

Rutherglen High School

December 2017



Here we are once again at this time of the year, I think Christmas comes around quicker every year. Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Rutherglen High School newsletter. It feels like yesterday that we were returning from our October break. Things have been very busy again in Rutherglen High. We have had some very successful residential visits. The Reach Forward group went over to Arran for some outdoor activities and Mr Williams led some of our senior pupils on a hike and residential as part of their DofE Award.

Pupils have also been involved in a variety of activities including visits to Edinburgh and Glasgow Christmas markets, bag packing for Classrooms for Malawi, Variety Club Christmas party and the pantomime at Fernhill Community Centre to name but a few.

Thank you to everyone who ventured out on 7th December to support our Christmas Coffee Morning. The fantastic sum of £460.00 was raised.

Our whole school Christmas Lunch was on Thursday 14th December pupils, staff and invited guests once again enjoyed a feast prepared by several members of staff and our wonderful volunteers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and volunteers at Rutherglen High School for all their support and commitment throughout the year and wish them a well deserved rest. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

Thank you to all parents/guardians who sent in cards and gifts for staff. This is greatly appreciated by all.

Karaoke

Well done to everyone who provided us with some great singing this morning at Rutherglen High's annual Karaoke event. Most of the singing was very good until some of the staff joined in!!!! Leave it to the pupils next year.

Christmas Service

The whole school attended the Christmas Service on Wednesday 20th of December.

This year we held the service in Rutherglen High School. We were joined by Deacon Bill McMillan from St Mark's Church and John Sanderson and Ross Murray from The United Reformed Church in Rutherglen.

Pupils delighted everyone with their singing and musical talents.



Christmas Activities

Rutherglen High has been a very busy place over the course of the past few weeks. There have been a host of activities taking place in preparation for Christmas. Staff and Pupils have been working hard to get everything ready.

Our GUAB group enjoyed a trip to Pizza Hut in East Kilbride. The Christmas Coffee Morning was held on Thursday 7th of December. Parents, Grandparents and friends joined staff and pupils in our street for refreshments and a raffle. We had lots of stalls selling Christmas gifts, and we had a great raffle with loads of great prizes (thanks for all your donations). We managed to raise over £460!!!!!! This paid for the Christmas Lunch.



Thursday we had the whole school Christmas Lunch. We had a great atmosphere and the food was, as usual, delicious. We were joined by The Rev John Sanderson from The Rutherglen United Reformed Church and members of the Parent Council. A big thanks To Mrs Martin and all her helpers who made it all possible.

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Mr McLean and Mrs McGown enjoyed a trip to our capital city with members of Rutherglen High's Reach Forward group. Pupils were taken on a walking tour of the city centre and enjoyed a stroll in Princes Street Gardens. They even enjoyed some traditional Scottish cooking in one of the capitals finest eateries, McDonalds. We've had a great few weeks and now we are all looking forward to a well earned rest.



School resumes on Monday
8th January at 08:50

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Fund Raising

Senior pupils took part in bag packing at Sainsbury's at the Kingsgate in East Kilbride on Friday 8th December from 10am -11.30. This was to raise funds for the charity 'Classrooms for Malawi'. Well done to Nathan Spencer, Kathleen Collins, Kaitlin Nutt (pictured right), Nicole Henderson, Matthew Mitchell and Evan Clements for helping shoppers pack their bags. We managed to raise £431.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

The DofE groups were involved in a joint expedition with Cathkin High and Rutherglen UC. Four S6 students spent a weekend hiking in the hills around Strathblane and Lennoxton.

They spent a damp and blustery day walking from Strathblane along the valley and up the hills to the Auchengilloch Scout Centre. They impressed the assessors with their culinary abilities - especially as their cooking was carried out in the dark and on an increasingly cold and windy night! After a cold night, the team awoke and readied themselves very quickly; cooking a proper breakfast and carefully striking their wet tents.



As they started out the sun came up and they began to feel a little warmth in the air. Through Strathblane and the path flattened out and the going became easier. The pathway was busy - the team passed at least two groups from other schools doing their DofE Expeditions!

The Expedition was the final part of their Bronze DofE for Lewis Markson, Aaron McVey and Gary Neil and they have now started working towards their Silver Award. Kathleen Collins is now working towards her award.



The groups are all well on their way towards their Bronze awards, there is a lot of enthusiasm and initiative being shown. We are looking forward to the Spring and the start of the new Expedition season!

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