



News Bulletin

Monday 27 February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy month and our S4 pupils started the new term with two 'off timetable' days of career focussed activities culminating in mock interviews with employers. My thanks to all parents who volunteered their time and expertise to help bring this event to life and gifted our pupils some insight into the skills and qualities valued in the workplace.

There was a real buzz of excitement in the Primary department last week. Pupils had a fantastic time participating in a Scottish Opera workshop, 'The Curse of the MacCabra Opera House'. The children presented enthusiastic and engaging performances to other primary pupils as well as parents and carers. They demonstrated confident singing and dramatic movements which they clearly enjoyed.

We held special assemblies for S1-S4 pupils at the beginning of the month to give pupils an overview of the 2023 school improvement plan ([School Improvement – Jordanhill School](#)). Pupils were interested to see how their feedback from consultation meetings was gathered and is used to influence how we develop our priorities for the coming year.

March is one of the most intense months for senior pupils and secondary teachers as we finish courses and refine student skills before the SQA exams in late April/May. My colleagues continue to guide and support pupils throughout this time and encourage them to give their best effort throughout March/April in the run-up to the SQA diet.

We use our monthly e-bulletin to keep you informed of the work of the school and celebrate the achievements of our pupils. For shorter, more regular updates we use Twitter as our main social media channel to share a small number of daily insights. If you have yet to join us on Twitter, please sign-up and follow us [@JordanhillSch](#).

Kind regards,

John Anderson
Rector



Hockey success

Our S1-3 boys' hockey team recently beat Hutchesons' Grammar School in the semi-final of the Junior Scottish Cup. The final will be played on **Friday 10th March** in Edinburgh.

This is a fantastic achievement for the team and we are looking forward to bringing our supporters through to Edinburgh to cheer on Jordanhill.

Vision, values and aims



Our ethos and values group have been busy designing activities and promotional materials for the school's Vision, Values and Aims: [Jordanhill School Vision, Values and Aims – Jordanhill School](#)

Following the successful launch with Primary pupils earlier this year, secondary pupils are learning about our values through tutor time activities.

This month's value in secondary is kindness. Primary are focussing this term on the value of respect. We have exemplified these to encourage everyone to think about the role they play in living such important values. We will feature the work of our ethos and values group in the June edition of the Jordanhill Journal.

Computing success

Congratulations to Jenna Wong, Lauren Gillespie, Heather Hughes and Ailsa Tonner who reached the Scottish Final of the National Cyber Security Centre Cyberfirst competition. Although they lost out on first place, they gave a super performance in reaching the final and we are proud of their fantastic efforts.



SQA: Helping your child prepare for SQA exams in 2023

SQA has published a guide for parents of pupils sitting exams this year ([here](#)). This will help you find out about support options in the event of exceptional circumstances during their exams or how to appeal if you believe the grade received on results day is incorrect.



Kelvingrove Art



53 pupils studying Art and Design enjoyed a visit to Kelvingrove Art Galleries. They spent time analysing Scottish Colourist still life paintings and wandered the galleries for inspiring ideas for the Kelvingrove drawing competition.

Secondary – Homework and Resource Alerts

We have refreshed our system to monitor homework completion and resource organisation with our Secondary pupils. Both areas contribute positively towards the daily learning experience. Where homework or resources are not brought to class after a verbal reminder from class teachers, Parents/Carers will receive an email to inform them. We hope you find this measure helpful and thank you for your ongoing support.



Secondary pupils are reminded to bring a fully charged Chromebook to school each day. This allows lessons to progress with minimum disruption. We ask that parents notify their child's Head of House (details on our website [here](#)) if there are concerns about charging Chromebooks at home or if there are any general pastoral concerns.

Primary-World Book Day

Primary pupils are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March.

As in previous years, we encourage Primary children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book on this day.

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Primary – Engaging parents events

A list of our annual programme of events for parents is outlined below. All parents and families are warmly welcome to visit the school to see the children display their classroom learning. Events usually take place in the **Main Hall and start at 1.30pm**. We will contact parents prior to each event with further information.

Date	Showcase Event	Stage
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



Primary-Scottish Opera

Primary 5 and 6 pupils gave a fantastic performance of 'The Curse of the MacCabra Opera House' last Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you to all P5 and P6 parents who filled the assembly hall and gave our pupils great encouragement.

We are very grateful to the Educational Amenities Trust and the PTA for paying for this workshop. Contributions to the Educational Amenities Trust (via monthly Striving Higher donations) allow us to provide our pupils with these fantastic experiences. The June edition of the Jordanhill Journal will feature highlights from the Opera workshops and other events supported by the EA Trust.



S4 Careers Event 2023



S4 participated in a two-day careers event supported by Morgan Stanley, Ambassadors, Howden, Highland Spring, Firecrest Films, Speakers for Schools and many parents who gave generously of their time. Challenges included pupils researching a job and company, and then preparing an application.

On the Friday afternoon, Rob Woodward (current Chair of the Met Office board and past CEO of STV, pictured with some of our S4 pupils) gave an inspiring talk about life as a Chief Executive and the skills and qualities companies look for when appointing new people.

The event culminated in all S4 pupils being interviewed on the Friday afternoon. Our interviewers commented on how well prepared, engaging and confident our young people were. Well done S4!

Dates for the Diary

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

Separate communications giving further details about the events listed below (and displayed on our google calendar) will be sent to relevant year groups/Primary stages.

Date	Event
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day (activities for Primary)
Friday 3 March	S3 Immunisation boosters (DTP/MenACWY)
Thursday 2 and Tuesday 7 March	Primary Parents' Evenings (5-7pm)
Thursday 9 March	Primary Parents' Afternoon (4-5.30pm)
Thursday 9 March	S/6 Parents' Evening (5-7.30pm)
Thursday 16 March	Young Musician of The Year 2023 (Secondary, 7-9pm)
Friday 17 March	Charity Dress Down Day
Tuesday 21 March	Secondary Ensembles Concert (7-9pm)
Thursday 23 March	Sustainable Fashion Event (4-7pm)
Saturday 25 March	PTA used uniform (10am-12noon)
Monday 27 March	Secondary instrumental instruction parents' evening
Wednesday 29 March	Primary Spring Concert (evening)
Friday 31 March	End of term. School closes 12noon Re-opens on Monday 17 April

Can recycling

The "Wee can" recycling scheme has gathered excellent momentum helping us to raise £300. Please continue to donate any empty aluminium drinks cans to the school to support this initiative.



PTA-Second Hand Uniform

There will be a second-hand uniform sale in the refectory on Saturday 25th March from 10am-12noon. Any donations of second-hand uniform to the school office would be very welcome.

Re-dress

We are hosting a pre-loved promwear event in the school called Re-dress on Thursday 23rd March from 4-7pm. Please see the link for details [Re-Dress – Jordanhill School](#)

Thank you to Karolina Bolbot and Lily Smith for creating our Re-dress logo.

