital copy of the December 2022 Journal will be distributed to every pupil and their parents/carers. Hard copies of the Journal are also available and can be pre-ordered by paying the £5 fee now listed on Parentpay.

The December edition of the Journal captures school life from our residential trips in May (Abernethy, Raasay, London and Belfast), Sports Day in June, whole school photographs in August, and many reflections, photos and stories from our Primary and Secondary pupils.

The Journal is an important part of Jordanhill School. Selling copies of the Journal helps us to subsidise the publication costs and allows us to extend the reach of the school and our pupils

Hard copies will be available for purchase at the Christmas Fayre too.

Secondary Christmas Themed Day: Friday 16th December



The S6 Charity Committee have arranged for Friday 16th December to be a Christmas Themed day for all Secondary pupils. Secondary pupils are invited to get into the Christmas spirit by wearing something Christmas themed and to make a donation of £2 to the S6 Charity, Scottish Families Affected by Drugs & Alcohol <https://www.sfad.org.uk>

The S6 Charity Committee are keen to promote sustainable choices, so if you don't have a Christmas jumper but would still like to take part then S6 have suggested that you could wear a themed item e.g a Christmas themed face covering, a Santa hat, Christmas socks, a tinsel bow on your school bag. The PTA will be selling good quality second hand Christmas jumpers at the Christmas Fayre if anyone wishes to donate or purchase one.

S6 pupils will collect the donations at tutor time on Friday (16th) morning.

Storehouse Foodbank Donations

Our Secondary House Captains are gathering donations for Storehouse foodbank. This is a service set up by Glasgow Vineyard to meet the immediate and long term needs of those who are most in need in the North and West of Glasgow, with a specific focus on Drumchapel, Knightswood, Anniesland and the surrounding areas. The aim is to give the assurance of food to those in greatest need.

This year, Storehouse have asked us to help them provide some Christmas cheer by collecting the following items:

- Biscuits, Chocolates and Selection boxes
- Mince Pies and Christmas cake
- Small Men's & Women's Toiletry Sets
- Sugar – 500g or 1kg bags
- Cooking Oil – 1L bottles
- Tins of Soup

All pupils are invited to donate items to the school reception before Thursday the 1st of December – this will allow our House Captains and House Vice-Captains to deliver our donations to Storehouse to support those in most need this Christmas.

We greatly appreciate your support with this venture.



Uniform update

Stevensons – our uniform provider are promoting their first ever Black Friday event with 20% off online orders over £60. Use offer code **BLACKFRIDAY20** at [Stevensons.co.uk](https://www.stevensons.co.uk), until 30 November 2022.

John Lewis will no longer be running a Schoolwear service and will therefore be winding down stocks of Jordahill uniform items in the short to medium term. Uniform items will be available from our main provider, Stevensons.

Sportswear – We have this week received new stocks of kukri sportswear into School so items are available for purchase on our online shop. [Jordahill School Online Shop \(parentpay.com\)](https://parentpay.com)

