

BOCLAIR ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

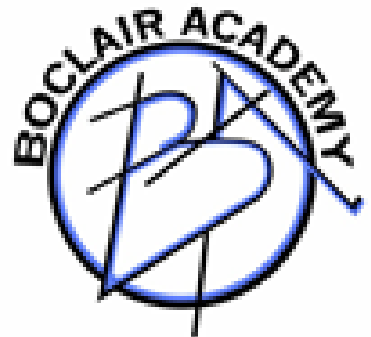


Welcome to the October newsletter. We have had another busy few weeks and as always there were a huge number of events taking place across the school.

I would like to thank you for all your help and support in ensuring Bocclair Academy continues to be a wonderful school for our young people. I hope you find the following information useful and I look forward to meeting you at some of our various future events throughout the year. As always, we welcome comments and suggestions from parents at any point throughout the session either by phone, letter or email to the school office.

Best wishes

Douglas Brown
Head Teacher



SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2024-2025



Congratulations to our newly appointed School Captains for 2024 - 2025.

School Captains - (L-R)
Daniel. Abeer, Katie, Hannah



Congratulations to our newly appointed Vice Captains for 2024 - 2025.

School Captains - (L-R)
Lewis, Isla, Danielle, Zak



Good luck to our new Captaincy Team!

SENIOR AWARDS

Congratulations to Nikki Pahwa (right) who is our school Dux Medallist for academic achievement 2024.



Congratulations to Catriona Day and Andrew Caldicott (left) who were awarded Proxime Accessit for academic achievement 2024.

P7 OPEN EVENING

10 OPEN EVENING ARTICLE

By
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24th of September on the p7 open evening lots of different departments were hosting different activities for the guests to participate and enjoy. We will now look at some of them.

Art~

In art, the children explored and looked at all the different masterpieces, such as the advanced higher dresses, 3D models, textiles, architect, etc...

Now, we will hear from two of the students, "The children were in awe of the artwork, and seemed to enjoy themselves, they looked excited to do art! We showed people pieces of art like the dresses." ~ Eliza & Hadia

Modern Languages~

Modern languages included activities such as the DIY Photo Booth, the (very difficult!) triangle game, and a bunch of different french snacks, such as crepes and pain au chocolat, and many more! Furthermore, let's hear what the teacher hosting, Miss Wilkinson had to say, "the kids were thrilled for the food and they were fond of the Photo booth, they were very Entertained by the triangle game we were encouraging the pupils to take part, and made sure they were involved equally. We also answered questions that the parents asked." ~ Miss Wilkinson.

Math~

In the math department everyone was really engaged with all the activities and experiments. Let's hear what Miss Richy had to say.

"The children were really engaged, they really enjoyed all the activities and enjoyed talking to the senior pupils because they were really welcoming." ~ Miss Richy



P7 OPEN EVENING



Science~

Meanwhile, in the science labs, there were a couple of different experiments, like the plasma ball, smoke machine, examining a REAL lamb's body, Bunsen burner etc... According to Miss Buckley, "We were doing light experiments in a dark room using lasers and ultra-violet torches. The P7's enjoyed doing the experiments and seeing what science would be like in Highschool." ~ Miss Buckley



Social subjects~

In social subjects there were LOADS of different things going on such as: exploring the human rights, talking about political leaders and quizzes different political stuff. Miss Byers has stated, "We set up lots of different tables with different activities, one was about human rights because it's something you do in S1. The children were both excited and anxious, they were trying to list as many rights as they could and talked about North Korea we also talked about political leaders and their country," ~ Miss Byers

PE~

PE was a bit different compared to different departments, PE was playing different sports, a sport teacher called Miss Dougall has told us a bit more about PE, "The children were SUPER excited playing badminton and basketball, we also had the Nat 5 and 3rd years perform spectacular dances to entertain any visitors," ~ Miss Dougall

English~

In English there were different tasks to do all around the English department like the library scavenger hunt and pupil work, Miss McKinlay has said, "The children were a bundle of joy and sunshine and VERY MUCH enjoyed the tasks we had set out for them." ~ Miss McKinlay



