



ST MUNGO'S UPDATE

Christmas Update to Parents/Carers

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The following communication has been sent to pupils and/or parents/carers recently

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MESSAGE FROM MR PHEE, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout this year. As you would expect, our focus is on ensuring our school is safe. The mitigations in place to reduce the risk of catching covid are wearisome but absolutely necessary. Please ensure that your child(ren) continue to bring a face covering to school. In addition, please encourage your child(ren) to use the Lateral Flow Test kits that are available from the school, when coming to school and before socialising.

It is a strange end to the term this year. We would normally have our Christmas concert and Art exhibitions as well as year group Christmas Dances. We can't even have our sing-along on stage on the last day of term. Staff took part in a St Mungo's got Talent which was broadcast on SMTV. The winners were Mr Harrison and Mr Stirling Mr McKay came a close second with his rendition of 'Last Christmas'. Although we cannot have our normal festivities, we have tried to ensure that our pupils have an enjoyable time in school. We've had our Christmas Jumper Day with many bright and colourful items of clothing on display. Staff also took part in a guess the teacher competition based on drawings by pupils. The most life-like drawing is shown later in this newsletter and I am sure there is no need to tell you who this handsome chap is.

As well as enjoying the run up to Christmas, pupils responded magnificently to our St Vincent De Paul Appeal. Well over one hundred food parcels will be handed over to local parish groups to distribute to members of our local community.

Staff got in on the act by donating presents which will be distributed to families in the community.

On behalf of all the staff in the school I would like to wish you and your family a safe, Holy and happy Christmas.

Stephen Phee, Head Teacher



MUSIC FACULTY - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We may not have been able to have a Christmas concert but the Music Department have created a Christmas SWAY to showcase the many talents across their Faculty.

If you haven't done so already, we would very much recommend that you click this link to see the fabulous talent that is nurtured by our Music and Instrumental staff.

[Click here to view the SWAY](#)

HOSSANA HOUSE CHILDREN'S TRUST (HCPT)



Hossanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) is a charity that provides pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes for children and adults with additional support needs or those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Those involved in HCPT spend 7 days in Lourdes participating in many religious activities and celebrations whilst also engaging in activities that develop life skills, relationships, and self-esteem. HCPT has often been described as life-changing and leaves a lasting impact on all who are involved. This year, we have been very fortunate in gaining 2 volunteer places for students to travel with the Scottish Youth Group (SYG). After a difficult selection process, **Simone Ritch** and **Hannah McIntyre** have been chosen to travel on Easter Sunday 2022.

MEET & GREET - ALL YEAR GROUPS IN RM G51: Tuesday & Thursday

Our 'Meet and Eat' club has had a very successful start with over 30 pupils attending each morning whilst providing breakfast and opportunities for pupils to build relationships and friendships with both staff and pupils. Since we have started, many pupils have grown in confidence. When surveyed, it was identified the most popular reasons for pupils returning each morning was due to the opportunity to eat before school starts, a safe space to sit, new friendships and the warm welcome they receive. The club is expanding every week and has been significantly supported by generous donations from both the PTA and the Society of St Vincent de Paul. **Many thanks to Miss King and Miss Murphy for leading on this.**



GIRL'S FOOTBALL TEAMS



Our senior and junior teams got off to a tough start but are finally seeing rewards and scoring many goals. Both the junior and senior teams have had more than 40 pupils participating, with regular training sessions being held. Although the seniors were knocked out of the Scottish Cup by James Young High School and juniors put out by a very strong Lasswade High School, they are working well as a unit and developing as a team.

There are many more exciting fixtures to follow after the break. **Follow @HWBst for all girl's football updates!**



5 A SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



The 5 a-side football league has been well received within the junior school with 9 teams entering. We also have 15 senior volunteers who have undertaken responsibilities including refereeing, setting up and managing teams.

Junior pupils have the chance to compete against their peers on Monday nights after school, in a race to be at the top of the league. A huge well done to 'Faroe Islands' who have always shown up with their full team and have the highest success rate overall!

Speak to Miss King in PE if you are interested in participating.

SENIOR SSVP GROUP

This year, our SSVP group has gone above and beyond to reach out to as many people as possible to support them at Christmas time:

Fundraising to support the group

The SSVP group have participated in several fundraising activities - they held a cake and candy and provided a sweet cart during the talent show which raised over £300. With these funds, they have bought gifts for each shoebox that will be given to residents on Christmas morning.

