

Hyndland News



February 2017

Welcome to the February / March edition of the Hyndland News.

As you will see there has been lots going on – especially around sports! We are now a School of Tennis and will be working alongside Western Tennis Club and using the facilities in Victoria Park to embed tennis within our curriculum. This will be very much a pupil led initiative and the PE Department are currently looking for tennis ambassadors to undergo training to lead sessions both here in Hyndland and also in our associated primary schools. More details inside.

The Hyndland Foxes are going from strength to strength under the leadership of Mr. Downie and supported by Mr. Sherry. Hyndland is the first school in Scotland to be awarded the Silver Quality Mark from the Schools SFA. They have also been well supported by local businesses that have sponsored kit for them. Transport to matches is very expensive and Arnold Clark have stepped in and given us use of a minibus for a year. The plan is that we have a fundraising drive during that year to raise money towards buying our own bus. Come along to the Parent Council Meeting on Thursday, 30th March 2017 at 6.00pm in the Library to hear more about this.

Our Senior Netballers are through to the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup having beaten Cults Academy. We wish them luck in their next match. Rugby continues in the school with the Stags training and competing and we were very well represented in the recent Cross-country competition.

Our S4 and S5&6 Parent / Carers' Evenings were very well attended and our comprehensive programme of Supported Study continues. Details on the School Website. We have our second study weekend coming up and Spring Revision will be running during the first three days of the Spring Break (3rd April 2017 – 5th April 2017).

Our Musicians provided first class entertainment last week when they performed their SQA Exam pieces for relatives and friends. We wish them luck with their practical exams and there will be another chance to hear them on the 30th March 2017 at 7.00pm in the Airlie Theatre.

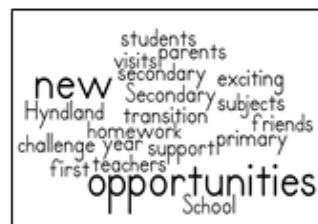
Maura McNeil
Head Teacher

PRIMARY 7 OPEN EVENING – THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2017 – 6PM – AIRLIE THEATRE

On Thursday 16th March, our annual Primary 7 Open Evening will take place. This event will start at 6pm in the Airlie Theatre and is open to all primary 7 children and parents/carers. The evening will start in the Airlie Theatre a brief overview of how the evening will work as well as some input from some of our students in the Music and Drama departments. Following this, parents/carers and primary 7 students will be given an opportunity to experience life as a S1 student here at Hyndland. Various classrooms will be open and teachers along with S1 pupils will be running workshops to give an insight into the curriculum in the various subjects in S1. Visitors will have an opportunity to ask S1 pupils questions as they attend the various workshops. The evening is always a highlight of our annual transition calendar and we look forward to welcome parents/carers and children in primary 7 that evening.

Primary 7 Open Night

**Thursday 16th
March 2017 – 6pm
Meeting Place –
Airlie Theatre**



An invitation is warmly extended to our Primary 7 Parents on Thursday 16th March from 6pm in Hyndland Secondary.

The aim of the evening is to showcase some of our departmental work in Hyndland Secondary and to give parents a flavour of S1 life in different classroom environments. Subject staff will be running 15 minute workshops and parents will be able to experience life in S1 at first hand. S1 pupils will also be available for expert consultation on the night!

We look forward to welcoming you on the 16th March and hope to see many of our Primary 7 Parents and Pupils.



S6 Annual Day out to Paintballing and Leavers Ceremony

On Friday 28th April 2017, our S6 students will attend the annual end of S6 day out to Delta Force Paintballing in Houston. Students will leave the school at around 8.45am and return around 3.15pm. This event is always very well attended by S6 students and we look forward to the same high attendance this year. Students have been issued with packs from Mrs Forrester – all money and consent forms must be returned to Mrs Forrester by the end of March in order to secure a place.

