

Park Mains High School



Winter Newsletter 2021



Respect Opportunity Commitment Community



Head Teacher Welcome

I am delighted to introduce our festive newsletter which showcases some of the many activities that have been happening this year at Park Mains High School. Since arriving at the school, I have been overwhelmed with the commitment from pupils, staff and parents, and the sense of community across the school. Our pupils and staff have been working tirelessly through, yet again, testing times and I am certain all pupils, parents and staff will enjoy the festive break.

Stay safe, stay well, stay positive.

Alan Dick

Eco News

Spotless September Litter Pick

Park Mains High School Eco-Club took part in a Spotless September clean up event in the Bridgewater Shopping Centre area. Pupils worked hard to clear over 20 bags of litter this popular area. This excellent group of pupils proved themselves to be very responsible global citizens.





Bruce the Shark's Bottle Collection

Pupils have been working on a global citizenship project which recycles used plastic bottles and cans to buy products for the charity Refuweegee. To promote recycling within the school the pupils created a shark bin named Bruce. So far, pupils have raised over £70 in supplies for this wonderful charity who provide a welcome pack to forcibly displaced people arriving in Glasgow.

Every welcome pack that Refuweegee passes on contains a 'Letter fae a Local'. Eco-club pupils have supported this by creating some wonderful welcome cards at lunch which will be given to the charity.





Recycling Raffle

To promote recycling within the school community, Eco-club pupils have volunteered their time at lunch to give out raffle tickets. For every can, bottle or crisp packet recycled, Park Mains High School pupils have the chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher. The Eco-club pupils demonstrate their leadership skills by organising and drawing the raffle every Wednesday lunchtime!





Crisp Packet Collection

Over the last four weeks pupils from the Eco-club pupils and the Young Stem Leaders club have been organising a crisp packets collection for the Iron Man Project - a charity who recycle crisp packets into survival blankets for homeless people (150 packets = 1 blanket). We collected a grand total of 1614 packets, enough for 10 survival blankets!



SPORTS!



**U16 Boys
football team
are
flourishing.
Played 4, won
4 and
currently top
of their
league.**



Above is a photo from our U18s 13-0 win against Barrhead and below is PMHS U18s SFA Girls Senior Shield win vs. Lenzie Academy. Honorary mention to the S1s and S2s who held their own against players sometimes double their height!





Netball at Park Mains has returned and over 50 pupils attend Netball every Thursday



40 Park Mains High School pupils and staff attended the FIFA Women's World Cup Qualifier 2023 Scotland vs Ukraine on Friday 26th November at Hampden Park.



The Sports Development Class had a Volleyball Masterclass delivered by Scottish International Beach Volleyball player Katie Barbour and Scottish Volleyball Development officer Blair Pettigrew. Katie spoke to the class about her journey as an international athlete the delivered a session to the Sports Development and Higher class.

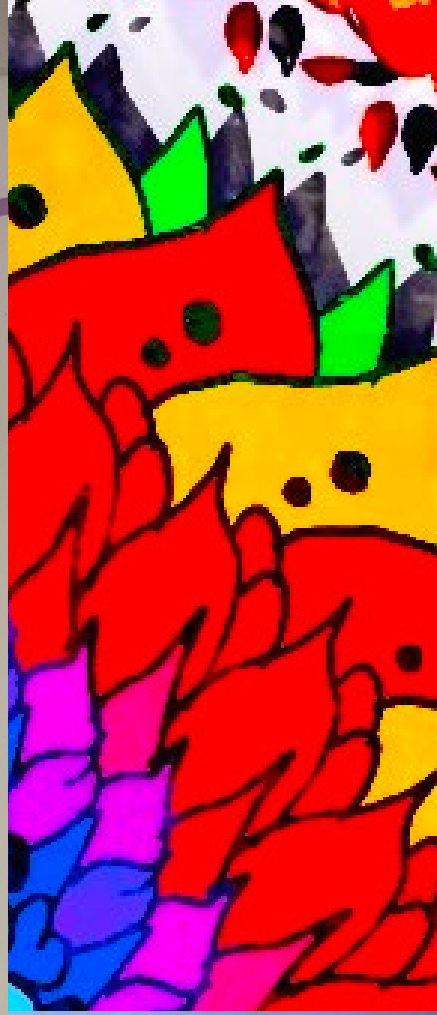


This years' Young Ambassador's are S6 pupils Ritchie Brown and Olivia Brown. The Sportscotland initiative give two young people the ownership of their own programmes to drive forward sport in their school. They are currently organising a 'rough mudder' at Rashielliea later this month.

