

# Rutherglen High School

*December 2023*

*Mrs Allan*

Welcome to the December edition of our newsletter. As always life at Rutherglen High has been very busy - especially this week with all the Christmas activities.

Pupils and staff have enjoyed a wide range of activities including a disco, Christmas café, Santa Dash, Christmas quiz and Christmas Nativity / Concert.

I would like to thank all the staff for their support and commitment throughout this year they deserve their well-earned rest.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and best wishes for 2024. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.



## *Inverclyde Residential*

Mrs Cresswell, Mrs Devlin and Mrs Sclater very kindly took 6.1 on a trip to the National Sports Training Centre in Inverclyde. As part of their national 3 PE course the pupils participated in the SLC active schools young sports leader programme.

Pupils learned how to run and adapt sessions to suit learners abilities, improve their communications skills, motivate and encourage young learners, and how to project their voices.

Activities included Boccia and Athletics. Two sessions in the morning and then two in the afternoon. The pupils and staff all agreed that it was a brilliant experience.



## Christmas Events

The past two weeks have really flown by with a host of activities taking place in preparation for Christmas. Christmas discos, treasure hunts, quizzes etc...



Pupils and staff have been involved in a variety of events leading up to the end of term. They included our world famous Christmas Café organised by Mrs Cresswell (is there anything she can't do?) and Mrs McGowan, helped by senior classes. The café's were attended by pupils, parents and staff.



Mrs Jensen accompanied a group of pupils to Trinity High's 'Jingle and Mingle' Christmas party. Pupils and staff enjoyed some great food prepared by Mrs Cocozza and the S4 pupils. We're already looking forward to next year. Thanks again.



## Nut Free Zone

We have a number of pupils with nut allergies, it would be most helpful if you could ensure that pupils do not bring nuts or products containing nuts into the school.

Thank you for your consideration.



## Parent Support

Rutherglen High's Parent Support Group will be meeting on January 24th, February 21st and March 20th. Meeting start at 09:45am. Everyone is welcome to come along and take part. Last session we provided help with benefits, Power of Attorney, Guardianship and much more. If you would like to discuss anything in particular call the school and we will try to help.

## Christmas Card Competition

Michael Shanks, our local Labour MP was in school judging our 'Christmas Card Competition'. The standard of artwork on show was fantastic. Well done to all our pupils. The winning design was used on Michael's official Christmas Card. It was used on over 200 cards!!!



## Nativity and Christmas Service

The Christmas Service was held on Thursday 21st of December. We had lots of musical talent on show. Mrs Rosenberg, Miss Coyle and Mrs Steel worked together to produce a fantastic production of 'The Nativity'. Pupils have been working hard for weeks now on their lines and were amazing on the day. Everyone really enjoyed the service, thanks to all friends and family for coming along and making the day so special.

## STEM Activities

2.1 and 3.2 attended a STEM Day (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) at South Lanarkshire College. They took part in several activities including, 'Da Vinci' bridge building, VR activities, science experiments and building scaffolding.



## Christmas Door Competition

The competition to have the 'Christmas Competition' winner was very fierce this year. Staff and pupils went above and beyond to decorate their doors. In the end we had 4 winners.

Mr Paul and S6 : Most Comical door Winner

Mrs Rosenberg : Showing Pupil Involvement

Miss Robertson and 1.2 : Joint winners for the most Creative door.

Mrs Ahern and Mrs Gemmell for the Sensory Room. (photos on page 5)



# Photo Gallery

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## Important Dates

17th January 2024 Assembly

24th January 2024 9.45am Parent Support Group

25th January 2024 9.30am Parent Council

12th February 2024 Holiday

13th February 2024 Holiday

14th February 2024 Inset 4

21st February 2024 9.45am Parent Support Group

22nd February 2024 Assembly

29th February 2024 9.30am Parent Council

20th March 2024 9.45am Parent Support Group

Assembly

28th March 2024 11.15am Easter Service

2.30pm School Closes

15th April 2024 School Re-open

