



St John Ogilvie High School Parents' Newsletter

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St John Ogilvie High sends a massive **thank you** to the
"Brunchie"

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Holidays

School closes on Friday 24th June
Pupils return on Wednesday 17th August @ 8.50 am



@StJOHS

Head Teacher's Message

Wishing all the pupils, families and staff of St John Ogilvie a very happy and restful summer holiday!

It has been another packed year with lots of fantastic learning, challenges and ups and downs along the way but with the continued support of the staff and the parents/carers in our community of faith and learning our young people have thrived and achieved great things.

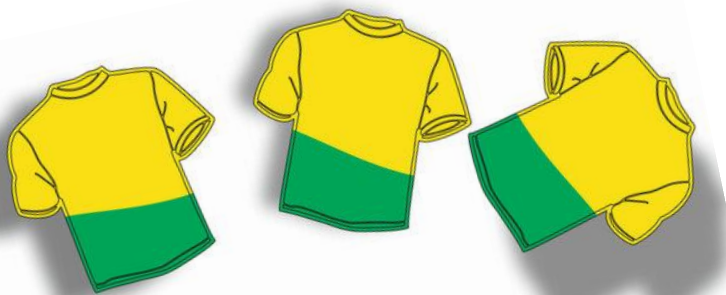
I hope you enjoy reading about some of those achievements in our summer edition of the school newsletter and we look forward to seeing you back in school in August.



Many Thanks to Michael Devine of Brunchbox

A **huge thanks** to Michael Devine and all his staff at the Brunchbox in Burnbank who kindly made a significant donation to school funds to assist with the purchase of new football kits for our school teams. Given the current financial climate and drain on school funding, this fantastic gesture is hugely appreciated.

As costs continue to rise for transport hire etc. we welcome any suggestions which could help raise further funds for our many extracurricular clubs to continue to flourish.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

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Emily Duffy (S6), Jacob Duffy (S5), Charlotte Lamb (S5) and Lucy Kelly (S5) participated in a combined choir to sing 'A Song for the Commonwealth' which was specially commissioned for the occasion. Two SLC primary schools provided a choir which was then strengthened by our senior singers.

Well done to all who participated.

The IMS Showcase 2022

A group of talented pupils from our school will participate in the IMS Showcase on Tuesday 21st June, in the Hamilton Town House. Our young people will perform in a Guitar Ensemble, made up of S3 to S6 pupils, led by Mr Murray. The pupils taking part and representing the school are:

- Toni Bello (S3)
- Lucy Higgins (S3)
- Jessica Kelly-Devlin (S6)
- Derry McGunnigal (S5)
- Erin Morrison (S5)
- Olivier Pilat (S3)
- Matthew Warner (S3)
- Jason Walker (Former S6)

The Showcase will celebrate the musical achievements, creativity and diversity of young people who participate in music tuition and music-making activities within South Lanarkshire Schools.

Best wishes go to all who are performing.

Mrs Callaghan



Cost of the School Day

Our COTSD group has been working alongside S2/3 Photography classes to create these wonderful posters to raise awareness of the areas of school that we can offer support with. Our plan is to have the posters displayed throughout the school from August to raise the profile of them and to encourage pupils to come to ask for support if they need it. Well done photographers.

Mrs Galloway



Give Us a Break

Both of our Give Us a Break groups had great fun at our end of course celebrations. We challenged each other at bowling, ate some ice cream and our older group enjoyed lunch out. It has been a privilege to spend time with these fantastic young people this year.

Mrs Galloway and Mrs Kellock



More Boxing Success



Once again S3 pupil Jacob Naismith has won boxing Gold. In the Tri-Nations championship on 11th & 12th June he defeated both the Welsh & English number 1 to become British Champion for his age and weight. Another wonderful achievement. Well done Jacob.

Mr Juskowiak's Success



Mr Juskowiak recently finished 4th in the British Masters Powerlifting Championships in Belfast. He was very proud to perform at this level and share a stage like that with his younger brother, far right.

Well done to both competitors from everyone at St. John Ogilvie High School.

Staff Retirals and Career Change

Mr John MacDonald retires from Ogilvie this summer after a teaching career spanning over 30 years. Mr. MacDonald has worked with many students and their families, ensuring students get all the support they need in classes and with their exams. Each year Mr. MacDonald works with students to give them their first interview experiences - training them to be ready for telephone and face to face interviews. Mr. MacDonald has also steered the support offered to students who have English as their second language. We all wish him well as he embarks on his retirement - finally having the time to play more music, take in more walks in the Scottish countryside and watch his favourite football team. We will all miss him as he enjoys this next chapter.