SOCIAL SUBJECTS & RMPS!



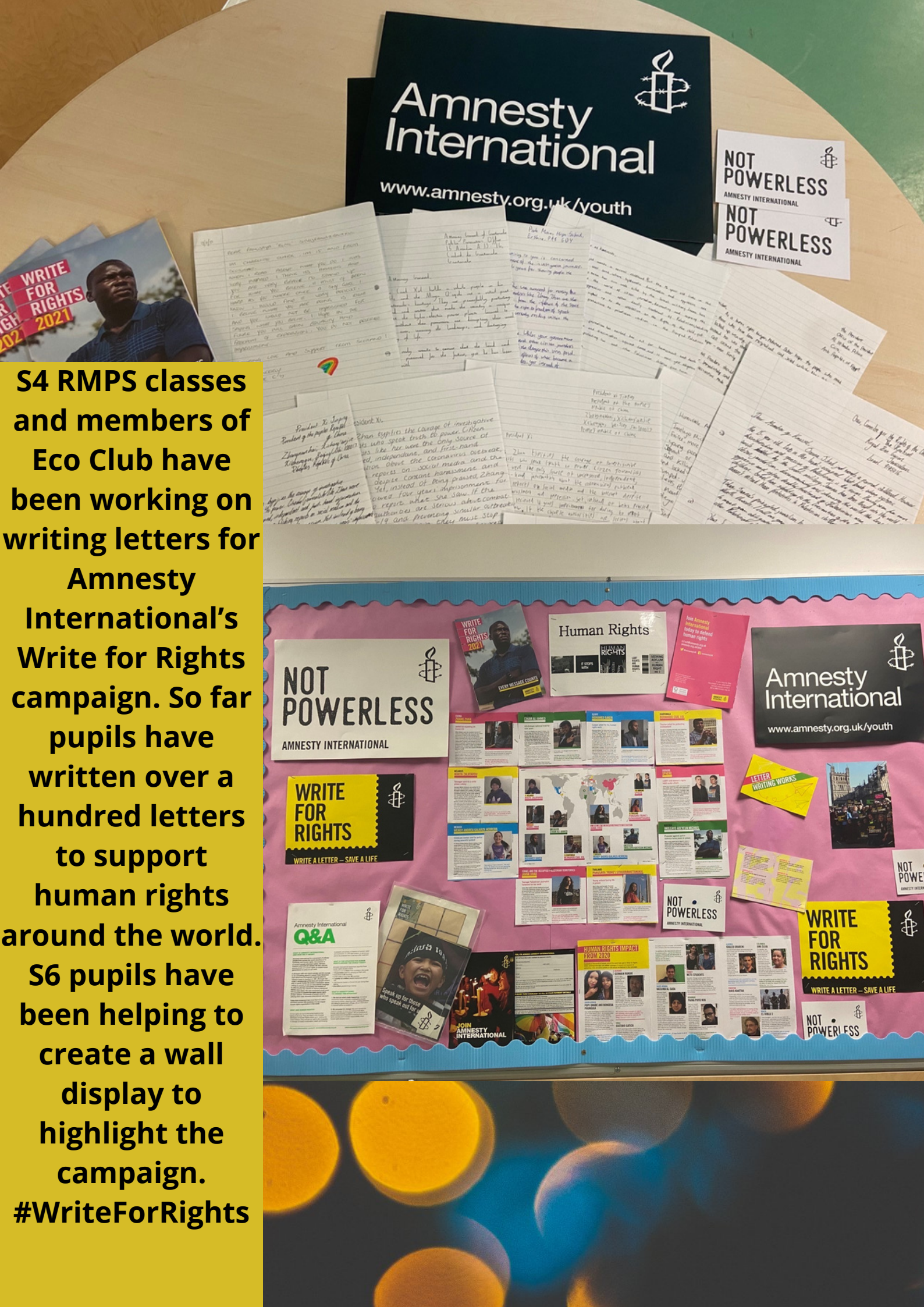
'Throwback Thursday' with 4E2 in the History department! A very successful revision period on rationing during WWI as part of S4s weekly revision on the Era of the Great War topic. Pupils worked in pairs and created a paperchain using the correct structure for an Explain question (without using their notes). The results are fantastic!



Our S1 RMPS classes have been learning about festivals of light that happen around the world at this time of year. They have helped design our classroom sugar skull for Day of the Dead and have created beautiful mindful rangolis to help celebrate Diwali.