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Tech-e~

Tech-e was making spinning tops and created them using wood and machines, afterwards decorating it to their preference, Miss Hamilton exclaims, "The children were both excited and nervous, the S1 and S2 pupils were great help." ~Miss Hamilton

Business~

In addition, the business department offered taste tests, logo and slogan games and many more, Miss Farquhar has implied the following, "The children were buzzing with excitement, it was very nice when the children would bring their adorable younger siblings!" ~Miss Farquhar

Music~

In music the children were playing different instruments, Miss Newlands has said "The children were a bit nervous for learning new instruments. We had 2 classrooms set up one with a music club called just play and the other was just how a normal classroom would work in music," ~Miss Newlands



In conclusion the P7 Open evening for 2024 was a HUGE success for all pupils staff and visitors! We hope that next year will be even better
~ Eliza Hamid & Hadia Hussain

MANY thanks to the teacher that we interviewed, Miss Clesham who helped us along the way and the many friend that supported us throughout making this paper article happen, we could not have done this without you



S4 EMERGENCY FIRST AID



S4 Pupils have recently successfully completed and passed the SCQF6 Emergency First Aid at Work qualification. All pupils have gained fantastic skills for life and are now qualified to provide immediate first aid including lifesaving CPR as well as treating a wide range of other injuries including seizures, burns, shock and bleeding. In doing so pupils have gained a qualification that is fully accredited by the SQA and recognised by employers. Well done to all involved!



Dementia Friends – Congratulations to pupils in 3A, 3B, and 3C who all successfully passed their training! 3D, E and F training will be soon. Look out for details on our Social Media!



We celebrated **Maths Week Scotland** with lots of activities including hearing from parents/carers, creating MATHSzines and establishing our S6 Maths Ambassadors!



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Leadership Academy - This term we have had the pleasure of hosting our S1 pupils for a Leadership Conference day as part of our Leadership Academy.

Pupils attended a conference style event in the Assembly Hall where they worked in groups with a range of pupils from their year group. Pupils were taken through a number of team building tasks and presentations from staff across the school.

The key theme of 'Connection' sat the centre of the learning experience and pupils were able to explore the theme throughout the day. S1 heard from Mr Irvine in PE about his journey through leadership and developing key skills as well as, Mrs Bytheway in English as they completed a 'Connections' quiz linked to literacy. The focus for the Leadership Academy has been on personal development, mental health awareness and introduction of leadership concepts.

Pupils will go on to explore further leadership concepts across the course of S1 and celebrate their own personal achievements and the growth as a year group.

Higher RMPS - A tradition that started during the 2021-22 class. Once pupils have finished sitting their first Buddhism assessment, as a way of rewarding hard work and de-stressing afterwards, the class decorate Buddha biscuits before getting to enjoy them.



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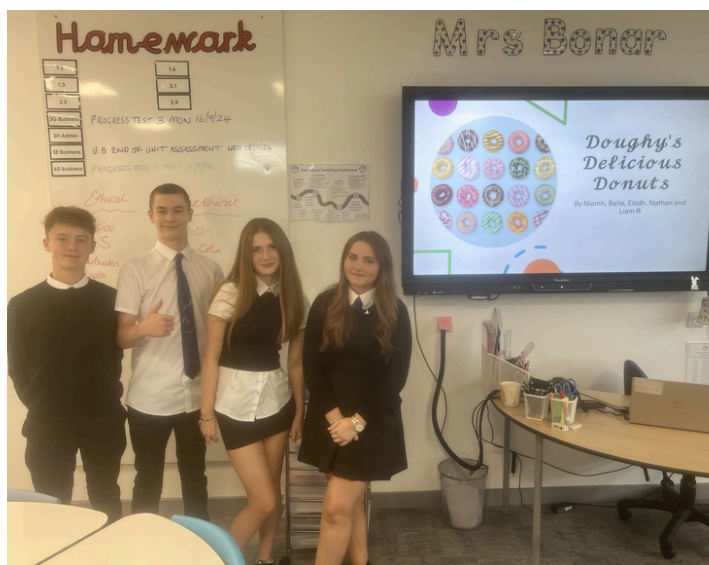
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BUSINESS AND COMPUTING