Mrs Linda Knighton retires this summer. Since joining St John Ogilvie in 2004, Linda has been a constant and reliable presence in a Computing department which has seen many changes over the years. In that time, she has earned the respect of pupils and staff through, consistent, fair and caring guidance. Despite her busy Computing workload, Linda also found time to be the school's EIS representative, advising and helping countless staff over the years with her detailed knowledge and experience. Computing won't be the same without her but she has earned her relaxation and we wish her all the best in retirement. Thank you, Linda.

Congratulations to our office lady Alison.

Well done to Alison Millar from our school office who was recently appointed as School Support Services co-ordinator after working for 17 years in St John Ogilvie.

Alison will be greatly missed by all of her colleagues in the school and many pupils too. We wish her all the best in her new role within South Lanarkshire Council and the Larkhall Learning Community.



Department of Sciences

National 5 Lab Skills

Our N5 Lab Skills pupils had a brilliant day visiting the Roslin Institute at the University of Edinburgh. The pupils got to put their lab skills to the test to solve the "Great Sheep Escape" mystery by carrying out a range of different lab techniques, such as making up solutions and carrying out gel electrophoresis.



Our pupils also had the opportunity to speak to a range of scientists who work at the Roslin Institute and were given a tour of the facility where Dolly the Sheep was born.

Miss McClintick

Industrial Cadets National Competition

A huge well done to the STEM team in the Industrial Cadets National Competition. After winning the South Lanarkshire round they were off to compete at Dynamic Earth in the national competition. In Edinburgh the team managed to win another trophy as the 'Pupil's Choice'. A huge well done.

Miss Stewart Biology Dept.



Pictured L-R. Joshua Fullerton, Jivin Joy, Kayla Young and Levin Joy.

P7 Visits

In another first (for 3 years anyway) we were delighted to welcome our future S1 pupils to our school for a two day visit last week, 14th & 15th July. Over 180 pupils were able to follow their S1 timetable over the two days and have the opportunity to meet and work with their new classmates and teachers from a variety of curricular areas.

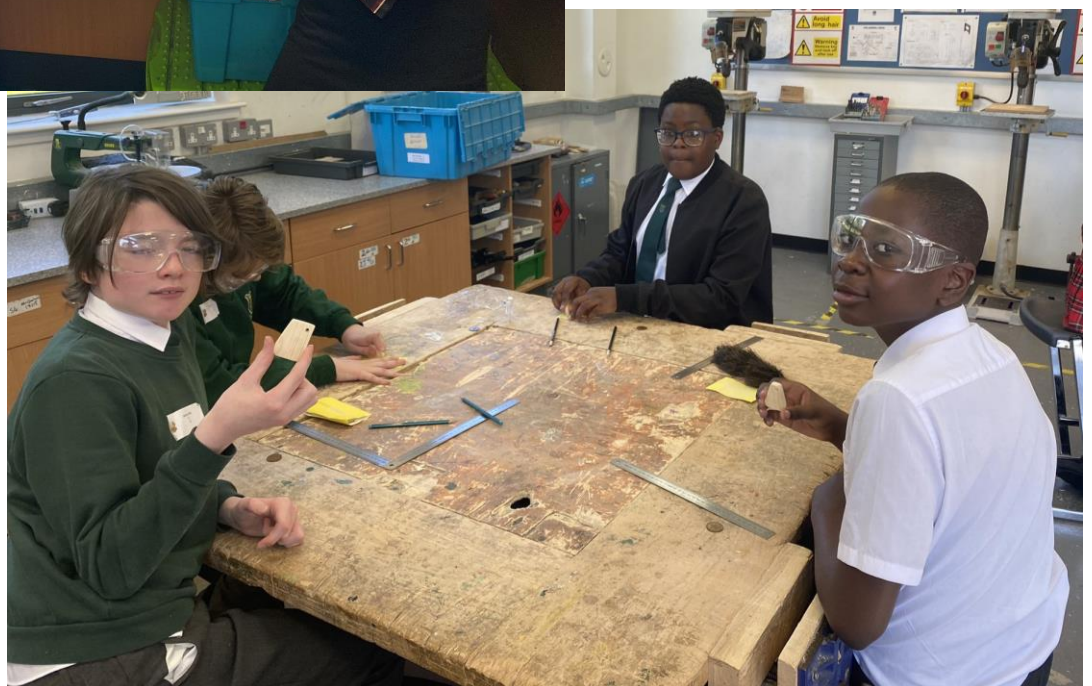
All the pupils were an absolute credit to their families and primary schools and certainly appeared to enjoy their time with us. This was the climax of an extensive P7-S1 transition programme which started back in September 2021. During that time P7 pupils and parents all had the opportunity to visit St John Ogilvie HS for an open evening and tour of the school. Every associated primary school also had visits from staff across a range of departments including PE, Modern Languages, Social Subjects and Business.

