

SPRINGBURN ACADEMY

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Dear Parent

**Strathclyde University
&
Springburn Academy**

Welcome to the September Newsletter – a reminder that all information is on the website as is the complete version of this newsletter.

Springburn Academy is continuing on with its established links with Strathclyde University by participating in a project looking at the use of ICT in pupils learning. 32 fifth year pupils have been issued with 'state of the art' mobile phones in order to help them with their learning.

The school is very pleased to link in with the Higher Education Institutions in the city.

Yours sincerely

M E Ervine

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Head Teacher

P.E. DEPARTMENT

What's on North of Glasgow

Please see website below for lots of info on what's on in the North of Glasgow, it covers lots of topics such as small grants/funding opps, local services/teams/centres, community courses and lists of partner agencies.

www.accessnorthglasgow.co.uk

USED POSTAGE STAMPS AND UNWANTED SPECTACLES

Thanks from Mr Anderson to everyone who sent in used postage stamps and old/unwanted spectacles. Used postage stamps (British and foreign) are collected all year round to raise funds.

Thank you to everyone, parents, pupils and staff who have sent in Stamps or Specs. There has been a great response.



Thank you

R Anderson
P.T. History



Reminder:

Kit must be brought every time P.E. appears on timetables regardless of injury or illness.

This allows pupils to sit in with the class and assist when required.



Thank you



YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLIES

October's Theme for Year Group Assemblies will be: **Personal Organisation**

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL EDUCATION **(P.S.E.)**

The next few weeks of P.S.E. will concentrate on the following:

- S1 Election of Pupil Council
- S2 Election of Pupil Council
- S3 Election of Pupil Council
- S4 Election of Pupil Council

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Leavers Destinations for Summer 2010

Name	Destination	Course
Yasmin Ali	Cardonald College	Social Sciences
Chris Anderson	Glasgow Metropolitan	Hospitality
Alistair Boardman	Strathclyde University	Politics
Lauren Beattie	University West of Scotland	Physics
Jodie Brownlee	Glasgow Caledonian	Fashion Marketing
Craig Burnett	Glasgow Caledonian	Business Law
Kayleigh Chisholm	Glasgow Caledonian	Fashion Marketing
Stephanie Cotton	Glasgow Metropolitan	Hospitality
Lauren Crombie	Strathclyde University	Art & Social Sciences
Jade Davies	Glasgow Caledonian	Events Management
Hayley Foulds	Glasgow University	Dentistry
Stephanie Gorman	Stirling University	Biochemistry
Zoe Graham	Glasgow Caledonian	Fashion Marketing
Damian Gray	Glasgow Caledonian	Forensic Science
Graeme Howe	North Glasgow College	Sports Coaching
Erin Kergan	Strathclyde University	Social Sciences
Lucy Lennox	Cardonald College	Social Sciences
Gregor Livingstone	Stow College	Mechanical Engineering
Zoe McAdam	John Wheatley College	Hairdressing
Ashley McDougall	Glasgow Caledonian	Social Sciences
Mark McDowell	Glasgow Caledonian	Forensic Science
Callum McLaren	Glasgow University	Zoology & Biology
Nicole McMullin	Glasgow University	Social Sciences
Nicole Morrison	Coatbridge College	Hairdressing
Amy Scott	Glasgow Caledonian	Events Management
Cheryl Sinclair	University West of Scotland	Social Sciences
Stacey Smith	Glasgow Metropolitan	Business Management
Sean Tollan	Glasgow Caledonian	Civil Engineering
Dawn Wright	Strathclyde University	Primary Teaching
Ranjit Badwal		NQ Sports Coaching
Jordan Calder		Scaffolding Apprenticeship
Robert Daly	College	
Karl Duncan	College	
Sian Francis		Commonwealth Apprenticeship
Marc Gallacher		Commonwealth Apprenticeship
Kayleigh Kemp	North Glasgow College	
Michelle Lewsley	College	
David McCabe		Civil Engineering Apprenticeship.
Lauren McLevy		Commonwealth Apprenticeship
Craig Ramsay	Langside College	
Darren Walker	Stow College	
Grant Wallace	Stow College	Engineering
Lauren Walsh	North Glasgow College	Childcare
Ami Webster	North Glasgow College	

FUEL ZONE NEWS

Healthy eating is important to ensure your body gets all of the nutrients it needs to get you through each day. By following a healthy diet, you will have more energy, which will improve your concentration in class and enable you to perform better at sports.

Working with pupils and teachers the Fuel Zone is constantly trying to provide healthy and tasty options for you at reasonable prices. Below are some great reasons why you should choose to eat in Fuel Zone.

Gold Card

The Gold Card is available for 4th, 5th & 6th years; the card can be topped up with £5.75 on a Monday morning and can be spent in the Fuel Zone throughout the week. The Gold Card saves time and offers more flexibility as it only has to be topped up once a week and lets you choose when to spend it.

