



News Bulletin

Friday 27 January 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils,

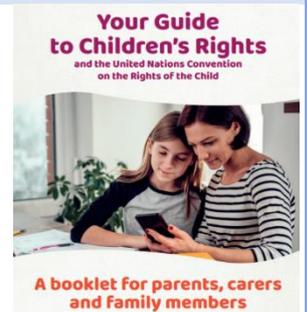
We have enjoyed a positive start to 2023 with much to celebrate in Jordanhill School. Our S2 pupils embarked on a day of enterprising activity as they took part in the annual S2 Business Challenge last week. We are very grateful to First Bus who came along to help us with this event which included all S2 pupils presenting their work to a panel of judges at the end of the day. This was followed by our S2 Course Choice and Careers Information evening. My thanks to everyone who came along to this and to the many parents and former pupils who offered their time and expertise as delegates on the evening.

We had an engaging Board of Managers meeting this month with representatives from the Scottish Government present. As detailed below, we continue to make our case for on-going investment in Jordanhill School to ensure it offers a positive learning environment.

Best wishes for a happy and successful 2023,
John Anderson
Rector

Children's Rights

Parentclub Scotland have published a new booklet explaining Children's Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We have embedded children's rights into our work through lessons and assemblies and continue to evolve our practice. The booklet can be accessed here: [Read more](#)



Board of Managers

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The first board meeting of 2023 was held on Tuesday 17 January.

Two representatives of the Scottish Government were present at this meeting to hear a presentation from Kenneth Hastie (convenor) and Deborah Hughes (vice-convenor) about the Jordanhill School estate. The purpose of the presentation was to highlight our case for investment in the estate given our ambitions to improve the learning environment. The presentation highlighted the costs of ongoing maintenance and suggested a planned approach to refurbishing/rebuilding those buildings in most need. The board also emphasised the significant need for Scottish Government to increase the capital grant the school receives given the financial pressures placed on the school with the demands of ongoing repairs and maintenance.

The dialogue with Scottish Government will continue throughout 2023. It is our hope that we can access project planning and financial support to help us upgrade our estate.

Board members also discussed and approved the 2023 School Improvement plan.

The minutes of board meetings can be found here ([Board Minutes – Jordanhill School](#)).

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

Jordanhill School Improvement Plan 2023



Introduction

This school improvement plan is designed to inform whole-school and departmental planning and budgeting for the coming financial year. We will review this plan in June 2023 and formally evaluate our progress in October 2023.

Our motto

Ad Summa Nitor – Strive for the highest

Our vision

To inspire pupils to become the best version of themselves and make a positive impact on the world.

The values we wish our pupils to develop:

*Gratitude Integrity Respect
Kindness Perseverance*

Our aims

1. Provide excellent teaching and learning to challenge, excite and support pupils to learn and achieve highly
2. Promote enjoyment and encourage wider interests
3. Develop wellbeing by helping pupils understand themselves and others
4. Nurture pupils to become confident and a source of good for their families, local community, and society.

The 2023 [School Improvement – Jordanhill School](#) details our ambitions for Jordanhill School for the year ahead. The first four pages of the plan explain how the priorities were identified and detail some of the pressures facing Jordanhill School.

We are grateful to the pupils, parents and staff who took part in our consultation exercises in October, November and December 2022. Outcomes from these discussions have influenced the priorities in our plan for 2023. We will be sharing an outline of the plan with pupils in upcoming assemblies.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the school improvement plan, please do get in touch with us.

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.





Playground Pals

Mrs Benjamin presented certificates to a group of Primary 5s who have been **Playground Pals** to children in P1-P2.

The children relished the opportunity to support the younger classes in the playground through planning and leading structured play activities.

General Primary Department information

Passing on a message

Please note that our teachers are preparing lessons before school begins and are responsible for their classes from 9.00 am. If you wish to pass on any message or discuss any matters of concern at this time, we are always very happy to help. However, I would be grateful if you could speak with a member of the senior leadership team in the first instance.

| STAGES | FIRST POINT OF CONTACT | |
|--------|------------------------|---------------------|
| P1-3 | Mr. R. Buchan | Head Teacher |
| P4-7 | Mr. R. Paton | Depute Head Teacher |

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

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.

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](#)

(jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk)

All such items are available for purchase from our Uniform Providers, details here :- [Uniform & Resources – Jordanhill School](#)

Partnership with Whiteinch library

We are enjoying building up our partnership link with Whiteinch Library with visits made each week. Several Primary classes have enjoyed an introductory visit to learn about the library and obtain membership cards.



Primary Learning & Teaching -Social Studies

This term is always a very stimulating and exciting one as the children in Primary 2-Primary 7 learn about well-loved interdisciplinary topics mainly focused on **People, Past Events and Societies**. Our children thrive on reading and absorbing factual information.

The range of taught topics are as follows –

- Primary 1 **Polar Lands/Hot and Cold**
- 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**



Primary - Engaging Parents' Events

A list of events in our annual programme of engaging parents' events is outlined below. All parents and families are warmly welcome to visit the school to see the children display their classroom learning.

All events usually take place in the **Main Hall and start at 1.30pm**.

We invite all visitors for tea/coffee in the Refectory afterwards.

| Date | Showcase Event | Stage |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Wednesday 22nd February | Scottish Opera Schools' Workshop 'The Curse of the MacCabbra Opera House' Expected start time - 1.30 pm | Primaries 5A, 6A, 6B |
| Friday 17th March | 'Ancient Egyptians' | Primaries 3AB |
| Friday 24th March | 'World War Two – the Home Front' | Primaries 7AB |
| Monday 27th March | 'The Romans' | Primary 5AB |
| Thursday 30th March | 'The Tale of Three Trees' Easter play | Primaries 4AB |

S2 Business Challenge

All S2 pupils took part in a full day of enterprising activity as part of the S2 Business Challenge. We were joined by two marketing executives from First Bus who supported pupils and who helped to choose a winning team based on the final presentations.

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, 'Le Bronze Boulangerie' secured the top spot thanks to their simple business design, clever use of social media for marketing, and engaging business pitch.



S2 Information Evening

As part of the Course Choice and Careers process, S2 pupils had the chance to meet with 28 delegates in a conference style careers event. Pupils made the most of this opportunity, listening to a wide range of experiences in the world of work and keeping our delegates on their toes with their questions.



We are indebted to our delegates for giving so freely of their time on a cold January evening and talking with such enthusiasm to our pupils and parents.

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 timeously 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](#).

Monday 30th Jan- 10th Feb

S5 & S6 Mock Exam diet (timetable [here](#))

Wednesday 8th Feb

S2 Parents' Evening (5pm-7.30pm)

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th

February Holiday (staff in-service day on the 15th)

King Charles III Coronation, Monday 8th May

The First Minister has confirmed the introduction of a Bank Holiday to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. In relation to schools in Scotland, Ministers have confirmed their view that it is important that families in Scotland are also able to participate in the Coronation celebrations. Accordingly, Jordanhill school will be closed for the day on Monday 8th May 2023.



Mandarin

Primary 6 pupils of Jordanhill School wish everybody a happy and healthy Year of the Rabbit!

新年快乐! 恭喜发财! Xīnnián kuàilè! Gōngxǐ fācái!