On Thursday 27th April during periods 5 and 6 (from 1.45pm onwards) our annual S6 Leavers Ceremony will take place in the Airlie Theatre. This event is open to parents/carers of our S6 students and always proves to be a memorable event as we prepare to say farewell and good luck to our S6 students of the class of 2017. Letters will be issued to students nearer the time but please keep the date free in the diary.

SENIOR NETBALL NEWS

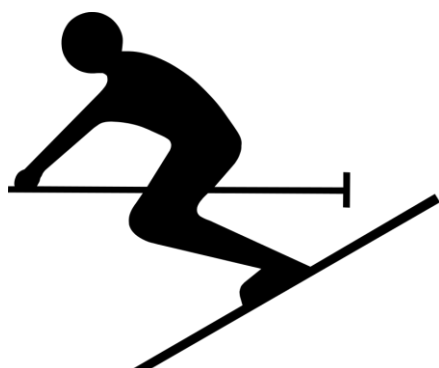
The S4-6 Netball team is continuing to have many successes again this year. Recent results are:-

HYNDLAND **27** vs Strathallan (Perthshire) **16**

HYNDLAND **51** vs Lomond A (Helensburgh) **50**

We now have Cults Academy (Aberdeen) on Wednesday 1st March in the QUARTER FINALS of the SCOTTISH COMPETITION – the competition we finished 2nd in last year.

Result to follow.....



S2 FRENCH SKI TRIP

If your child is interested in experiencing skiing in France (whether a complete beginner or have already skied) in January 2018, please send them to see Miss Lawson for an information letter.

SKY ACADEMY

The Modern Studies department recently took our S3 pupils out to Livingston to Sky Television's Academy. Pupils worked as teams to make a news report. Each team made part of the report - Team 1 opened the report with an overview of Cyber Bullying, Team 2 focused on the location, Team 3 gave an eye witness report and Team 4 held an interview with an expert. This was a fun experience that developed team working skills, creativity, timekeeping, presentation skills, script writing and more. Pupils got to use Sky's high tech equipment and embraced ownership of their own learning in a fun way. Each pupil involved was given a copy of their news report to take home to show family and friends.

Well done everyone!

THE PROCURATOR FISCAL'S PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

A huge congratulations to **Mia Steven** and **Joe Bradstreet**, who in their debutante performances as members of our Junior Debating Club won the first round of the Procurator Fiscal's Public Speaking competition.

Extremely ably coached and supported by **Eve Dixon Batchelor** and **Sonia Ram**, our two shining first year speakers addressed the regional judges at Prosecution College this month.

A huge thank you to **Miss Dell**, who also helped and supported our competitors.

MODERN LANGUAGES CINEMA TRIPS

The Modern Languages department organised a further two cinema trips in February. The first trip was for S1 French pupils as a reward for their consistent effort and positive behaviour. Pupils had the chance to see a screening of *Asterix: The Mansions of the Gods* which they enjoyed immensely. The second trip was for S3 Spanish pupils to experience the language in a different setting and enhance their knowledge of Spanish as a world language. The film was *The Golden Dream* and many pupils found it thought-provoking and relevant to the current political situation taking place across the world.

HYNDLAND FOXES

SFA Schools Quality Award for Football

Scotland manager, Gordon Strachan, has sent his personal congratulations to the school, the staff and players who have been awarded the SFA Schools Quality Award for Football. He said:

"Congratulations to Hyndland Secondary School on becoming the first school in the country to receive the Schools Quality Award. I have fond memories of playing schools football and the rivalries helped me to improve, while the friendships with team-mates have lasted a lifetime.

"It provides an invaluable step towards realising your ambitions and I urge all of the players to continue to work hard, challenge yourselves to improve every day and that commitment will serve you well in football and in life."

We are absolutely delighted to have been named as the first school in Scotland to receive the SFA Schools Quality Award for football, and hope that all our young people will continue to proudly represent the school and work hard in everything they do here at Hyndland Secondary.