S4 RMPS classes and members of Eco Club have been working on writing letters for Amnesty International's Write for Rights campaign. So far pupils have written over a hundred letters to support human rights around the world. S6 pupils have been helping to create a wall display to highlight the campaign. #WriteForRights



Modern Studies
have been
creating
newspaper
articles looking
at the effects of
knife crime

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Drop The Knife Save The Life

On Wednesday night a young boy who legally cannot be named, was stabbed in Glasgow city centre. The young boy is now in critical condition in The Royal Alexandra hospital. The parents of the boy put out a warning on Facebook to show parents what can happen to your child. One impact of knife crime can lead to death or permanent scarring. Recently people in the UK have been knocked back when trying to apply for a job or apprenticeship. Police working on this case have currently got two men in custody who will shortly be going to court and receiving 12 years minimum jail time for attempted murder. The two men are 19 year old Steven White and 17 year old Will Brown. Both men were under the influence of both alcohol and drugs.

knife



Crime

Some impacts on the victims future life will be permanent scars and permanent breathing issues which will effect his ability to take part in certain activities such as football. The permanent scars on his face may affect his ability to get certain jobs. In conclusion if you commit a knife crime you receive a jail sentence but overall, in Scotland knife crime is decreasing yearly.

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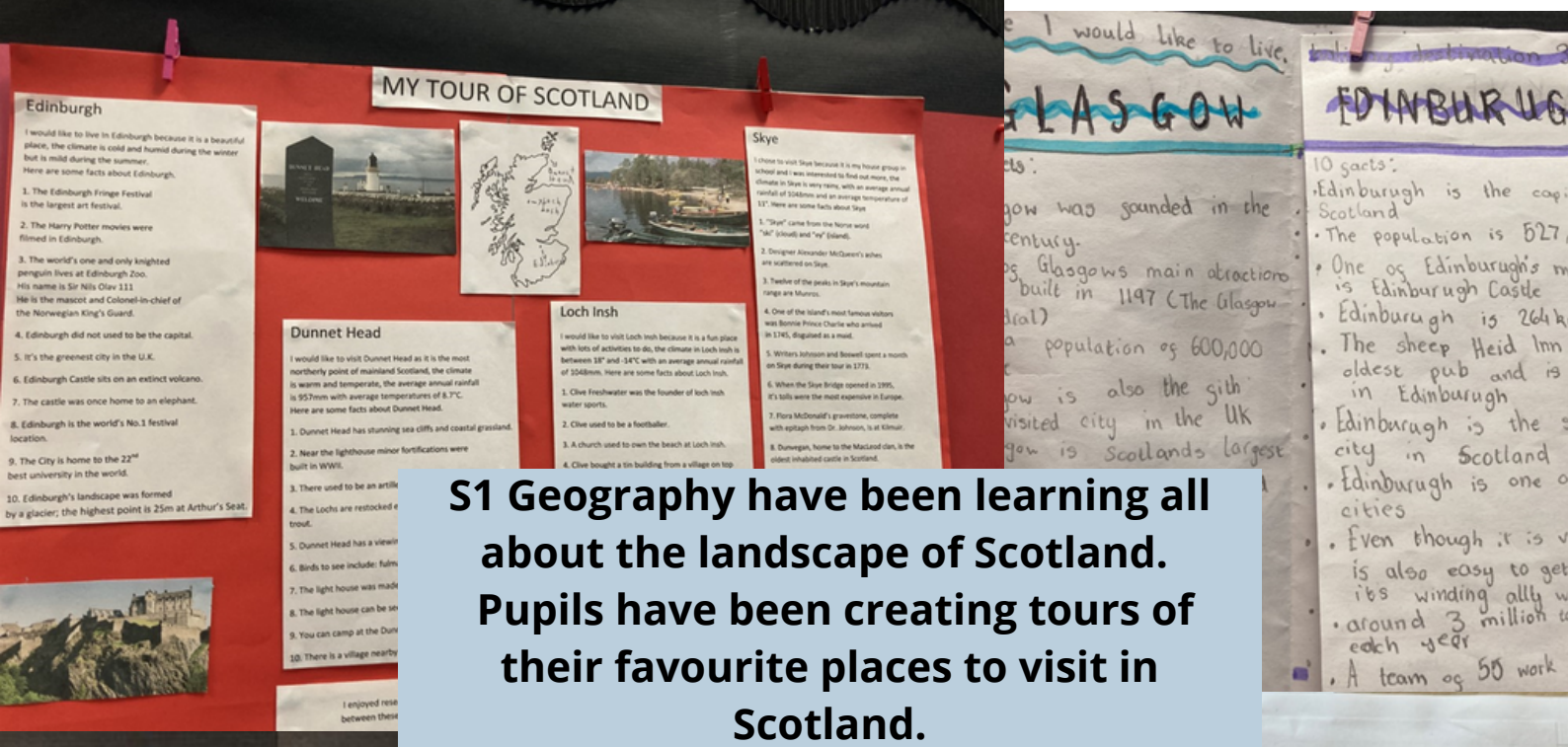
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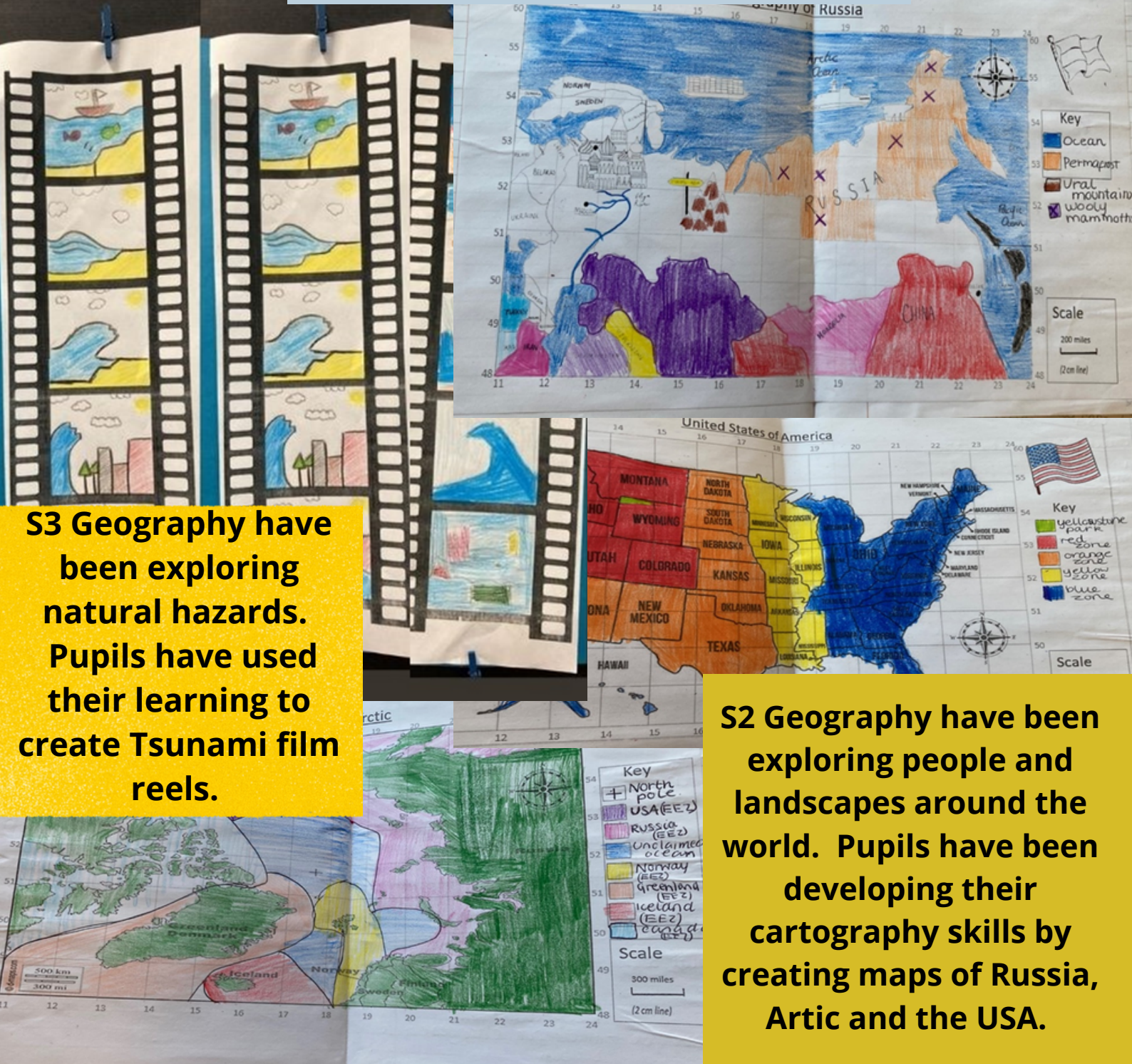
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S1 Geography have been learning all about the landscape of Scotland. Pupils have been creating tours of their favourite places to visit in Scotland.





