



Campbeltown Grammar School

Fortnightly **Update**

15th November 2024

Welcome to our update! The last few weeks have been busy at CGS. We've hosted a fun Halloween Dance, we participated in MAKI football tournament, our P7's and parents had their first transition event, our Parent Council hosted a fundraising bingo night and the whole school paid their respects at the Remembrance Assembly on Monday. Staff have also taken part in some moderation activities within their departments and carried out November's tracking and progress records.

Year group assemblies have also taken place with the focus on Rights Respecting Schools where we are working on our Bronze Award and focusing in on Respect.

Letters have now been issued to parents of S3 young people to invite them to the Parent's Evening on Thursday 21st. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Aim High

New School Website!

We have been working along side the Web Developing Team at Argyll and Bute Council to design our new website and we are pleased to announce the site is now live!

We are still working on this and it will be a work in progress for a while yet but we hope you will find it useful and user friendly.



Find us at:
www.campbeltown.argyll-bute.sch.uk

Argyll and Bute Council Maximising Attendance – A Guide for Parents/Carers

Regular attendance enables your child to:

- Develop important life skills.
- Form and maintain relationships with peers and adults in school.
- Feel connected to their school community.
- Develop positive health and wellbeing.
- Learn through a wide and varied curriculum.
- Fulfil their potential.
- Prepare for adult life and the world of work.

What can I do to help my child attend school?

- Ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time.
- Maintain good morning and bedtime routines – sleep is very important.
- Talk with your child about the importance and benefits of good attendance.
- Be involved with your child's education – talk to them about how they are getting on at school.
- Arrange non-urgent appointments outside of school hours.
- Avoid family holidays during the school term.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with school – we are here to help.

The impact of poor attendance

Attendance Percentage	Number of school days missed in an academic year
100%	0 days of absence No missed learning
95%	9 days of absence 1 week + 4 days missed learning
90%	19 days of absence 3 weeks + 4 days missed learning
85%	27 days of absence 5 weeks + 3 days missed learning
80%	36 days of absence 7 weeks + 3 days missed learning
75%	45 days of absence 9 weeks + 1 day missed learning

Research shows that pupils who regularly miss school are more likely to become isolated from their friends, underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

What happens if my child does not attend school regularly?

Your child's school will contact you and offer support if your child's attendance falls below 90%.

The school will continue to work with you until your child's attendance improves.

The school may identify further support and seek advice from other professionals to ensure your child's needs are met.



What should I do if my child is anxious or worried about attending school?

We want to make sure that you get the advice and help that you need to support your child to go to school.

Contact your child's school who can help.

Other resources are also available here:

[Argyll and Bute Educational Psychology Service - Attendance \(google.com\)](#)

Reporting Absence

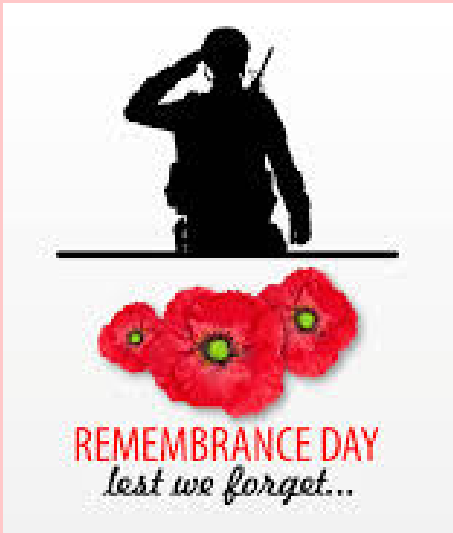
If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us by phone before 9am.

If your child continues to be unable to attend school then parents/carers must contact the school every day (this applies to all absences other than a holiday where contact only needs to be made in advance).

Council policy is that school will make contact if a child is absent and there has been no communication from home.

Thank you for your support.





The pupils of CGS represented the school with distinction at the Remembrance services, both in town on Sunday and at the school remembrance service on Monday. On Sunday, the school captains joined the community to lay a wreath in remembrance of those who gave their lives in the service of their country in the wars since 1914.