In August we will welcome 192 (at last count) new S1 pupils from over 10 different primary schools. We cannot wait.

Mr McConville



P7 Visits continued



Whole School Activities Day - Tuesday 21st June

As we approach the end of term all young people attended an in-school activity run by staff or an out of school activity. This is the first time an event like this has run and the response to the day was excellent. Some examples of school activities offered were - Cooking an Indian Style Buffet, Gaming Rooms, Escape Room, Movie Room, Board Games, Bubble Football. Out of school activities were - Edinburgh Dungeons, Blairdrummond, Five Sisters Zoo, Time Capsule, Play Sport Golf, The Vue Cinema, The Climbing Academy, Hollywood Bowl, Inflata Nation, Scot Kart. All staff and young people were challenged on some of the activities and built relationships with each other in a different learning environment.

Below are a selection of photos from activities in the school and out of school.

Mr Juskowiak











DYW – S3 Barista Project

The first year of Cuppa J.O Café has been an exciting journey. Over 100 pupils have had the opportunity to learn new skills and roles within the hospitality trade, such as barista, customer service and money management. Pupils have experienced CV writing and preparing for and having an interview for roles within the Café. The pupils have amazed me with their ability to learn new skills and grow into confident individuals who are able to cope with the pressure of a busy café service. The final rotation of the S3 Barista project held their coffee morning on Thursday the 26th of May. The group were finally able to welcome parents, carers, grans and grandpas along to watch them in action. It was lovely to have guests and for the pupils to showcase their talents. Thank you for everyone's continued support.



Eva Cullen and Ryan Galloway



Katie Allan and Lillie



Grace Higgins, Kira Bain and Erin



Riley Hughes, Adam Rae, Kian McGunnigal and

Developing Young Workforce

Eight senior pupils secured a SCQ level 5 award in Barista skills and Aimee Glassford (former S6) and Erin McGuire (former S5) have managed to secure employment as Baristas. We are delighted to see the positive impact this has had in such a short space of time. I am immensely proud of all the commitment and determination that the pupils have contributed to this initiative. Without them Cuppa J.O Café wouldn't be the success story that it is. We are looking forward to building and growing the Café in the forthcoming year with more of our young people.

Mrs Whyte



Erin McGuire

Aimee Glassford

Emily Duffy (former S6) had expressed an interest in learning some Barista skills, so we ran a staff coffee delivery service on the last Wednesday of term to allow Emily to learn how to make lattes, cappuccinos and hot chocolates. Emily enjoyed the experience and will add it to her skills section on her CV. It was a really busy morning and Emily coped well under pressure and has the makings of a great Barista. Well done Emily.

Mrs Whyte





Sports Day



Well done to all pupils who participated in John Ogilvie High School Sports Day.



Sports Day continued



Finally, thank you to the fantastic dance crew lead by Miss Screen who opened the day for us.

Valedictory Mass

We recently said goodbye to our S6 cohort and celebrated their time in St John Ogilvie High School. Part of these celebrations involved the pupils and parents coming together for our Valedictory Mass, which we are pleased has returned. Father O'Donnell sent the S6 pupils off with a service which paid tribute to their time spent in our school, celebrating their academic achievements and their faith journey.



Thank you to Mr and Mrs Swan and the pupil vocalists for providing us with beautiful music throughout the mass.

Young Philanthropy Initiative

Congratulations to our YPI pupil team, Jake Doyle, Luke Wileman, Dylan Moffat, Ross McGuinness, Kira Bain and Lilly-Rose Sharp for winning the inaugural YPI competition at St John Ogilvie High School. The pupils were representing the My Support Day charity who support local families with issues of addiction and recovery. The team managed to put together a fantastic presentation and secured the £3000 grant for My Support Day. We are all really proud of you and all the pupils who took part in the competition.

