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# Parents' Newsletter

## John Ogilvie High School

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## HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



John Ogilvie High School pupils with a cheque for £1,000 which the pupils and staff raised last week over a two-day period. The School's Seismology Group mounted the appeal and staff held a coffee morning last Friday. The appeal is on-going. In the picture are members of The Seismology Group, Paul Denholm, Thomas Kennedy and Aiden Miller who designed and delivered a presentation on the disaster to all Assemblies last week. They are pictured with the School Leadership Team, Paul Stewart (Head Boy), Connor Steven (Depute Head Boy), Jennifer Calder (Depute Head Girl) and Jacklyn McConnachie (Head Girl) and by Head Teacher, Eddie Morrison.

## HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL (Cont'd)

After the devastating earthquake in Haiti, pupils and staff at John Ogilvie have been quick to respond.

Mrs McDaid's geography class (2E) collected as much information as they could for homework and Paul Denholm, Thomas Kennedy and Aiden Miller presented their work to assemblies throughout the week. A number of our prefects then collected donations from around the school

Mrs McGowan in the maths department sold her famous tablet and the English department ran a staff coffee morning that raised £200.

Our final total is £1000 and this has been sent to SCIAF already.

We are hoping that SCIAF will come to JOHS in the near future to tell the pupils how their donations have helped those in Haiti.

Well done to all staff and pupils and please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers.



## **Christmas Raffle 2009**

Many many thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas Raffle to help raise money for school funds. The winners are listed below:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>S. Kelly</b>	<b>Seller: Mhairi Kelly – 3E4</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>C. Cameron</b>	<b>Seller: Ryan Murphy – 2A1</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>K. McLean</b>	<b>Seller: K. McLean – 1C3</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>	<b>T. Conway</b>	<b>Seller: Andrew Conway – 2A4</b>

**Pupil who sold the most tickets: Darren McCarroll – 3C1**

**Class who sold the most tickets: 1C3**

**(Who will be going Bowling on an afternoon of their choice)**

**Total Amount Raised - £2,049**

**(After prize and ticket deduction) £1,429.20**

## **Christmas Mail**

Class 2D4 organised a Christmas mail delivery service in the school in the weeks leading up to Christmas. This was very well supported, particularly by the staff and the class decided to use the money raised to help two charities. The class used the money to purchase a meal for 70 children from World Vision (£15). They also donated £11 to the Cancer Research Childhood Leukaemia Fund.

# School Closures

Friday 12 February	-	In-service day for staff
Monday 15 February	-	Local Holiday
Tuesday 16 February	-	Local Holiday
Wednesday 17 February	-	School Re-opens

## Forthcoming Events

- Wednesday 3 – Wednesday 10 February – S5/6 Prelim Exams  
Thursday 4 February: Holocaust Memorial Event  
Tuesday 9 February: S2 & S4/5 Options Information Evening  
Thursday 25 February: Burns' Night for Staff and Senior Pupils

## Holocaust Memorial Event

The John Ogilvie High School Community Choir comprising pupils from St Josephs, St Ninian's and St Blane's as well as our own pupils from John Ogilvie represented our school community in the Hamilton Area Holocaust Memorial Event held in Hamilton Grammar School on Thursday 21 January.

The Choir, which has been formed through the Awards for All Funding, performed two songs; *Wars Wont Stop Us Singing* and *Better Place*. The choir performed brilliantly and they will be repeating this at the School Holocaust Memorial Event on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30** here in the school as part of the whole-school commemoration of the holocaust entitled **Legacy of Hope**.

I hope that as many of you as possible will come along to enjoy the musical and drama performances from the children along with the displays of work they have been doing in classes across the school.

## Raising Attainment

### ❖ **S4 Reports**

Parents should receive progress reports for S4 pupils in January.

### ❖ **S1 Parents' Night**

A large number of parents attended the Parents' Evening held on Tuesday 19 January. Parental evaluations once again were extremely positive regarding the organisation and management of the evening.

### ❖ **S2 & S4/5 Options Information Evening**

An Options Information Evening for students and parents will be held on **Tuesday 9 February at 6.30pm**. This will give parents an opportunity to receive an insight into how their child will make option decisions and the chance to meet with subject staff to learn about what their child may choose to study next session.

### ❖ **S5/6 Prelim Exams**

Prelims for students in S5/6 commence on Wednesday 3 February to Wednesday 10 February. When not in examinations, normal timetable operates for all senior students. Students unable to attend their prelim examination must inform the school by telephone.