COP26



At the start of November all of our S1 participated in our very own COP26 event. Our S6 pupils delivered lessons to the S1s to raise awareness of this landmark event. Pupils got to engage in new concepts and come up with their own solutions to solving the climate crisis. Pupils explored different countries and organisations and looked at how they had contributed towards climate change, how they have been impacted and look at ways they are trying to improve the situation. We had some special guest speakers come in to visit our pupils: Regional MSP Ross Greer & Constituency MSP Natalie Donn. The class that won the over event was 1A. Well done to everyone who took part in this event!





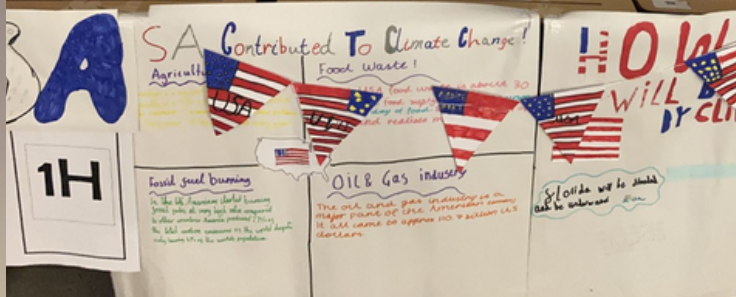
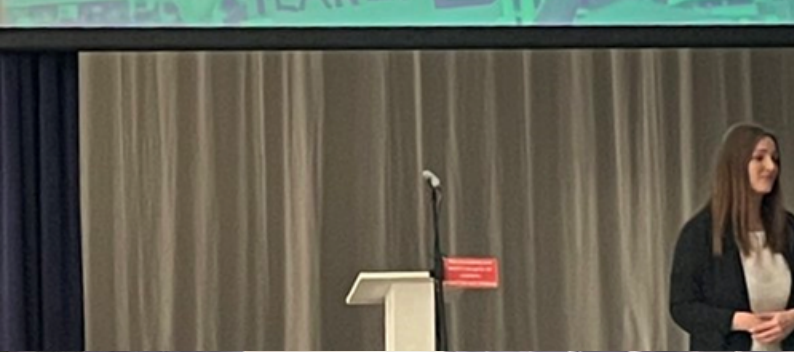
THE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD IS IN **YOUR** HANDS

Park Mains S1 COP26 event

Help decide how we save
our planet from the climate
emergency.



COP 26



Maths Week

Maths Week Scotland is a week of events designed to encourage enthusiasm for maths across Scotland.

Prior to the September weekend, our S1 pupils celebrated the importance of Maths in our daily lives by taking part in a range of activities such as relay races, treasure hunts and maths games involving LEGO to name a few!

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Henna Club



Henna Club 2021-2022 has over 50 members signed up from across all year groups and continues to grow.

Students have independently designed beautiful mendhi patterns using henna and cone work.

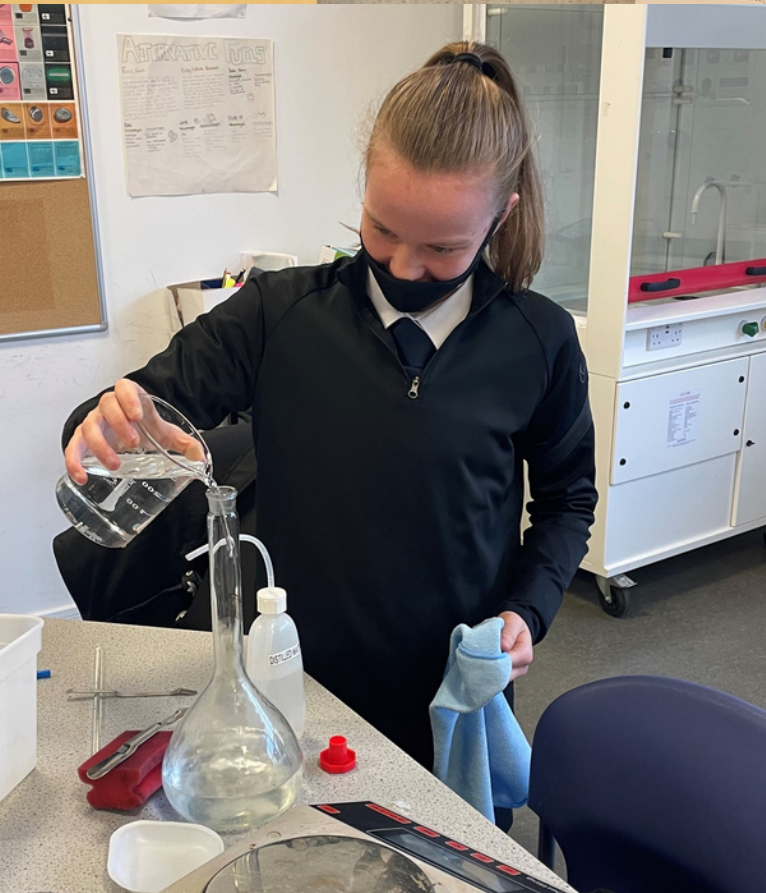
Students are currently transferring their skills to create mindful designs on paper and glass.





