October e-bulletin

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

The Jordanhill team is getting everything ready for next week's visit from His Majesty's Inspectors, who will be with us from Monday through to Thursday. Further details are provided below. We are incredibly proud of our school, and I very much hope that the inspectors will see the excellent work of our pupils and staff that I am fortunate to witness every day.

The October holiday was an active break for many Jordanhill secondary pupils who were completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. We also had our Geography trip to Iceland, led by Miss Lewis, which was a great success. Thank you to all members of staff who created these experiences which I am sure will have left many lasting memories.

Prior to the break, staff participated in a full day of in-service training. We always use the October in-service day to explore approaches and strategies that teachers can use to enhance teaching and learning. This year, we hosted a series of pedagogy workshops, during which teachers demonstrated effective classroom techniques and colleagues shared examples of good practice. Staff also reviewed key information in preparation for next week's school inspection.

Thank you to all PTA volunteers for a very successful used uniform sale on Saturday morning. As well as promoting the recycling of school uniform and helping to reduce the cost of uniform for families, the proceeds from the sale contribute to PTA funds. The PTA are generous supporters of the school, providing grants for transport, running the Saturday morning food service, and subsidising a range of fun and enriching events for pupils. These are just a few examples of the significant contribution that PTA funding makes to the life of the school. The next PTA event is the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5 December

Regards,

John Anderson
Rector

Jordanhill School

Primary Newsletter

Please click on the link below to find the October Primary Newsletter that was sent to Primary parents/carers. It includes important dates for the diary and a list of key events for Primary for the next few weeks,

Primary October Newsletter

Jordanhill School inspection

HM Inspectors will be in school from Monday 2nd until the afternoon of Thursday 5th November.

This is the first inspection the school has had in 13 years.The model being used will look at two quality indicators (QI) as per HMIe's revised approach for this year. They will examine QI 2.3 (Learning, Teaching and Assessment) and QI 3.1 (Wellbeing, Equalities and Inclusion). They will observe lessons; review samples of pupil work; and meet with pupils, parents and staff throughout the inspection week. They will also review the surveys completed for the inspection alongside our own self-evaluation data gathered over the past 2-3 years.

Thank you to everyone who completed the HMIe survey and to those who have agreed to meet with inspectors.

Please note that given the intensity of inspection week, we may be delayed in responding to calls and emails,

Hallowe'en disco

Thank you to our S6 team for hosting our annual Hallowe'en disco for S1-S3. They created a fantastic haunted tour and also raised a magnificent sum of money for this year's S6 charity, The British Heart Foundation.

Secondary Award

We held our Duke of Edinburgh Award assembly this week to congratulate secondary pupils who completed the Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level.

We were delighted to announce 77 Bronze, 32 Silver and 5 Gold awards.

Well done to all recipients and a special thank you to Mrs Rashed and her team for all their hard work to bring the Duke of Edinburgh Award to the pupils of Jordanhill School.

S1 Parents' Coffee Morning

Thank you to all S1 parents and carers who attended our Saturday morning gathering where Mr Anderson, Rector, discussed how pupils can have a successful experience in secondary. Mr McCall, Director of PE and Sport, gave an overview of opportunities for S1 pupils to become involved in the school's sporting activities.

As part of the event, S1 parents were invited to offer feedback to help us improve the S1 experience. Examples of positives noted include the induction process, communication, high expectations and good teaching. Ideas for review included the need to streamline communication, and general ideas about helping S1 pupils adjust to the new ways of working in secondary.

We use the feedback gathered from this annual event to refresh the S1 induction project, and to make updates to our whole school processes.

Thank you to everyone for your feedback.

Reading Schools Award

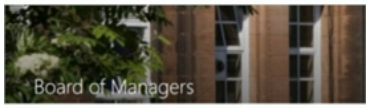
We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Reading School GOLD award!

This award recognises the fantastic reading culture we have in Jordanhill School, enhanced by our Librarians, class teachers and support staff.

A special thank you to English teacher, Hannah Gault, and the secondary pupil ambassadors, Laurie Porter, Molly McLaughlin, and Connie Farrell, for all their work to secure this award.

Board of Managers: October meeting

A brief summary of the October Board meeting is shown below. This brief summary is designed to offer 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.



Welcome to new Board members: The following positions were announced at the October Board meeting:

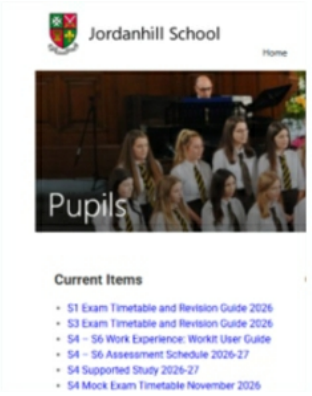
Convenor: Andrew Sloane
Vice-Convenor: Heather Hamilton
Treasurer: David Fothergill
Educational Amenities Trustees: Jennifer Bailey and Ewen White

School progress : Dr Kelly (DHT) gave a presentation to Board members about the National toolkit, Insight, which is used to assess the quality of exam results in Scotland. The presentation highlighted the significant value Jordanhill School adds to pupil attainment beyond that which would be expected when we compare our results to similar schools across the country.

Budget and Estate: Board members engaged in discussion about progress with funding for Estate redevelopment. The Board also approved items to be presented to Scottish Government at the November budget meeting including funding for staffing and the school's food service.

Inspection: Board members reviewed the school's self-evaluation for inspection and discussed the approach HMIe will use when the school is inspected w/b 2 Nov.

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**



Information for secondary pupils

The pupils' area of the website contains important information that has been shared with secondary pupils. This includes, for example, the S4 mock exam timetable and supported study calendar. It also includes the clubs and activities brochure for this year, and the secondary animation/welcome booklet created by the Junior Pupil Council for pupils new to the school.

More info...

Thank you!

We are delighted to report that we've had a magnificent

response to our Striving Higher campaign.

Why Striving Higher?

We need this support to help us deliver music making, sport, and the wide range of extra curricular activities that Jordanhill pupils enjoy.

Gifting to Striving Higher

Examples of the benefits to pupils from Striving Higher include:

-access to national competitions free of charge e.g. Maths Olympiad
-access to inspiring projects such as the *Clyde in the classroom* and the *Botanics experience*
-access to an enhanced level of music, sport, drama and art provision that would not be possible without Striving Higher
-access to additional resources to support Primary masterclasses and practical subjects in secondary
-access to our lunchtime and after-school clubs and societies

Striving Higher Impact Report

November dates for the diary

Date	Event
2nd November	Music Instruction Parents' Evening (S4-6 QS Music only) 7pm – 9pm
3rd November	Higher English Trip – Othello 5pm – 9pm
4th November	Senior Pathways Careers Event 7pm
5th November	Remembrance Services (Secondary) 1.45pm – 3.35pm
9th November	Young Musician of the Year 7pm – 9pm
10th November	P7B Scottish Parliament and National Museum of Scotland Trip
11th November	S1 Parents' Evening (HoH only) 5pm
12th November	Primary Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
13th November	Primary Swimming Gala
16th November	S4 Exams – 16th – 1st December
17th November	Primary Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
19th November	S5/S6 Parents' Evening 5pm – 7pm
24th November	Board Meeting 7.15pm
25th November	P7A Scottish Parliament and National Museum of Scotland Trip
30th November	Community Tea Party 2pm – 3.30pm

School Calendar
Term dates

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