S2 have been enjoying working in groups to create their own doughnut business. They have created a name for their business and decided on the price for each of their products they have to offer. As well as this, they have decided on the best location for their business and what methods of advertising they would use to advertise their business. They had to create a PowerPoint to present to the rest of the class, displaying the above aspects of their business. Well done S2!



During September, S6 Enterprise & Employability organised and delivered a bake sale for all staff. Pupils raised £160 to enable them to participate in the Young Enterprise Company Programme and to purchase raw materials to create their products. The Young Enterprise Company Programme allows pupils to set up and run their own business, gaining practical business experience and employability skills for the world of work. Well done, S6!

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SPORTS NEWS



Ewan Stewart in S6 is current Under 18 number 1 for Badminton in Scotland and is competing in many competitions in singles and doubles at Under 19 level.

Ewan will compete for the school in the Scottish Schools Badminton Competition this year.

FA massive well done to Calum Hunter in S5 who was selected as part of the Great Kids Britain Ski Team for 2023/2024. Calum was also named in the 2024/2025 Scottish Mens Alpine Ski Team. Well done Calum!



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Badminton club has started up again after summer. It runs every Wednesday after school and the turnout has been amazing. We have had more than 40 pupils in attendance every week. We also have our S5 pupil Danny Ren and S6 pupil Ewan Stewart who help out at the club. Pupils will have the chance to enter local and National Competitions throughout the year.

New members are welcome every Wednesday in the games hall.



Basketball club is running every Monday after school with the help from our S6 pupil Abigail MacDougall. Pupils will be selected for East Dunbartonshire Tournaments throughout the year.

New members are welcome in the games hall every Monday after school.

Cheerleading club has been running every Wednesday and we look forward to starting our level one and level two soon. With more than 80 pupils in attendance, well done girls!

Boclair are 2 x Scottish Champions and are practising for the 2025 Competition.



SPORTS NEWS



Netball Club attendance has been amazing every Thursday after school with the help from some of our S5/6 pupils. We are looking forward to seeing our teams in action as the fixtures are going to start soon. Pupils will compete in the East Dunbartonshire Leagues and Scottish Cups. Keep up the great work!



Great turnout for our fitness club which runs every Wednesday after school. New members most welcome.

See Miss Dougall in the PE department.

SPORTS NEWS



Well done to Imogen Hammond S3 who finished 6th in the Scottish Schools Mountain Biking Championship at Comrie Croft.

We have had our S1/S2 boys football trials and S1/S2 Football club running every Thursday. These clubs are very well attended and popular amongst pupils.

New members welcome.



Advanced Higher English had a great day out at the Mitchell Library. We spent the day learning about how to write academic essays through a series of workshops, which really helped the sixth years to prepare for their English dissertations this year.



Welcoming S1 pupils to the library

S1 have settled in and are visiting the library during interval and lunchtime to read and relax, finish homework and chat quietly. The board games club on Fridays is also popular!



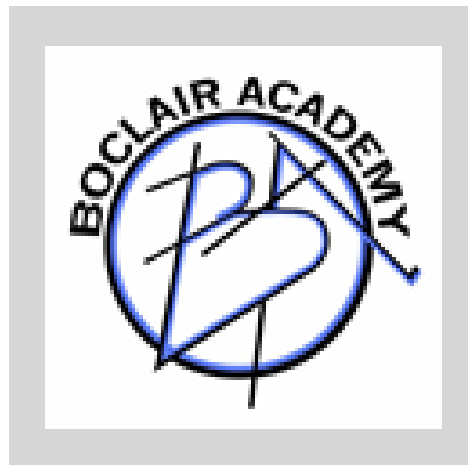
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