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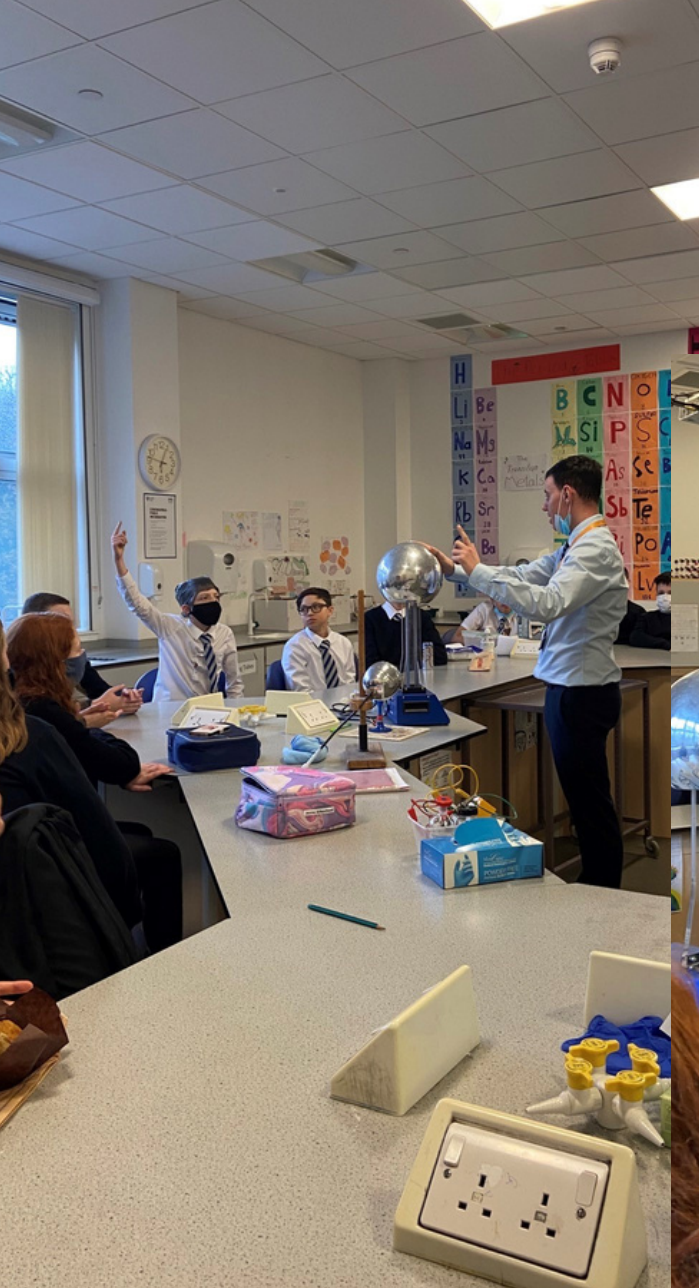
**Mrs Wimpenny's
National 5 Chemistry
class have been
practising their
Chemical Analysis skills
while making standard
solutions. Well done 4F1!**