The group is supporting **Burnbrae Care Home, based in Dollar Park**



Teacher's got Talent

The group organised our 'Teacher's got Talent' show where students could dress down in exchange for a food item (if possible) which supported our food hamper appeal. The school community was overwhelmed with the generosity shown and we have created over 150 hampers to be delivered to parishes and families across our community.

Congratulations to Mr Harrison and Mr Stirling who were voted winners of the 'Teacher's got Talent' competition

Gift Parcel for residents at Burnbrae Care Home

The group have been raising money aimed at supporting residents of Burnbrae Care Home, based in Dollar Park. With the money raised, they have created a gift pack for each of the 26 residents, as well as providing food/drink for their families to enjoy as they visit on Christmas Day.

See photos below.



THANK YOU

Massive thanks and appreciation to Mrs Meechan, Miss King and the following SSVP pupils - your hard work and kindness will support so many families at Christmas this year!

Jismaria Jijo, Mia Lugget, Brogan McIlwraith, Timea Csicsvakova, Shannon Parker, Jiyona Joseph, Jack Davis, Jasmin Mirchandani, Rachel Reid, Ula Kelly, Zsofia Barany, Martin Munro, Aisha Azim, Ellie McGeever, Jodie Lunday, Georga Beattie, Maja Kuleczka, Paige Holmes, Alleia Kiran, Joshua Gardner, Lexie Torrance, Hammad Ali, Piper Ure, Sophie MacKenzie, Iman Bhatti & Morgan Cupples.



GUESS WHO?



S1 Art students participated in a game of 'Guess Who?' using photographs of 'volunteer' teachers and then drew a life-like drawing of them. One of the most life-like drawings is shown (above) and I am sure there is no need to tell you who this handsome chap is.

MICROSOFT SHOWCASE



We have retained our status as a Microsoft Showcase School which is an amazing achievement. Many thanks to our amazing staff, led by **Mr McKay, Mr Penman and Mrs Rennie.**

CHANGES TO CANTEN PRICES



There has been a change to the cost of school meals effective from October 2021:

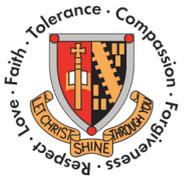
Meal Type 2020/21 Price **2021/22 Prices**

- Traditional Mains £2.65 **£2.75**
- Meal Deal 1 £2.15 **£2.25**
- Meal Deal 2 (Panini Pick) £2.20 **£2.25**
- Pasta King £1.88 **£1.90**

CELEBRATION OF MASS

We are delighted to be able to celebrate Mass again in the school, which is the first time in 18 months. Fr Jamie, Fr Martin and Sister Kathleen have supported us as we are able to come together again as a school community to express our Faith.

All students are welcome to attend Mass and we ask them to sign up using the QR Code which is located outside our Oratory.



YOUNG FIRST AID HEROES



We are super proud of sisters **Megan (S4) and Morgan Clark (S3)**, who are nominated for a 'Young First Aid Hero' in the Scottish First Aid Awards. They provided assistance to a lady who had fallen on the canal path, made sure she was safe and visited her the next day with flowers and chocs!

DANCE ACHIEVEMENTS



St Mungo's are very proud of the 5 students (left) in recognition of their amazing dancing achievements at the Dance World Championships. Combined, they amassed 62 medals for group, solos, duets, trios and quartets. They also represented Team Scotland and came 2nd in the 2020 World Championships and 3rd in 2021. From left to right: **Sienna Glackin, Grace McGinley, Carmen Judge, Ava Judge & Shelby Walker.**

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



Martin Monroe (S5, left) organised a community litter pick with 17 volunteers across S1, S2 & S3 which took place on Friday 17 December. Supported by our School Based Police Officer PC Forsyth, Martin did a wonderful and very efficient job organising the S1-S3 students into their groups and ensuring that our immediate neighbourhood was free of litter.

Well done to everyone involved, especially Martin and thank you for your efforts!

S5/S6 LEADERSHIP CLASS



The S5 and S6 SQA Leadership class have been working hard to raise awareness of period poverty across the school community.

They have created several posters, designed to help end the stigma and raise awareness. These posters have been distributed around the building.

Their next activity is organising a fundraising activity for our S6 leavers.

More details to follow.

ART WORK



HYDROGEN CHALLENGE: REGIONAL FINAL

As part of the COP26 celebrations in Scotland, Arcola Energy ran a nationwide competition with schools throughout Scotland. Students were given the chance to build miniature cars out of Lego and hydrogen fuel cells, to see which cars went the furthest. After 30 students from our second year cohort were given the brief, they set to work on designing and testing their miniature car.