Free Meal Entitlement

If you receive a free meal entitlement your £1.15 will now go on the card before 9 a.m. meaning you can use it at breakfast and morning interval as well as at lunch time.

Breakfast Service

The breakfast service is available in your school, it starts at 8.15 am and is a great way to catch up with friends and make sure you get your fuel before school. A meal deal of cereal with milk, toast with spread and fruit juice is available for only 50p.

Morning Break

Why not make a pit stop to Fuel Zone at morning break, a selection of hot and cold rolls are on offer as well as a selection of other delicious snacks.

Fuel Zone Choices

Fuel Zone Choices gives you more control at lunch time, it lets you choose what type of food you would like at lunch time. The zones available at SPRINGBURN ACADEMY include:

- Subzone: fresh baguettes made up in front of you
- Bake Take: a baked potato bar with a choice of fillings
- Big Burger: a healthy burger bar
- Big Pizza: a pizza counter offering a variety of toppings
- Curry Bar: a selection of curries available daily
- Grab n' Go: a pre-order service that allows you to order a packed lunch in the morning and collect it at lunch to avoid queues
- Hotbites: a traditional main meal of the day
- Pasta bar: pasta with a variety of fresh sauces to choose from

In addition to the main items in each zone, you can select home made soup and bread, a variety of hot vegetables or salad options, a selection of fruit and yoghurt and semi skimmed milk or water. This is available for the all-inclusive price of £1.15.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding Fuel Zone please contact Helen Cullen Catering Manager

Bang on Bard 2010 Poetry Competition

Congratulations to **Megan McGowan** of S2 who came 2nd in the 9-12 years category of the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Bang on Bard! 2010 poetry competition.

More than 500 young people entered from Glasgow schools. S.P.T's poet-in-residence John Rice had the hard task of choosing just three winners in each age category. He said:

“Congratulations to all our winners. Their work is outstanding and clearly demonstrates the high standard of literacy talent present in our schools. It was incredibly difficult to whittle it down to just 12 winners but they are all thoroughly deserving of their prizes.”

Megan’s poem, “**My Dad’s Working Boots**”, has also been put on display at St Enoch Subway station on the wall of the outer circle platform for two weeks from the 17th of August.



Megan

My Dad’s Working Boots

My Dad’s working boots are torn and worn,
mucky and black, but he still wears them.

My Dad’s working boots are big and smelly,
nicknames them his ‘Smelly Kellys’, but he still wears them.

My Dad’s working boots are big and tough,
he must wear them or they go in a huff, so he still wears them.

My Dad’s working boots, his big working boots,
not yours, not mine, so he still wears them.

Megan McGowan

After School Clubs

Joseph Brannan Active Schools Co-ordinator has organised After School Activity Clubs that will run within the school.

Hip Hop dance starts Friday 27th August, 3.15 - 4.15 p.m.

S1/S2 Basketball team, coaching starts Monday 30th August 3 – 4 p.m.

Golf coaching starts Tuesday 31st August 3.45 - 4.45pm

All sessions will continue until December 2010 and will resume from January to March provided they are attended by pupils.

LONDON TRIP 2011

After a sixth highly successful visit to London last June, arrangements have already been finalised for next year's trip. The group will be travelling by coach and staying in London for 3 nights. They will attend 3 evening theatre performances: "Stomp", "The Woman in Black" and the musical "Wicked". Also included in the trip are excursions to the House of Commons, British Airways London Eye, Covent Garden, Madame Tussauds, and the BBC Studios.

Springburn Academy English Department Theatre Club

The English Department have arranged to attend 2 performances at the Kings Theatre. On September 30th a group will view the must-see musical "Sunshine on Leith" which is packed with hits from the The Proclaimers. In February 2011 there are plans to attend the performance of "We Will Rock You" which celebrates Queen's biggest hits in a show that boasts the scale and spectacle that marked the band's legendary live performances, a theatrical phenomenon is not to be missed!

STEM ACTIVITY DAY IN ASSOCIATION WITH SMALLPEICE TRUST

Wednesday 15th September, 2010, saw five S2 pupils from Springburn Academy attend the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) day at Cumbernauld College which was organised in conjunction with Stow College and the Smallpeice Trust . On the day approximately 50 pupils from schools in Glasgow, Lanark and even as far as Edinburgh participated in the task of building a wind turbine. The 1st prize went to Team D – of which our very own Peter Forsyth of Class 2.4. was a member. Peter was presented with a small gift from the Smallpeice Trust by Mrs Allison, Employability Officer for Springburn Academy. Springburn Academy pupils who participated in the event felt it was a worthwhile workshop and would be very enthused to participate in this type of event again.



SCOTTISH GAS ACADEMY

Pupils from Springburn Academy visited the Scottish Gas Academy in Hamilton. This was a fabulous experience for the pupils as they were guided round the Academy by Mr Jim Simmons an Engineer from Scottish Gas. Mr Simmons gave information on how to become an apprentice with Scottish Gas and spoke of Health and Safety Issues. The pupils were allowed to test out some of the equipment used by Scottish Gas in a “mock” setting.