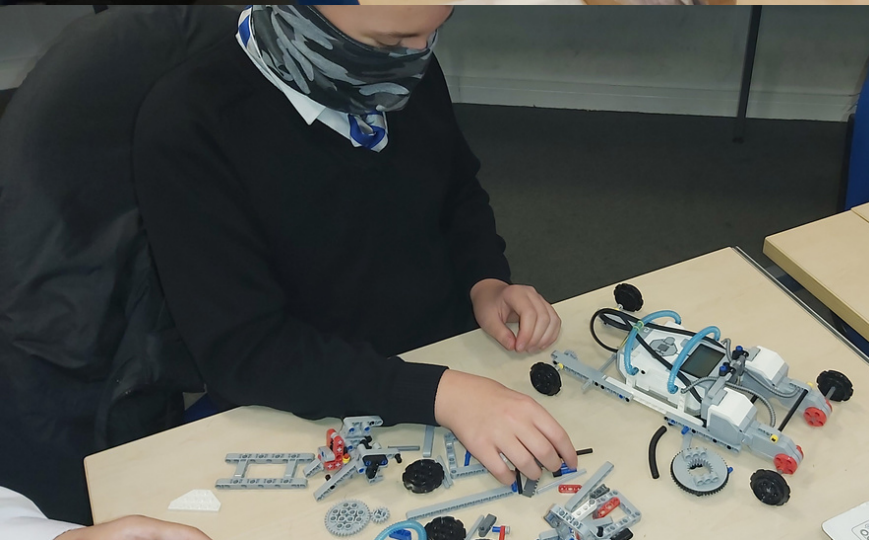


Science Club

Each week first and second years have been carrying out scientific investigations. From flame tests to the Van de Graaff generator our pupils have had fun creatively working together while developing their skills in science.



Engineering Club



The Engineering club has started well this year. At present pupils are working on 3 competitions: Vex IQ, Lego League Robotics Challenge and F1 in Schools. We are still looking for pupils to be part of the previously successful 4x4 in schools team. If you are interested in any of these competitions, please come to the technical department on Thursdays after school.



SPACEPORT EVENT



In October, 50 S1 pupils took part in the National Spaceport Competition. They had the opportunity to work together collaboratively to design a Spaceport where UK satellites will be launched into space. Pupils had to consider many factors in the design such as cost, location, and environmental sustainability. Pupils had a live Q&A session with scientists and engineers from the UK Space Agency, who were impressed with the calibre of their questions! Pupils commented that this event gave them an insight into the space agency and helped improve their leadership and team-working skills.



Control Tower	2 x 1	£20,000	1	Provides timely updates from lightning (e.g., fuel stops and launch vehicles)
Small Launch Pad	2 x 2	£50,000	3	For controlling the take-off and landing of aircraft
Medium Launch Pad	2 x 2	£100,000	4	Needed for small vertical launch vehicles to take off - <i>Danger: Area = 3</i>
Large Launch Pad	2 x 3	£200,000	6	Needed for medium vertical launch vehicles to take off - <i>Danger: Area = 4</i>
Heavy Launch Pad	4 x 4	£400,000	8	Needed for large vertical launch vehicles to take off - <i>Danger: Area = 5</i>
Recovery Landing Pad	4 x 4	£75,000	-8	Needed to land and recover rocket stages - greatly reduces environmental impact
Runway	2 x 10	£250,000	3	Needed for horizontal launch vehicles to take off (small, medium, and large)
Small Hangar	2 x 4	£75,000	3	Needed for each small launch vehicle
Medium Hangar	2 x 6	£150,000	4	Needed for each medium launch vehicle
Large Hangar	2 x 10	£275,000	5	Needed for each large launch vehicle
Visitor Centre	2 x 2	£100,000	1	A centre for the public to visit and watch launches
Education/ Training Centre	1 x 1	£50,000	1	Provides opportunities for learning while and provide outreach
Staffer station	4 x 6	£100,000	3	Allows staff to track launch vehicles during operation



SPACEPORT EVENT



Charities

**Our S6 pupils
ran and
organised our
annual
foodbank to
support those
most in need in
our
Community. As
a school we
successfully
donated 474.65
kg of items
which equates
to 1,131 meals.**