Three St Mungo's students, **Rose, Ahmed & Stefanie** (pictured below right) were selected to attend the Regional Final, held at the Falkirk Wheel where they could put their Lego building skills to the test against other Falkirk schools for a place in the Scottish Final. Although they did not go through to the final, well done for your success. Many congratulations to Larbert High who went through to the final.



AWARDS CEREMONIES

We held our Awards Ceremonies for S2 – S5 students in October which recognised academic, community, charity and other wider achievements, both within St Mungo's and across our wider community. Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director was our guest speaker. **Many thanks to Ms Jess for co-ordinating.**



ST MUNGO'S HIGH SCHOOL RADIO - SMFM: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

At the Awards Ceremony, 2 of our loyal SMFM leaders were recognised for their outstanding contribution.

“ Ever since SMFM lost many members due to them either graduating or the set-backs caused by the pandemic, these two (Logan Clements, left & Euan McGuire right) have picked up the slack, whether that may be running the station themselves or even helping a new crop of members get their start. ”

Mr Johnston, Media Teacher

Current radio team members

Euan McGuire – S5, Logan Clements – S5, Tom Green – S4, Robert Mitchell – S5, Harry McLay – S3, Ania Garczarek – S4, Sophie Leonard – S6, Eva Dougall – S4, Luke Callaghan – S1, Charlotte Gray – S2, Jack Davis – S6, Matthew Brogan – S1, Chrissy Montague – S5 & Shane Montague – S1



People & Society (PAS) Archaeological Dig

The following pupils took part in an archaeological dig as part of their PAS qualification in partnership with Glasgow University.



- Keri Anderson
- TJ Ballingall
- Robert Cupples
- Kira Foy
- Kyle Holmes
- Leo Jaye
- Alexander McCarthy
- Millie Mac Donald
- Logan Rose



COP 26 ~ WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Social Subjects - 'The Moment'

In the run up to COP26 and moving forward, our Social Subjects Faculty encouraged students to 'Make that Change' and consider individual choices that we can all make to help play our part in tackling the climate emergency. Their message was that these individual actions, no matter how small can all add up!

Some of our S1 students took part in 'The Moment' and were given the opportunity to meet our local MP John McNally, and tell him their views on climate change. As part of this, John has also asked them to take part in the 'MyBit, YourBit' campaign where our young people were encouraged to film 20 second clips saying what they are going to do to tackle climate change (my bit) and then ask politicians what they are going to do (your bit).



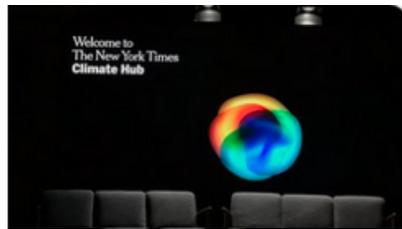
Renew the World Round Table event

The 'Renew the World' Round Table event held at the NY Times Climate Change Hub, during the Day of Youth event at the recent COP26 Conference. This event was broadcast by the New York Times on 5 November.

Alicia Dobson (S6, left) was selected being only 1 of 4 young people asked to participate in this event.

Alicia was part of a panel of experts who was given an area of expertise to discuss; hers being 'How does the melting Arctic impact youth?.'

Thanks to Mrs McMullan for organising this amazing opportunity.



MINI COP 26 CONFERENCE: CLUSTER SCHOOLS

The St. Mungo's Cluster schools held a mini COP26 Conference led by our Primary schools, which was also influenced by the Laudato Si values of Pray, Learn & Act.

Each cluster school representatives (from all stages), discussed what their school was doing to address Climate Change and spoke in front of a panel consisting of local politicians and experts including Michelle Thomson, Johnny McNally, Paul Garner & INEOS representatives. Well done to all the representatives and our cluster staff, including **Mr Young** who organised St Mungo's students for this fabulous experience which is hoped to be held on an annual basis.



WE ARE FUEL CHANGE EVENT

Four sixth year students attended the 'We are Fuel Change' event in Glasgow which was held during the COP 26 conference, where they met and worked with students from Larbert High and Dollar Academy. Attending alongside **Mrs McMullan** was **Sophie Leonard, Alicia Dobson, Ciara Mae Ballantine and Paige Rydeard (all S6)**.

