

N.A. Violence Against Women Partnership

Irvine Royal Academy showed their support during the month of December by signing pledges, wearing white ribbons, and highlighting the importance of such an important issue through our 'theme of the week'.



Active Schools

A group of young people from Irvine Royal have been enjoying skiing lessons and tubing at Newmilns Snow & Sports Complex. The pupils, led by Miss Gordon, have enjoyed 3 weeks of lessons with more to come in the New Year.

Irvine Royal Academy hosted the Active Schools S1-2 badminton festival in December. 7 pupils from Irvine Royal Academy competed and gave a great account of themselves against pupils from Kilwinning Academy & Greenwood Academy. Big thank you to the Sports Leaders and Young Ambassadors who helped run the event.

Pupils from Irvine Royal Academy completed the latest Active Schools North Ayrshire Sports Academy course. The Competition Organiser Training is designed to give pupils a better understanding on how to run sporting events in their school and community.

Sporting Success

Erin Hanlon S4 and Bayley Hanvey S3, who play for Glasgow City football team, won the League Cup at the weekend. By all accounts it was a thriller with extra time and penalties

Callum Broom S4 achieved a silver medal in his Kata (Karate)

Work experience

Pupils have been attending work experience and confidence building opportunities at Cafe Solace (Fullerton Connections) and The Micah Project (clothing) in Troon.

Art Prelim

The art prelims for N3 to Advanced Higher Artists took place in December. Pupils were off timetable for the day, allowing them to start their final piece of work for their expressive folio. The pupils excelled and produced some fantastic pieces of work that show their understanding of the visual elements, proportion, and media application. Well done to everyone involved!



Fundraising

Second year pupil, Joshua Wayne, has been raising money for Glasgow Children's Hospital by running 3k every day from 6th December - 16th December. Well done Joshua for all your hard work and dedication to such a fantastic cause.

Mrs Inch asked pupils and staff to donate selection boxes to provide children with an extra treat this Christmas. Along with Cash for Kids funding, 117 pupils will now receive a selection box and a £30 supermarket voucher.

Upcoming Key Dates:

w/c 10th Jan – S2 Parental Option Meetings

14th Jan – UCAS deadline

w/c 17th Jan – S3 Parental Option Meetings

w/c 17th Jan (for two weeks) – S4/6 Prelim Assessments

19th Jan – S3 Vaccines

w/c 24th Jan – S4 Parental Option Meetings

25th Jan – Burns Day

27th Jan – Holocaust Memorial Day

w/c 31st Jan – S5 Parental Option Meetings

Maths

Pupils have been completing Christmas Coordinates, Colour by Numbers, Snowflake patterns, and more to be included in festive packs that will be delivered to care home residents to spread some Christmas Cheer.

COP26

Irvine Royal Academy created a video to showcase the effort of our staff, pupils, and wider school community to work together to make change happen. Irvine Royal Academy believes in better, thus we are taking action to help reduce the impact of climate change. This has a focus on learning for sustainability and outdoor learning. This is only the start as we will continue to be mindful of our impact and try our best to reduce the harm we cause to our environment. This can be found on YouTube.

Social Department

Bottle recycling success - thank you to all who have helped. This project will continue after Christmas. So far, we have raised a substantial amount of funds and have spent this on a department laminator, laminating pouches and study materials. This is allowing us to be even more sustainable. Senior study packs - bottle recycling funds have also been spent on study resources. Social Subjects have made individualised packs for all N3/4/5 and Higher pupils to aid with revision in the lead up to prelims. These have been a great success so far.

Classroom to Care Home - trying to spread joy to care home staff and residents this festive season. Social Subjects making individual packs (Christmas Cards, letters, artwork etc) to spread Christmas cheer. Cumbrae Lodge, Abbeyfield House and The Three Towns Care Home have all agreed to participate. Miss Leitch will (fingers crossed) be visiting these care homes with the senior barista class and some S1 pupils to serve drinks and perform (dance and sing).

Charlie the Careers Snowman

Charlie came to visit Irvine Royal in December and pupils quickly got to work adding snowballs with their career ideas on them – our young people and staff alike have enjoyed looking at all the careers aspirations which have included an interior designer, doctor, engineer, journalist, and lawyer.



Wellbeing Walks

Area Inclusion and Active Schools have run a six-week block where the young people involved took part in a wellbeing walk. On the first week of the wellbeing walk, young people were issued with their own fitness tracker and re-useable water bottle. The fitness tracker is to allow pupils to make goals and take responsibility for the additional steps in their own time.

The programme focuses on mental-health and wellbeing, whilst taking in the benefits of fresh air. Walking helps encourage movement and time in the outdoors while staying off screens and social media. During the walks, pupils developed their knowledge of the local community areas and had the opportunity to build positive relationships with staff members. Breaking down these barriers and getting to know each other outside of a school setting has helped develop pupils confidence and self esteem while socialising with other young people.

Library

Mrs McPhee is in the library on Mondays, Thursdays, and alternate Wednesdays. The library is open at lunchtime from 12.45pm on these days.

Anyone interested in using BorrowBox, an app giving us access to ebooks and audiobooks, can get the details from Mrs McPhee. This is a free resource to anyone who works or lives in North Ayrshire.

A big thank you to the staff who shared their 'shelfie' for Book Week Scotland. Watch this space for what is planned for Harry Potter Book Day and World Book Day next term!

Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations Charley Dickson (S1) who produced the winning design this year!



Christmas Jumper Day

Thanks to the Charities Committee and the SPLT for their organisation on Friday. As it stands, £170.25 has been raised—a tremendous effort!

Christmas Concert

Visit <https://www.irvineroyal.co.uk/news-events/newsletters/christmas-concert> to watch this years concert