# SKI TRIP 2011



John Ogilvie High School is hoping to run a ski trip for current S1 – S3 pupils in 2011 (March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>.) The trip will be to the Amadé, Sportwelt region of Austria, near Salzburg and there are 40 places available. Interested pupils should collect an information sheet and then return their consent forms and the deposit by February 8<sup>th</sup> 2010.  
P. Morison, Modern Languages Department.

## Home/School Partnership

### Indian Head Massage Course

Home School Partnership within the John Ogilvie Learning Community would like to invite all mums, dads and other adult carers to a free 8 week course in Indian Head Massage. This course is accredited by Independent Professional Therapists International (IPTI).

This course will take place in the Community Wing of St Cuthbert's Primary, Burnbank, Hamilton and starts on Monday 1st February 2010 from 12.30pm- 2.30pm. For further information or to book a place, please contact Gail McKillop on 07795090705.

## Department of Music

### ➤ Community Choir Project

The John Ogilvie Learning Community Choirs have now begun rehearsals in each of the schools.

This term will see the choir performing at various events:

- South Lanarkshire Council Holocaust Memorial – Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010
- John Ogilvie High School Holocaust Memorial – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010



The pupils will also work on preparing for the John Ogilvie Learning Community Choir Annual Concert and the Easter Showcase.

The Hamilton Harmonics adult choir will also participate in JOHS Burn's Supper Celebrations on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Weekly rehearsal times are as follows:



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| • Tuesdays  | 7:00 – 8:30pm | - | Hamilton Harmonics Choir   |
| • Tuesdays  | 3:30 – 4:30pm | - | St. Joseph's Primary Choir |
| • Thursdays | 3:30 – 4:30pm | - | St. Ninian's Primary Choir |
| • Thursdays | 3:30 – 4:30pm | - | St. Blane's Primary Choir  |

We are always looking for new members from our community to join us in the adult choir (Hamilton Harmonics) so please consider coming along and joining us.

The Primary choirs are open to any P4 – P7 pupils in that school so again, please encourage any younger children you may have in our associated schools to get involved.

## Department of Music (cont'd)

➤ **SQA Prelim Examinations**

All S5 and S6 music candidates will sit their Listening prelim examination on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Arrangements will be made with pupils to carry out their practical prelim in class time during the first week in February.

➤ **SQA Practical Examinations**

At this point in the session, many of our S4 – S6 certificate pupils will be presented for their final Performance examination. The board of examiners will meet in the next couple of weeks and arrangements for exam dates will be made with individual schools thereafter.

The staff of the Music department would like to wish all candidates the very best for this forthcoming examination.

➤ **European Tour to The Rhineland**

Although this planned trip seems a long way off, we are all getting very excited in the department and plans for a very busy itinerary while we are away are well underway. Pupils should be looking towards continuing to make payments to their account and aim to have the amount paid in full by the Easter holidays at the beginning of April.

# Beauty Afternoon

On the afternoon of Tuesday 23 February, Motherwell College students will be leading a hair and make-up session for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year pupils.

The pupils will get the chance to learn about make-up application, how to keep their skin healthy and different ways of styling their hair.

Every pupil will receive at least one beauty treatment.



# Burns' Night Celebrations

Following on from our last two outstandingly successful Burns Celebrations we are once again having our Senior pupils and Staff Burns Supper on February 25 at 7.00. The traditional piping in of the Haggis will be followed by a 3 course Supper and then there will be entertainment in the form of Songs, Poems and Drama from pupils and staff to honour the work of the Scottish Bard. This will be followed by a Ceilidh/Disco from JOS Radio....and all for the cost of £7!!

Make sure you book your seat/table in time. The last two years have been sold out.

Mr Morrison



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E. Morrison  
Head Teacher  
January 2010

# Home School Partnership

## Maths Study Skills Workshop

### **S4 Parents/Carers,**

Would you like to help support your child when they are studying for their maths exams? John Ogilvie High School would like to invite all mums, dads and other adult carers to a maths workshop to give you more confidence in helping your child with their maths homework and studying. You will have the opportunity to find out strategies to help your child succeed in their Credit Maths exam and develop more effective study skills.

**Date:                      Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010**  
**6.00pm – 7.00pm**

Please return this form to your child's maths teacher by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

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I am able/unable to attend the Maths Study Skills Workshop.

Mum's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Adult Carer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

