On Monday, the whole school assembly was marked with reading of war poetry and musical pieces played by the pupils. The 2 minute silence was observed and the video, that can be view on Facebook, shows the school Captains laying wreaths of remembrance at the war memorial board in the school. Pupils also wrote poetry & created a display of their work at the boards, to commemorate those former pupils of CGS who gave their lives for their country.

[https://www.facebook.com/campbeltowngrammarschool/videos/1327567005321440,](https://www.facebook.com/campbeltowngrammarschool/videos/1327567005321440)





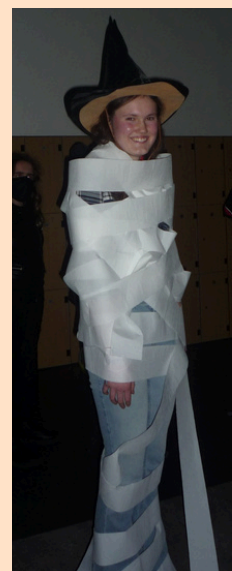
Halloween Dance



On Monday 4th November S6 held the annual Halloween Dance.

Thanks to everyone who came along and well done for all the excellent costumes and dancing!

Special thanks to Mr Cosgrove, Mr Murdoch, S5/6 helpers and all the teachers who gave up their time to come along and help!



Thanks S6



MAKI SCHOOL SPORTS

The MAKI Schools Sports Competition kicked off in Campbeltown on Thursday 7th November in the form of a 7 a-side football competition with teams from Tarbert Academy, Islay & Lochgilphead High Schools.

CGS had 4 teams involved 2 x S1 – S3, boys & girls & 2 x S4 – S6, boys & girls, all of who represented the school with pride & great enthusiasm.

The competition amongst all 4 categories was very tight at the top, with our junior boys, senior girls & senior boys coming out as runner's up within their relevant competitions.

Last but not least, it was the junior girls team who triumphed in the S1 – S3 competition coming out very worthy winners within their section. A huge well done to all of the pupils who represented the school on this occasion. Pictured below are the Junior Girls with their winning trophy.



Well done!



BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge is a card game that is easy to learn, but not so easy to master. It is simultaneously challenging and thought provoking, but above all it is F*U*N.

If you want to learn how to play, there are Bridge lessons every Wednesday afternoon in the Open Area from 3.45 to 5.15, hosted by members of the Campbeltown & Kintyre Bridge Club.

Even if you are mildly interested, come along, you may enjoy yourself!



£679.60 raised! Thank you!



On behalf of the CGS parent council we would like to thank you all for your support at the bingo night fundraiser held at the Argyll Bowling Club on Thursday 7th November, and are delighted to advise a total of £679.60 was raised for the school/pupils.

We would also like to convey our thanks to the following for their kind donations/contributions; Tesco, Co-op, Fresh Connection, Campbeltown Picture House, Kintyre Gin, Iona McIntosh (Corryvreckan Delights), Hamper by Emma Woods where items were donated by the PC committee and the Kintyre Larder, Olfactory Candles, and our bingo callers/raffle organisers Mr & Mrs McCrimmon & Mr & Mrs Dalzeil, and Argyll Bowling Club for our event location. Thank you all for your attendance and supporting the CGS Parent Council with your prize donations for the bingo and raffle.

We will be holding more events in the near future. Please come and see us on Saturday 7th December at the entrance to the Co-op where will be holding some festive fun to raise more funding for the school/pupils.



CGS Sports Leaders Disability Inclusion Training



On Tuesday 12th November CGS Sports Leaders attended training delivered by Scottish Disability Sport in the form Disability Inclusion Training, this course was funded by Active Schools and is one of the many coaching opportunities the pupils get as part of the on-going Sports Leaders Programme @ CGS delivered by Mr McQuaker. Well done to all of the pupils who completed the training successfully, we hope to see them putting the skills into practise within the coming months.



JOIN US AT
Campbeltown Grammar School
for our

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Spread the joy of the season

WITH THE POWER OF MUSIC & DRAMA!

**THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER
AT 7 PM**

CGS SPORTS HALL

Tickets:
Adult £4
Child £2

Tickets Available
from CGS Office
8am - 4pm
Monday - Friday

Refreshments
from our
Chefs Club and
Barista Skills
class

Raffle



Doors Open at 6.30pm

limited tickets may be
available at the door

