



October e-bulletin

Welcome to the October edition of our monthly e-bulletin.

As you may recall, we carried out whole school surveys of pupils, parents and staff in May/June 2023. The results from all surveys were very encouraging with comments recognising the work that has been done to improve the school and offering further ideas which will help us steer the school on its on-going improvement journey. I discussed the findings and our plans at the September AGM and gave an overview in the school's Annual Report. You can read our Annual Report along with our improvement plan evaluation [here](#).

In November, we start the process of writing the 2024 school improvement plan. This plan will include several priorities identified by pupils, parents and staff in the survey feedback. One priority we have started is our work on anti-bullying and improving peer relationships. Please take a few minutes to read the information in this bulletin and consider the questions about our definition of bullying and the use of mobile phones in secondary. Your views will help us shape our approach to antibullying and our work on peer relationships.

Thank you to all parents for your support of the school through donations to [Striving Higher](#) and the [Playground Project](#). Your support of the school is greatly appreciated and helps us bring to life our aspirations for improving the school grounds. Striving Higher donations allow us to provide enrichment experiences for all pupils in Primary and Secondary. We will feature some of this important work in our December Journal.

Regards,

John Anderson
Rector



Jordanhill School

Anti-bullying

Following the whole school surveys in June 2023, we have identified a number of priorities that we will feature in the 2024 improvement plan.

One improvement priority that we have started work on is *Anti-bullying and peer relationships*. Pupils and staff are hard at work on these and we will share the work of our pupil and staff groups throughout 2024.



For now, there are two parts to our work that we need your help with as we refresh our policies and practice:

1. The definition of bullying
2. Mobile phones in secondary

[Please click here to complete a very short survey](#)

Please complete this very short survey to tell us your views. Further details relating to our work on the definition of bullying is shown below.

Bullying - a definition

The Scottish Government have asked all schools to agree their

There is no legal definition of bullying.

However, it's usually defined as behaviour that is:

- repeated
- intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally
- often aimed at certain groups, for example because of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation

It takes many forms and can include:

- physical assault
- teasing
- making threats
- name calling
- cyberbullying - bullying via mobile phone or online (for example email social networks and instant messenger)

Your school should have its own policy to stop bullying.

definition of bullying. This is to let schools have more clarity about how they log and monitor incidents of bullying.

The definition of bullying in Scotland is wider than it is in the rest of the UK. In Scotland, any one-off incident which a pupil **perceives** to be bullying **regardless of intent** can be classed as bullying. This means that if a pupil says they have been bullied then schools should consider it to be so.

In the rest of the UK, the definition of bullying is as shown above i.e. there needs to be intent to cause harm and it is repeated behaviour. We are minded to adopt this definition as, in practice, it will allow for better logging and monitoring of bullying incidents.

Please be assured that we will continue to support pupils to deal with unkind or challenging comments, actions and relationships regardless of the definition of bullying and regardless of intent. The proposed update to our definition relates to how we **log and monitor** bullying. The next stage for this process is for parents and carers to share their thoughts with us. You can do so by clicking on the survey above.

Our survey also asks parents to offer views on secondary pupil use of mobile phones during the school day given increasing concerns about the negative impact of phones on both learning and relationships.



Can you help us?

Our new Duke of Edinburgh lead, Laura Rashed, has carried out an inventory of our stock of outdoor equipment that we use to help support the Duke of Edinburgh award.

We still have a few items outstanding from senior pupils past and present and ask that all families have a look at home to check if they are harbouring any Jordanhill DoE kit. Please see photos for reference. All items should be returned to the school reception FAO Mrs Rashed at the school.

If you have any good quality rucsacs, sleeping bags, roll mats or tents that you would like to donate to the school, we would gladly accept your kind donations. Please drop off at either reception office.

Hallowe'en Fun



We welcomed over 180 pupils to our S1-S3 disco on Thursday 26 October. Lots of creative costumes were worn and our S6 pupils ensured that everyone parted with some change for the S6 charity in exchange for a terrifying haunted tour of the school.

Primary enjoyed a non-uniform day with younger pupils taking part in some traditional Jordanhill games. Lots of excitement, energy and happy faces!



Hiring our facilities



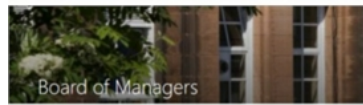
Jordanhill school successfully lets its sports facilities to community groups. At present there are opportunities to let some facilities for children's parties early on Friday evenings and in some limited cases on Saturday afternoons. Our external MUGA (multiuser games area) is ideal for children's football games, followed by self-catered food in the school refectory and has proven popular for parties previously.

Did you also know our sports centre has two squash courts and a dance studio which are available to hire? If letting our facilities is of interest to you or you have any other enquiry please contact us at lets@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk

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Board of Managers: October meeting

A brief summary of the October board meeting is shown below. This brief summary is designed to offer parents an insight into the main items discussed. The detailed minutes will be approved at the next meeting and posted on the school's website [here](#).



School progress : Mr Buchan talked through the work of the Primary department and the positive reception to the new Primary lunchtime clubs. Mr Anderson gave an overview of the school exam results and the use of the 'Virtual Comparator' to demonstrate the significant value the school adds to the pupil learning experience.

School Improvement: Board members reviewed the 2023 school improvement plan evaluation (on our website [here](#)) and discussed the school's risk register.

Playground and Development: The board discussed the progress made in fundraising for the playground including the launch of the Donor Celebration Tree and further support from external partners.

Estate: The board heard from the Bursar about works taking place to improve the estate and our progress with surveying the estate to help support our case for government funding.

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



Careers

This month I'd like to highlight the Parents and Carers section of our careers website, which is designed to help you support your child with ongoing career conversations. Click on the link below to find tools and resources that can be helpful for developing career ideas, with links to specific areas of the 'my world of work site' and to relevant webinars.

I will also be at the S4 – S6 Pathways Careers Event in school on 8 November and look forward to meeting some of you then.

Ingrid (School Careers Adviser)

[Parents/Carers MyWoW Careers](#)

November dates for the diary

Date	Event
Mon 6	S4-S6 (SQA pupils only) Music Instruction Parents' Eve, 7-9pm, Virtual
Wed 8	Senior Pathways Careers Event, 7-9pm
Thur 9	Primary Parents' Eve, 5-7pm
Fri 10	Secondary Remembrance Services
Tue 14	Primary Parents' Eve, 5-7pm
Wed 15	S1 Interim Parents' Eve with Head of House, 5-7.30pm
Thur 16	Primary Parents' Afternoon, 4-5.30pm
Fri 17	P2 Engaging Parents Event, 1.30pm
Mon 20 to Fri 1 Dec	S4 Prelims
Thur 23	S5/6 Parents' Eve, 5-7pm, Virtual
Sat 2 Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre

[School Calendar](#)

[Term dates](#)



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