Mr Downie was invited into the Clyde 1 studio on Wednesday evening as a guest on their Superscoreboard football show to discuss the award and school football more generally. While on air he was able to announce that Arnold Clark have kindly agreed to donate a minibus to the school for 12 months to help us in getting pupils to extra curricular and educational activities. We are extremely grateful for their generous support, and will be looking to start a fundraising drive to raise the required funds to purchase a school minibus at the end of that 12 month period.

Partick Thistle visited the School on Friday for a special training session with our S1/S2 team, with a number of first team players coming along too!

The award itself was presented to Mrs McNeil and Mr Downie on Friday evening at Cappielow Stadium, prior to kick off in the Scotland vs England U18 Schools Centenary Shield Match.

Well done once again to everyone involved!

Recent Results

Our S1/S2 team have qualified for the GSFA league play offs following a recent 3-2 victory against St Margaret Mary's. They remain unbeaten in the league and have one game left to play against Bannerman High before the play off fixtures are drawn.

S3/S4 drew 2-2 versus Clydebank High in a highly competitive match, and drew 0-0 with St Peter the Apostle. They now face Clydebank High and St Peter the Apostle again as they aim to reach the GSFA U16 league play offs.

S5/S6 got the second half of their season off to a fantastic start with an emphatic 6-1 victory against Drumchapel High and now face 2 matches against Clydebank High and a return fixture against Drumchapel High in their attempt to reach the GSFA Seniors league play offs. You can stay up to date with regular football updates through Twitter or Instagram by following @HyndlandFoxes or via the football section of the school website.



GCC MODERN LANGUAGES AWARDS

On Friday 3rd February, six pupils from S1 and S2 attended the Modern Languages Awards hosted by Glasgow City Council at the City Chambers. They were there to collect awards for their efforts in either French or Spanish. The successful pupils were:

Myli Darby S1

Bel Kohli S1

Charlie Greaves S1

Rishi Lalsinghani S1

Abdulrahman Aljaber S2

Haaris Hussain S2

As part of the Awards ceremony, pupils had the opportunity to hear from some keynote speakers as well as entertainment provided from a couple of primary schools within Glasgow. It was a fantastic event which highlighted the importance of language learning!



WORD WIZARD COMPETITION

Word Wizard is a multilingual national spelling competition open to S1-S3 pupils learning French or Spanish.

There have been a number of pupils attending lunchtime sessions in order to develop their skills in learning vocabulary; pronunciation; spelling; recall and public speaking.

Well done to Liam Power 1A, Alexander Goss-Pastor 1E and Jakob Wozny 1B for their continued effort and hard work over the last few months.

Unfortunately, only one pupil could go through to the semi-finals at the University of Strathclyde on Friday 17th March. The successful candidate was Jakob Wozny - congratulations! He will represent the school at the event. We wish him the best of luck!

SENIOR STUDENTS

All Senior Phase college courses and Foundation Apprenticeships can now be seen on the home page of our school website. If students are interested in any of these, they should see their Pastoral Care teacher to apply. The Pastoral Care Team

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We have had to make some organisational changes to expedition dates.
Please note the new dates in your diary:

Thu Fri 11 th 12 th May	Group A: Bronze Practice Expedition Location: Campsie Fells
Wed Thu 17 th 18 th May	Group A: Bronze Qualifying Expedition Location: Pentland Hills
Mon Tue 15 th 16 th May	Group B: Bronze Practice Expedition Location: Campsie Fells
Thu, Fri 1 st 2 nd June	Group B: Bronze Qualifying Expedition Location: Pentland Hills
Tue Wed 30 th 31 st May	Bronze Achieve: Practice Expedition Location: Campsie Fells
Thu, Fri 8 th 9 th June	Bronze Achieve: Qualifying Expedition Location: Pentland Hills
Mon, Tue, Wed 5 th 6 th 7 th June	Silver Practice Expedition Location: Trossachs
Wed, Thu, Fri 6 th 7 th 8 th Sept	Silver Qualifying Expedition Location: Isle of Arran

JUNK KOUTURE

Well done to Junk Kouture teams Inspiration Lives On and Pearls Ocean who made it through to the Grand Final Competition at the Hydro on Thursday 9th February. Both teams did amazingly and had a fabulous time.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote and support them.



MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the S3/4 who took part in the UKMT maths challenge on Thursday 2nd February and especially the following pupils who achieved an award:

Gold: Aidan Brocklebank and Albert Leaf

Silver: Ethan Ingraham and Ayman Qureshi

Bronze: Thomas Tunstall, Hasan Khalid, Jamie Renwick, Jacob Mack, Joseph Parker, Nate Jordan, Hussein Mehaseb and Rayhan Hussain

An extra special well done goes to Alexander Goss-Pastor, an S1 pupil who decided to take part as well and amazingly achieved a silver award.



ENGLISH AND MEDIA DEPARTMENT

30 Higher Media students attended a screening of the BAFTA Award winning Ken Loach film 'I, Daniel Blake' as part of the Glasgow Youth Film Festival. It was a shocking and moving piece and the entire class felt this had been an interesting film to watch that they might not have chosen to see at the cinema themselves. It was useful to put into practice some of the theory they had been learning in the classroom as the film was accompanied by a short talk about Ken Loach and his influences beforehand.

30 S5 students will be attending a performance of Arthur Miller's 'Death of a Salesman' on Thursday 2nd March to support their study of the play in their Higher English class. It is always incredibly useful to experience live theatre to support learning in the classroom.

**HYNDLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL
NAMED AS HOME FOR NEW
SCHOOL OF TENNIS**



**WE ARE NOW SEARCHING FOR OUR
TENNIS AMBASSADORS**

LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

TRAIN WITH THE BEST

ALL WELCOME!



INTERESTED?

COME ALONG TO THE P.E. BASE TO FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY!

National 5 and Higher Performance Assessments

Congratulations to all who completed their Performance Assessment for National 5 and Higher. We had a range of different activities and all young people were a credit to the school throughout this experience.



P.E. Department Health & Safety Notice

Glasgow City Council has informed the PE Department of recent updates in their H&S policy with regard to body piercings. The full Physical Education Code of Practice can be found on the Glasgow website. It states the following:

2.3 'Children/young people should change into suitable clothing and footwear for the activity.'

2.7 'Personal effects e.g. jewellery, body piercings, items of religious significance, watches, hair slides and belts constitute a hazard and may cause injury if worn whilst participating in Physical Education and **must be removed**.'

The 6 week summer break can allow any piercing wounds to heal which then allows the jewellery to be removed for activities such as physical education or play. So perhaps this would be a good time in the year when pupils can have personal jewellery piercings.

2.9 'long hair is a hazard and **must be secured** for all activities'.

Your full co-operation is appreciated with all these matters.

GLASGOW CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to our 35 pupils who represented Hyndland in the annual cross country championships!



SHE-RALLIES TENNIS EVENT

Judy Murray has recently introduced a new initiative to get more females playing tennis and our Hyndland girls were there from the start at one of the first events. They loved every second and will use what they learnt to lead tennis sessions for our girls here at school.



HYNDLAND HAPPENINGS (Including holiday and in-service dates for Session 2016/2017)	
Thursday 16 March 2017	P7 Information Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 30 March 2017	Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm Library
Monday 3 – 17 April 2017	Spring Holiday
Thursday 20 April 2017	S2 Parents Evening 4.15pm
Monday 1 May 2017	May day Holiday
Thursday 4 May 2017	In-service – school open for SQA Exams only
Thursday 11 May 2017	S4/5 Information Evening 6.00pm
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May 2017	IDL Week
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May 2017	Blairvadach
Tuesday 24 May 2017	P7 Information Evening 6.00pm
Friday 26 & Monday 29 May 2017	May weekend Holiday (SQA Exams continue and school open for exams)
Thursday 1 June 2017	Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm Library
Friday 23 June 2017	Awards Ceremony
Monday 26 June 2017	Rewards Trips
Tuesday 27 June 2017	School Closes

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