Massive thanks also to **Scott Poynton from Fuel Change** who spoke to junior classes, inspiring them to play their part and make a difference on climate change.



FUNDRAISING

STRATHCARRON HOSPICE



Miss Park from the PE department co-ordinated our second Strathcarron 10k fundraiser with many of our students, staff and wider community volunteering to run or walk 10k. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause and supported us in raising over £2000.

Thank you Miss Park!



SPONSORED 13 MILE WALK

On 23 October, **Kyla Brown (S1)** completed a sponsored 13 mile walk with other family members for her niece Sophie who has Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Kyla's amazing efforts helped her to raise **£1535** for **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Scotland**.

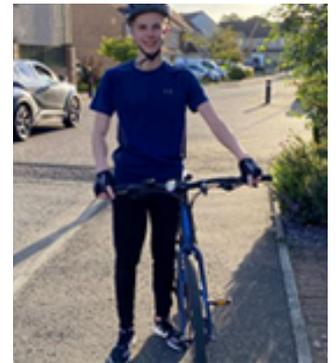
Great job Kyla!



SADDLE UP

Tom Green (S4) took part in the 'Saddle Up' for Strathcarron event where he committed to cycling 328 miles in September. As a result of his amazing efforts, Strathcarron benefitted to the tune of £630.

Well done Tom!



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Our Probationary teachers organised our Macmillan Coffee Morning which was held on Friday 1 October and through this and a raffle, they raised the superb figure of £278.84 for Macmillan Care.

Well done and thank you to all of our Probationers!



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES



Megan Donaldson & Emma Kinghorn

Four of our Vice Captains represented St Mungo's at Falkirk's annual Remembrance events in Falkirk and Bonnybridge in November 2021.



Matthew Stewart & Amy Millar

FOOTBALL TRIALS

We had over 60 pupils attending football trials. The PE team would like to thanks Sports Leaders, the Sports Council and staff who helped out



SPORTING SUCCESSES



Sporting Ambassadors

We have several students who are active members of Active Sports (Falkirk) committees including:



Falkirk Young Person's Sport Panel
 Amy Millar (S5)
 Sara Stevenson (S5)

Girl's Sports Forum
 Keri Anderson
 Holly Milne (S5)

Young Ambassadors
 Caitlyn Christie (S5)
 Molly McGhee (S5)



Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders participated in a course for disability awareness in partnership with Active Schools and the Falkirk Football Club Foundation, where they learned more about the experiences of deaf, blind or amputees when participating in sporting activities.

Christmas Fitness

Holly and Keri in their role as members of the Girls Sport Forum teamed up with our Young Ambassadors (Caitlyn and Molly) to take part in a Fitmas workout.

Photo right



Falkirk Active School Sports Panel

The Falkirk Young Panel Team got together for a face to face meeting in Callendar Park to let everyone know what they have done to support physical activity each of their schools.

Amy is 2nd from the left and Sara is pictured right of the **photograph (right)**



Individual Achievement

Hubert Przychodzen (S4) spent 2 days with the Scottish Cycling Young People's Panel.



Individual Achievement

Ollie Weir (S6) was selected to play for the Central Scotland Forth Valley Senior Team.



Individual Achievement

Ava Paterson made it 3 wins in 3 weeks at the Junior Tour Golf Competition at Luffness



Individual Achievement

Luke Culliton (S3) was selected to represent Scotland at the London mini marathon



Representing the school

Loretto Golf Championship

- Liam Graham
- Kyle Hamilton
- Ava Paterson
- Luke McInulty

Samuel Kane - long jump representing Scotland & St. Mungo's at:

- UK School Games (Loughborough)
- SIAB International Championships in Derby

U15 Central Regional Team

- Rhea Kilgallon



Sports Council 2021-2022



Team St Mungo's: SSAA Sports Race



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Many thanks to the amazing PE staff for supporting the many sporting and physical activities around our school. Thank you also to Fiona Mackay, our Active Schools Co-ordinator and to Miss Park for supporting Fiona as the school's Active Sports link

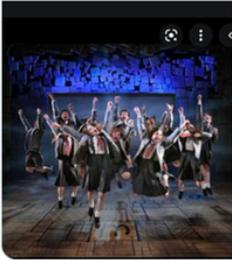
Mrs Pollock @HPMungos · Dec 14

Very proud of our new S5 mental health peer educators' teamwork and dedication preparing the mental health literacy lessons they will deliver to S1.