Mr Ross



Prom

Our S6 students celebrated together for the last time at their Prom on Wednesday 8th June at Dalziel Country Park Hotel, Motherwell. 102 S6 students and 52 staff from across all areas of our school had a wonderful night of celebration. It is testament to their personality, character and the sense of community that our S6 students have created, that SO many staff turned up to wish them farewell. A night of good food, laughter and dancing was had by all. It was so nice to get back to normal and be able to have our outgoing S6 finish their school careers in such a positive way. A brilliant bunch of young people who will be sorely missed. *Mr Blake*













S1 Tinto Hill Challenge

On 31st May, over 120 S1 pupils participated in this year's Tinto Hill Challenge to help raise awareness and funds for St Andrew's Hospice. This was the first time this event has been able to take place in over 3 years due to COVID related restrictions and it was fantastic to be back out on the hill. Thankfully, we had a glorious day, although



the clear weather meant that all pupils were able to see the summit and how far away it was as they were ascending. The pupils demonstrated real resilience and determination to make the top.



It was a fantastic effort from everyone involved. So far we have raised £1500 which will be presented to representatives from the hospice before the end of term.

Well done everyone.

Mr McConville



Geography Dept. Fieldwork

A number of our new S2 and New S3 pupils took part in trips to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

S2 visited Balmaha, Luss and Loch Lomond Shores where we investigated tourism conflicts and land uses in the National Park. They also learned about the Highland Boundary Fault that formed the area around Loch Lomond. Pupils loved working together and with their teachers.



S3 visited the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park and Callander, where we took part in some river fieldwork including learning how to measure the speed, depth, width and bedload of the river. We then looked at land uses around the area and conflicts that tourists create.

All of our pupils loved their time out of school and their behaviour and manners were commended by multiple members of the public! It was great getting back to 'normal' and enjoying all of the things that we previously enjoyed taking part in.

Mrs McDaid, Miss Pirie & Mr Docherty



Amy Staunton, S4

Hamilton Judo Club would like share their appreciation of one of your pupils, Amy Staunton 4th year who has significantly contributed this year to the success of Hamilton Judo Disability and ASN sessions.

Whilst training with the Youth Squad she offered to volunteer and assist on Tuesday evenings with coaching of Junior Disability children.

These sessions are totally inclusive with up to 30 kids and could not be carried out without the support that Amy gives to the Senior Coach.

Amy is a super girl, who is quite humble about all her achievements. She is a credit to herself, her family, Hamilton Judo and indeed to St John Ogilvie High School.

*John Kane
Senior Coach
Hamilton Judo Club*



At the recent Disability/ASN session Amy had the privilege of a visit from Aileen Neilson who was the first woman to skip a Wheelchair Curling team in either the Paralympic Games (2010) or World Championships (2011).

She is a top international Curler and was part of the Scottish/GB performance programme and made her Paralympic debut at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

She is a multiple world Championship medallist, including the bronze that Scotland won at the 2017 World Championships in PyeongChang.

Aileen also does the commentary for the Paralympic for TV and broadcasting companies.

Amy volunteers at the Hamilton Judo ASN Disability sessions which has 30 juniors and run a separate session for 10 adults. There are also 6 students who have progressed into their mainstream classes.

Aileen commented-

“Just to say how much I enjoyed visiting the HJC Disability Team tonight. I was given such a warm welcome from the moment I got out the car until I got back in it!

It was great to see young coaches working with the kids and lovely to hear of the progress the kids have made through attending the club. It was also clear how the parents/carers enjoyed a bit of down time, watching the session.’

This is our School Uniform



St John Ogilvie High School



- Green Blazer and Badge
- Black school-length Skirt
- Black Trousers (not denims or combat trousers or leggings)
- School Tie
- White Shirt or Blouse
- Green or Black v-necked sweatshirt/knitted jumper (optional)
- Summer Dress (optional)
- Pupils are asked to refrain from wearing make-up.

- We are very proud of the standard of uniform in the school and thank all parents and carers for maintaining this high standard of dress code.
- HOWEVER, we ask that the following items are NOT part of the agreed dress code: leggings, shorts, culottes, denim trousers, dungaree-type items
- In addition, as it states above, the AGREED school shoes should be BLACK. Vans and Converse-type shoes, if worn, should be black (not black and white or any other colour).

Thank you.

Please provide below any issues, concerns or even positive remarks you wish to make about the newsletter contents or about any issue related to the running of the school.

Your opinion matters to us. Return this tear-off slip to the school office. **Thank you.**

L Lawson, Head Teacher