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ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2015

STAFF NEWS

ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Mrs McKeon on the birth of Farrell Richard McKeon who arrived on Friday, 3rd April at 7.47am weighing 7lbs 5.

Congratulations to Mrs Daly on the birth of Sean Paul Daly who arrived on Friday, 10th July weighing 7lbs 5.

Welcome to Maestra Gravina who has joined the college as the Modern Languages Curriculum Leader.

DEPARTURES

Dr McMahon finished in the Junior School at the end of term. The pupils and staff were sad to see her go and we wish her well in her new post.

Maestra Annarica returned to Italy to take up her new post during the summer after 5 years at the College. She will be missed by the pupils and staff in the Junior School and we wish her well - Buona fortuna!

Our College Librarian, Mrs Livingstone left for a new adventure in Dublin at the end of term.

CLASS NEWS

PRIMARY 3 – LIMETREE LARDER

As part of Primary 3's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory topic, the children visited Limetree Larder in Kilbirnie on the 5th June to find out how chocolate is made, and put their new skills to the test by creating some of their own designs.

The children also had a trip to Largs beach to relax after a hard day on the production line.

PRIMARY 6 – ARDMAY (15-17/5)

Primary 6 pupils set off for a weekend of outdoor activities from 15-17th May

The pupils took part in a variety of activities from rock climbing and abseiling to orienteering and canoeing



P7 END OF YEAR MASS & CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARTICK

This June, the P7 pupils were given the opportunity to celebrate all their hard work and achievements at the End of Year Mass in St Peter's Church in Partick. During the mass, eleven pupils, including an S1 pupil, received the sacrament of Confirmation, with their parents and sponsors present.



Our pupils were acknowledged for their friendship, compassion and success throughout the year in P7 and given an End of Year book for all to sign and pass on their best wishes as they enter a new phase in their school life.

ART, MUSIC & LANGUAGES

MUSIC TASTE AND SEE SESSION

Parents and pupils attended a Taste and See session run by the Music Department to give them the opportunity to try a variety of instruments available for lessons this term. This will be an annual event in the school calendar. Tuition is available to pupils from P3 upwards. For further information on lessons, please contact Mr Christie, Director of Music - pchristie@staloyisius.org.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

Congratulations to Juan Aguirre who gained his Royal School of Church Music Bronze award over the holidays, with a commended grade. Good luck to all the boys and girls taking theirs in September!

ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

Congratulations to our Junior School pupils on their music exam success with the ABRSM:

Alice McGrath Grade 1 Alto Saxophone, passed with merit

Felix Alexander Grade 1 Piano, passed with merit

Helen Findlater Grade 2 Violin, passed with merit.

Noemi Thompson Grade 3 Violin, passed with merit

Emma Vella, Grade 1 Piano, passed with distinction

Matthew James Clarkson Grade 1 piano, passed with distinction

P7 INTERMEDIATE 1 ITALIAN



We are very proud of our Italian pupils who sat their Intermediate 1 SQA examination in June 2015. Every child who sat the exam passed with flying colours, all receiving

band A results – congratulations to all and thank you to the parents and staff for their support in preparing the pupils for the exam.

SPORTS

SPORTS DAY 2015

The sun shone for the Junior School pupils and parents at Sports Day which took place on Friday, 12th June 2015



Congratulations are in order for all of our winners from that day, our overall winning girl and boy for each year group were Oliver Heaney and Niamh Quinn (P4) Matthew Urwin and Sarah Nicol (P5), Paul Hughes and

Ciara Brown, and Michael McCourtney and Niamh Green (P7)

FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The pupils participated in Football and Netball tournaments prior to the summer break. These were well contested events with Hamilton Hens securing the Netball title. Madeleine Kelly, Elena Maiolani, Isla Cairns, Lucie Brown, Laura McManus and Kendal Coyle were captained by Alex Briscoe to victory.

The winners of the 7 a side Football tournament were the Cairo Cabmen – Felix Alexander, Christopher Nicholson, Conor McInerney, Rhys McIlroy, Ethan Jack and Ruben Walsh captained by Adam Maconachie.

GLASGOW SCHOOLS – ATHLETICS

A number of our pupils participated at the Primary Athletics Finals on 10th June at Scotstoun. The results from the events are noted below – well done to all those who took part:

Niamh Green:	P7 600m - 4 th
Michael McCourtney	P7 80m Heat - 1 st
	P7 80 Final - 2 nd
Sam McGlone:	P7 Cricket Ball - 4 th
Conor McInerney:	P7 600m - 7 th
Maria O'Neill:	P7 SLJ - 4 th
Sinéad Quinn:	P7 Cricket Ball - 4 th
Ciara Brown:	P6 600m - 7 th
Paul Hughes:	P6 80m Heat - 5 th
Christie McGraw:	P6 SLJ - 4 th
Séan McNeill:	P6 Cricket Ball - 7 th
P7: Boys Relay Heat - 3 rd	
P7: Girls Relay Heat - 2 nd	
P7: Boys Relay Final - 4 th	
P7: Girls Relay Final - 4 th	
P6: Boys Relay Final - 5 th	
P6: Boys Relay Heat - 3 rd	

PRIMARY SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pupils participated in the Primary Skiing Championships at Snow Factor on 22nd April and placed in the following:

Boys Snowboarding

Thomas Dunn Silver Medal

Boys Ski

Mark McDermott 16th

Joseph Green 19th

Christian Hunter 20th

Tiarnan Smith 21st

Patrick Hamill 22nd

Max McCusker 30th

Girls Ski

Anna Solek 21st

School Teams

A Team 7th

B Team 11th

EVENTS

PRIMARY 5-7 SHOW: THE WIZARD OF OZ

The Primary 5-7 pupils whisked the audience to Kansas and Oz for their production of The Wizard of Oz on the 4th and 5th June 2015.