Roald Dahl Day

Many subject areas supported the English Faculty in celebrating Roald Dahl's birthday. Some events across the school included:



Music

Students are enjoying the music from 'Matilda' by recreating the Revolting Children scene...



Media

Inspired by the BFG, Media students played with forced perspectives as they all became giants



Art

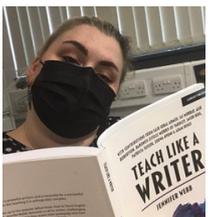
Miss Hughes' 1K Art class were inspired by Marvellous Medicines to design artwork

Miss Dempster's class - creating an underscore and sound effects for Fantastic Mr. Fox using their keyboards!

[Click here](#) to listen

Stop and Read - 8 October 2021

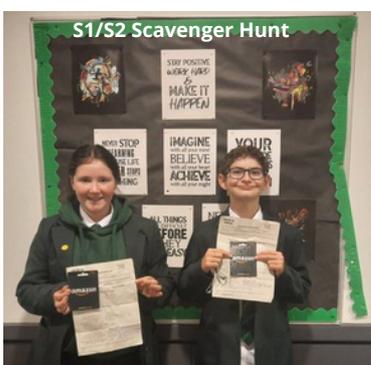
The English Department asked the school community to devote the last 15 minutes of the day to ask students and staff to **Stop and Read!**



Maths Week - 27 September - 1 October

During Maths Week, the Maths staff organised several student and staff activities including competitions. Miss Keenan and Mr Andrews were overall winners of the staff competition. Pupils from S1 - S3 completed their Maths and Numeracy passport where they recorded any related tasks completed.

A number of pupils also received certificates in recognition of their achievement in Maths (pictured below)



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (P.T.A.) & PARENT COUNCIL

We are eternally grateful for the support given to the school and faculties by the PTA & Parent Council and their generosity is making a difference across the school community.

Here are a few examples of the different initiatives supported by the PTA and Parent Council.



Scales and printers for the Science Faculty



Pre-loved and nearly new uniform items



Donation to support families at Christmas
Donation to support the Morning Meet Up

Social Enterprise in the Art Department - supported by the Parent Council

Miss Stevenson from the Art Department was successful in her bid for a sum of money from the Parent Council to support a social enterprise project in the Art Department, where all profits would be ploughed back into the department to support specialist activity and visiting artists. Many products were designed and produced around the theme of the 'Robin'.

The robin theme originates from the story of the robin which had been tamed by St Serf (St Mungo's mentor) and was killed accidentally. St. Mungo prayed over the robin and brought it back to life.

First year students created designs of robins which were made into Christmas cards, mugs and coasters. The winning designs are illustrated (right).

Thank you to the Art staff for supporting this initiative.

If you would like to purchase any items, please contact Miss Stevenson on emily.stevenson@falkirk.gov.uk



Find out more about the Parent Council or PTA

Want to find out more about the Parent Council or PTA?

Click on each icon to be taken to PTA or Parent Council section of the school website



Parent Teacher Association



Parent Council

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings: 7:00pm

Thursday 27 January 2022
Thursday 3 March 2022
Thursday 26 May 2022

KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Holidays & In-Service Days

Holidays start: Tuesday 21 December (12:30pm)

Return to school Wednesday: 5 January 2022

Mid-Term Break: Fri 11 Feb & Mon 14 Feb 2022

In-Service Day: Tuesday 15 February 2022

Second Year:

S2 Parents' Evening: Wed 12 January 2022

S2 Course Choice: Mon 24 – Fri – 28 Jan 2022

Third Year:

S3 Parents' Evening: Wed 9 February 2022

S3 Course Choice: Thu 17 – 24 Feb 2022

Fourth Year:

S4 Parents' Evening: Wed 2 February 2022

S4 Course Choice: Wed 16 – 23 Feb 2022

Fifth/Sixth Year:

S5/S6 Parents' Evening: Wed 23 February 2022

S5 Course Choice: Mon 28 Feb – Fri 4 March 2022

EMA, FREE MEALS & CLOTHING GRANT - All pupils

There is information on the school website offering support in relation to financial assistance available to support families and students including:

- EMA (for students over 16 in low income families) - [click here](#)
- FREE SCHOOL MEALS - [click here](#)
- SCHOOL CLOTHING GRANT - [click here](#)
- YOUNG CARERS GRANT - [click here](#)



For all home to school transport pupils now need to...



PRESENT TRANSPORT PASS



WEAR A FACE COVERING



WASH/SANITISE HANDS