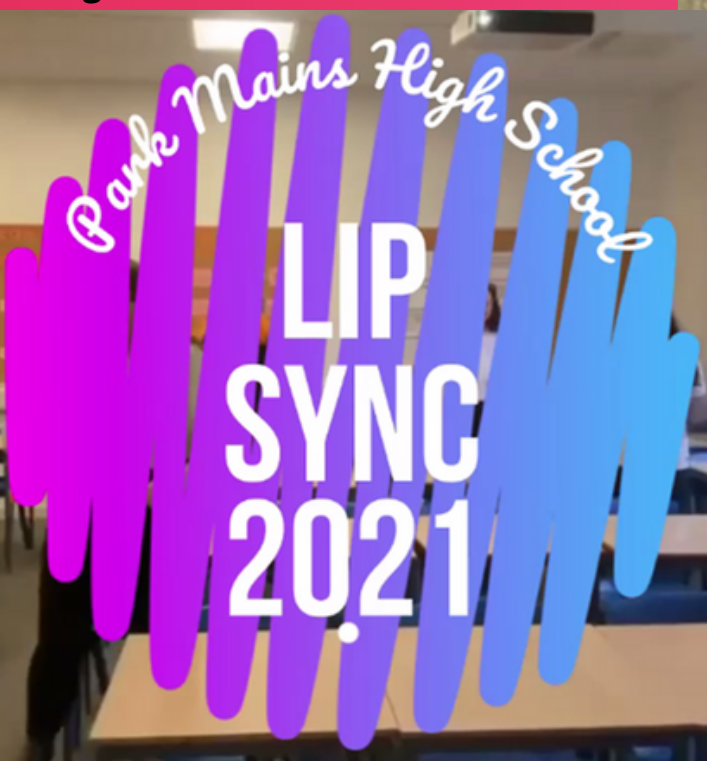


The S5 Elective group collected money for Wear It Pink – Breast Cancer. They organised the event to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity. This included publicising the event across the school for pupils to wear an item of pink on the day as well as face painting, pink ribbons on peoples faces at lunchtime.



Poppy Appeal
Our second appeal organised by the S6 charities committee was our annual Poppy Appeal. Our school community raised a fantastic £291.45

Children in Need – Lip sync battle
On the 19th November pupils across the school watched our annual lip sync battle to raise funds for Children in Need. This year staff and pupils really upped their efforts and put on a fantastic virtual performance. Our S6 boys stole the show this year with their cinematic performance of 'See You Again'. In total we raised £278.52.



Employability News

There have been lots of employability events happening this term, both in school and outwith. In fact, we are now unveiling a new Twitter account to highlight these events, as well as to post news on job vacancies, apprenticeships, college, university and more. Please follow us on @DYWPMHS



Chef Day

A group of S3 pupils had a fantastic day learning more about the hospitality industry and participating in cookery at an event hosted by West College Scotland



My World of Work Ambassadors
Our S3 My World of Work Ambassadors have been extremely busy this term delivering lessons to S1 classes. This has involved getting them registered on the SDS My World of Work website and demonstrating how it can be used to plan their careers throughout their time at Park Mains High School. They communicated with confidence and displayed great organisational skills. Well done, everyone!



Morrisons Interview Skills Workshop

Many thanks to our partners at Morrisons Erskine, in particular Alison Burnett, who came in to lead an employability workshop with some of our senior pupils. It was a really practical session, full of good ideas and tips aimed at landing that perfect job. We look forward to welcoming Alison back to lead further sessions in the new year.



Sustainable Fashion Event

To mark the end of Cop 26, a group of S3 pupils attended a highly enjoyable event hosted by Glasgow Caledonian University, aimed at showcasing sustainable fashion. The pupils witnessed a fashion show, participated in workshops discouraging fast fashion and even got to bring home some vintage clothing finds from the Swap Shop!



Art & Design



The Art & Design department have provided lots of opportunities for our pupils to showcase their many talents so far this session



Art & Design



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Music

S1 classes have been working hard on instrument taster courses and S2s are building up their skills on their 2 chosen instruments. Recruitment for Instrumental Lessons is ongoing, and some S1 and 2 pupils have started learning trumpet, french horn, trombone, flute, clarinet, cello, guitar and drumkit with our visiting instrumental teachers.





Music

Our Extra-Curricular program is up and running again with different groups rehearsing every week. Ukulele Club members completed a successful performance of the Addams Family to some staff members at Halloween which went down a treat! Most groups will be heading over to Erskine Arts in December to record items for a virtual Christmas Concert which will be posted on the school website for the last week of term.





Pupil Leadership

Congratulations to our Pupil Leadership Team for session 2021-22. They have already made a strong contribution to life in Park Mains and have represented the school at various events both in school and in the community.



Christmas At Park Mains



Here at Park Mains we love to celebrate Christmas as a community. There is something on every day in the month of December, from Bake-Off to Christmas Doors and as always we will be continuing our fabulous tradition of supporting local charities and also providing some cheer in our local care homes.



Last Day of Term 2021

**S1/S2 Christmas Party/Activities
Talent Show**

**Christmas Jumper Day (Donations for
Charity)**

LOOKING TO 2022...

Uniform

We are continuously working to improve our standards of uniform in the school. A reminder of what is expected:

- **Black skirt or trousers**
- **White shirt**
- **School tie**
- **Black plain shoes**
- **Blazer (S5/6)**

No logos, denim or leggings.

Prelims

A reminder that S4 prelims start on the 17th January and the S5/6 prelims start on the 17th February

For now we wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable Festive Season from all of us here at Park Mains.