This was one of the largest productions undertaken by the Junior School, and the hard work of all involved shone through in the excellent performances by the cast and the support of the crew and staff.



One of the grandparents summed the show up best with his review "Easily the most ambitious, and successful, Junior School show ever."

Well done to everyone who made it such a great success. "Roll on the production of summer 2016!" – Mr McHugh

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Primary 4 received the Sacrament of Communion at St Aloysius Church on Sunday, 10th May



ECO NEWS

DECORATED PLANT POTS



Each of the Junior School classes decorated a plant pot as part of the schools Eco activities.

Congratulations to both Kindergarten for their winning design for Early Years, and Primary 5L who won the best design for Juniors.



JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION

PUPIL BIRTHDAYS

We would ask that parents do not send cakes in for birthdays. Pupils celebrating their birthday will receive a small token from Dr Brady to mark their day.

UNIFORM

All uniform must comply with school regulations, including school shoes and bags. Summer uniform can be worn up until Thursday 24th September (before the holiday weekend) and we then revert to winter uniform only from Tuesday 29th September 2015.

MORNING DROP OFF

Children should be dropped off from 8.30am onwards each morning. Please note that there is no supervision in school or in playgrounds until this time.

Breakfast Club is available each morning from 7.45am if required. Please contact Mrs Docherty AfterSchool@staloyusius.org for further details of this arrangement.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE/CLUBS

The Autumn/Winter timetable of clubs is now running. The school maintains registers for both After School Care and After School Clubs. In order to keep these up to date we would ask that if any child wishes to switch clubs, Junior School Reception be informed. We understand that arrangements also change for collections, therefore if children won't be attending a club, please contact Junior School Reception either by telephone or emailing afterschool@staloyusius.org.

After School Care arrangements allow for bookings to be made both long term, as well as offering flexibility. To ensure places are allocated a booking register is maintained. If there are any changes to arrangements please contact After Care on 0141 331 9265, this will allow spaces to be allocated to those on a waiting list. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SACRAMENTAL/MASS DATES

Parent Meeting Sacramental Preparation – P3/4/7 – 27th October 2015, 7pm, School Hall

Mass for the Feast of All Saints – Friday, 30th October 2015 at 9.20am in St Aloysius' Church

Annual Requiem Mass and Charities Tea – Sunday, 8th November in St Aloysius Church

SEPTEMBER 2015

PARENT EVENTS

Parents' Evenings (No after school clubs w/c 28th Sep) – Wednesday, 30th September and Thursday, 1st October 2015

Kindergarten Parents in the Playroom – 20th, 21st & 23rd October

UPCOMING SCHOOL TRIPS/EVENTS

Prize Giving

Friday, 18th September, 2pm Glasgow Royal Concert Hall
Letters have been distributed to this year's prize-winners giving details of our annual prize giving ceremony at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow. All children in P5-S6 attend this ceremony in winter uniform and parents, family and friends are welcome to join us.

Important: If you are attending, please let reception know whether or not you intend for your children to return to school after the ceremony.

Junior School Art Exhibition P2-7 – The exhibition will open on Wednesday, 23rd September at 2.30pm for parents to attend. The artwork created by our Primary 1-6 pupils last year will then be on display in the Junior School Reception during the autumn term.

P6L and O – Spanish Film Festival: Tuesday, 6th October, Edinburgh.

Primary 5 visit to Amazonia – Friday, 23rd October

Primary 2 Visit to Stirling Castle – Wednesday, 28th October.

P7 John Muir Award – Day 1: Wednesday, 4th, 5th and 6th November.

Open Evenings (No after school clubs) – Thursday, 12th November, 7pm

Primary 4 visit to Vikingar – Wednesday, 18th November

EARLY YEARS' PARENT ASSEMBLIES

You are invited to attend the Early Years' Assemblies this year when your child is in the class leading the assembly. Space is limited and so we would request that only one representative attends for each child. We are certain this will be an experience which you will enjoy and any feedback would be very welcome.

Each class will have one Parent Assembly in Term 1 (exc. KG which will take place in Term 2). Please note the following dates:

P3O – 9.15am Thursday, 24th September

P3G – 9.15am Thursday, 8th October

P1O – 9.15am Thursday, 22nd October

P2G – 9.15am Thursday, 5th November

P1G – 9.15am Thursday, 12th November

P2O – 9.15am Thursday, 19th November

KG – 9.15am Thursday, 17th March 2016

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

September Weekend: Friday, 25th and Monday, 28th September 2015

October week: Monday, 12th- Friday, 16th October 2015

Staff Day – Friday, 13th November 2015

MEDICAL INFORMATION

INFLUENZA FLU VACCINATION

You may have noticed the posters regarding Influenza vaccine which all P1 – P7's are being offered. The date is set for Monday, 26th October. This vaccine is administered as a nasal spray and will be given by the NHS school health team.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to our school nurse.

HEAD LICE

We have had instances of head lice in recent weeks. The school policy is to treat the head lice at home and advise the School Nurse - this allows us to inform the class parents.

NUT ALLERGIES

We have some children in our school who have severe nut allergies. Please do not give your child any snacks or packed lunches that contain nuts. Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated.

Please note that all information is kept confidential and it is a general statement which is circulated to parents.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

Please note that any medication brought in from the home should be **prescribed medicines only**. These must be accompanied by a letter detailing the time medication is to be administered and the amount to be given and signed by a parent/carer. This should be handed directly to the medical room each morning.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Could we also remind you that if your child has diarrhoea and or vomiting they must not return to school until they have had no symptoms for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.