These visits are important in enabling pupils to establish what type of career they might be interested in for their future. At the end of the talk/tour the pupils were given plentiful information on how to apply to Scottish Energy. Mr Simmons, Scottish Gas Engineer intimated his pleasure at the behaviour and good manners of the pupils who had attended his talk. “Springburn Academy pupils were a credit to their school” added Mr Simmons. Well done guys!!!!



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2010

This year Springburn Academy will be filling shoe boxes which will be sent to Eastern Europe and Pakistan.

The boxes are brightly wrapped in Christmas Paper and are sent off in November.

We fill boxes for boys, girls and women. Last year we were told that a necklace which was in one of our shoe boxes was the first piece of jewellery the woman concerned had ever had. The contents of the boxes are truly appreciated. We are looking for:

Shoe boxes

Wrapping paper

Bags/boxes sweets

Toiletries

Soft toys

Gloves/hats/scarves

Small game / puzzle book

Any contributions should be given to Mrs Sheikhly or handed into the school office for Mrs Sheikhly.

Any contributions would be very gratefully received.

Parent Council – Race Night

Last session a very successful Race Night, organised by the Parent Council, was held in Springburn Private Bowling Club. The event was sold-out and was attended by parents and Academy staff, teaching and non teaching. The next Race Night is due to take place on **Friday 29th October, again at Springburn Bowling Club** 7.00 p.m. till late. Tickets cost £5 (this includes disco and buffet) and are available on request from Mr Hamilton, D.H.T. at the school. Please contact Mr Hamilton or any member of the Parent Council should you wish further information.

We would also be very grateful for any donations for our raffle/auction to be held at the Race Night. Again contact Mr Hamilton or any parent member of the Parent Council.

Loch Eil

This session's S1 residential visit to the Outward Bound Centre at Loch Eil, near Fort William, is fast approaching. All S1 pupils have been given the opportunity to take part and during the week 4th – 8th October 120 approx. S1 pupils and 40 approx. S2 pupil mentors will be at Loch Eil. The pupils will be accompanied by Academy staff. Activities while at Loch Eil will include canoeing, raft-building, mountain-climbing, gorge walking, loch 'dips' to jumping into Loch Eil and jumping off the para-tower – a fantastic experience for all who are there!

The cost of the trip is highly subsidised and pupils only pay £35. This is the fourth successive year S1 pupils have had the opportunity to travel to Loch Eil – we would hope to run the trip again next year for our August 2011 intake.

Music Department News

Music pupils in S3 and S5/6 went to the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall to see a Russian Balalaika concert. The show featured traditional Russian music, instruments, song and dance. The pupils had a great time and joined in with the festivities by wearing Russian flag badges!

In October Music pupils in S4/5/6 are going to see the RSNO (Royal Scottish National Orchestra) perform music by Vivaldi, Mussorgsky, Berlioz, Bernstein and John Adams. The concert is part of the RSNO Maestro Music season for schools. The pupils will be studying the music in detail before they see and hear the music live. Two of our S5 pupils, Stephanie Collins and Andrew Wilson, have been given the opportunity to play side-by-side with the RSNO during the performance of Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'. We can't wait to hear them!

This December we are looking forward to putting on a school production of Cinderella. Auditions will be held over the next couple of weeks so watch this space for more information!

The Great Scottish Run - 5th September 2010

Well done to everyone who took part in The Great Scottish Run at the start of September. **Mrs Allison** completed the half marathon leg of the run and **Craig Thomson (6B)** and **Mr Sherry** completed the 10K leg of the run (all recording very respectable times). All three athletes also raised significant sums of sponsorship funds for Marie Curie, Yorkhill Children's Hospital and Cancer Research UK respectively.

Get in Touch

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PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Medication

Could parents please supply a note with details if your youngster requires to take any medication during school time. Pastoral Care staff should be contacted if there is any change to your child's medical condition.

Thanks The Pastoral Care Team

From August 2010 Pastoral Care arrangements will be as follows:-

<u>Year Head</u>	<u>P.T. Pastoral Care</u>
S1 Mr Hamilton	Ms Morton
S2 Mrs Sheikhly	Mrs Campbell/Mr Cochrane (Fri)
S3 Mrs Anderson	Mr Quinn
S4 Ms McNeill	Mr Smith
S5/6 Mrs Morrison	All P.T.'s Pastoral Care

First Mid-term

Monday, 11th October 2010 -
Friday, 15th October 2010

In-service Day

Monday 18th October 2010

Christmas/New Year

Schools Close Thursday, 23rd December 2010
Friday, 24th December –
Tuesday, 4th January 2011 (inclusive)

Return to School 2011

Wednesday, 5th January 2011