REMEMBRANCE

Each year we fall silent to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today. We also remember our own young men who did not return from WW1 and who fell in Europe and Africa.

Our remembrance assemblies, archive room and website pay tribute to these fine young men—Uddingston Grammar pupils who gave their lives for freedom. They are:

David Allan; James Baird; Peter Benson; James Black; George Boyd; William Brown; William Bryson; Frank Carson; Stewart Clark; A Clark; James Clubb; William Craig; James Cruickshank; Alex Dobson; William Gordon; Robert Graham; Andrew Hamilton; Robert Hamilton;

Thomas Hendry; Robert Hotson; John Hyslop; Wiliam Hyslop; David Kennedy; William Kennedy; Gavin Lawson; George Lindsay; Lachlan Livingstone; William MacFarlane; J MacIntyre; George Masterton; David McEwan; Thomas McGhie; William Meiklejohn; John Mitchell;

Don Moore; William Morton; George Nisbet; Thomas Paterson; Joshua Reid; James Renshaw; Arthur Robertson; David Robertson; George Robertson; James Robertson; Thomas Robertson; Alexander Russell;

Hugh Scott; Thomas Stark; R Steele; John Watson; Alexander Whiteford and William Wilson.

At the going down of the Sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

BIG BANG!

At 7.10am on Halloween we were visited by a big trailer carrying a tractor! As it exited the school, it unhitched at the top of the ramp, and rolled down the hill and crashed into the wall of the Senior Leadership Team office. It caused extensive damage to the external brickwork and some internal damage to the back wall of our office. The driver was admitted to hospital for a short time due to shock, however, he was discharged soon after. No-one was injured in the incident.

The SLT office has been decanted to The Hub, and SDS have moved next door to us. The rear stairwell is cordoned off along with the office. We have barriers around the management wing to allow the builders to access the site without disruption. After meeting with the builders, insurers, structural engineers and architects from the building owners and SLC, repairs began on the 14th November, with an expected completion and handover date of the 11th December. As this is a non-teaching wing, there has been no impact on learning and teaching and we do not expect there to be any during the repairs. Our car park has reduced capacity and so we have asked members of the public not to access it at the start of and end of the school day. We will keep you updated on progress using our Twitter account. Thank you for your patience at this time.
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY NEWSLETTER

Our Eco-group and Pupil Parliament have been discussing what we can all do to reduce our carbon footprint and how to better protect our environment. Our newsletter is issued 10 times each year to 1200 young people. On average it has 6 pages. This is a total of 72000 sheets of paper as well as the associated carbon and toner used in photocopying. They have made a decision and that is that from now, our newsletters will be published only on our website and promoted via twitter. This will be a saving of 30 boxes of paper over the course of the school session. This will also save £300 which we will put back into the Eco-group who once again secured a Green Flag for the school—well done everyone!

CAFÉ UG71

We have launched our new social enterprise—Café UG71. In partnership with Matthew Algie, we have purchased and sourced all the equipment required to train our young people as SQA verified Baristas. Matthew Algie have trained our staff and young people to meet the requirements of the SQA Level 5 Barista award, and we have now opened! Our first public engagement was at our S3 parents evening, and now we are open through the day, we will provide coffee’s etc on Inset days, as well as other school functions. We aim to train as many young people as we can in this work-based qualification, and it is our long term aim to turn our archive Room into a Community café, where local residents may come into school, have a latte, hot chocolate, frappe etc, look through our archives—perhaps even find themselves in them, and take a walk down to Uddingston Glamour for a hair, nail or beauty treatment. Our young people will be trained to manage these aspects of the café, and in doing so, will work towards their enterprise and employability as well as leadership SQA qualifications a Level 5 and Level 6. If you are in the area and wish to sample our coffee, pop in!
Our thanks to our Newly Qualified Teachers, Ms Harrison, Mr Robertson, Ms Mundle, Ms Logan, Ms Murdoch, Ms Durning, Ms Mather and to Mrs McTiernan for organising another S1 Halloween party. They watched a film, took part in games, chatted and ate tonnes of sweets! Generally they had a great time as a yeargroup down in Grand Central—well done everyone.

Our 5/6 also held their annual Halloween dance which is most notable for a couple of things— their taste in music—it barely deserves to be called music—perhaps that is just my age creeping in; the light show—this year it worked largely because Mr Wilson was banned from going near it; and, the costumes—which are simply amazing. Well done to the Senior Committee for organising another fantastic night.
For about the 50th year (perhaps a slight exaggeration) Ms Harker took her AH biologists away during the October week to Millport to undertake their projects. My thanks to Ms Harker who every year foregoes her holiday to work with our young people and who even finds some time to have some fun with them. It is a hard week, the weather can be frankly, miserable, but our youngsters persist, pull together and ultimately, complete their SQA project. Well done everyone!

Mrs Maxwell once again coordinated our Blythswood Christmas Shoebox appeal where young people collect and donate items to put in shoeboxes for distribution to children in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. Our thanks to everyone who helped us send off our shoeboxes. Mrs Rough is also coordinating our Christmas presents programme in conjunction with NLC and SLC Social work to support young people in our local communities. On the 26th November we also host our Annual Christmas Fair—come along to buy an early gift, try some treats to eat and drink and join in the spirit. If you fancy taking a stall, contact Ms McGuigan at the school. It is always a very good evening, with lots of music, lovely gifts and craft stalls, and of course, hot chocolate and as many cakes as would be possible to eat in a lifetime—can’t wait!
SCHOOL TRIPS

Over the past few weeks or young people have taken part in a huge range of excursions— from Shinty in the Highlands to Madrid. We have visited the Forth Bridges with the Design and Manufacture Department; Madrid with Modern Languages; London with PE and Dance; learned how to become baristas in Glasgow with Health and Food Technology; walked through Glasgow with Geography and dipped our toes in the waters around Millport. Before we head down to Manchester City FC, I wish to thank our staff for providing these opportunities for our young people. Later on in the session we will be heading off to France and to Ghana as well as to other local trips—Alton Towers, Edinburgh etc. At the start of next session we head off to New York. We are delighted to continue to offer these experiences to our youngsters however, we recognise that these can be expensive—we do subsidise trips for all youngsters, but please speak to Pupil Support if you need any advice on financing a trip.
SHINTY AMBASSADORS

As everyone knows by now, Mr Thompson’s Shinty clubs have grown to become a real Uddingston institution. We have clubs at each age group for both boys and girls, and this year, our Shinty Ambassadors are Olivia Muir and Daisy Gribbons—pop down to PE or speak to the girls if you are interested in taking part.

SCHOOL OF RUGBY

Ms Stirling is developing our School of Rugby approach and her teams compete in the Hamilton Bulls League as well as taking part in numerous inter-school competitions—recently coming second in SLC—these teams are growing in numbers and if you are interested in joining—see Ms Stirling.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS

Mrs McTiernan’s first Successful Learners of the session are— S1 Scott Crawford and S2 Nicole Thomson. Well done to Scott and Nicole who have shone and excelled since the start of the year. It is great to recognise such excellence and both young people are terrific examples of modern young people—committed, enthusiastic, engaging and modest. Competition was fierce so well done!

DIARY DATES

18/19th November—Inset days
20th November—S2 curricular evening—invitations have been issued 4-5.30pm
26th November—S5/6 Parents Evening
26th November—Christmas Shopping Evening—all welcome
9th December—S4 prelims begin

The Parent Council meeting on the 20th November has been rescheduled due to the election purdah period.

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