

# Cardinal Winning News

#### CARDINAL WINNING SECONDARY

NOVEMBER 2011

### Cardinal O'Brien's Visit All Saints' Day, 2011



Cardinal Keith O'Brien's visit to the school provided a memorable day for the everyone. Having been welcomed to the school by the Head Teacher and members of the Pupil Council, the Cardinal proceeded to St Joseph's Church where he said Mass for an assembled congregation of the whole school community—children, teachers, parents and friends. In his homily, Cardinal O'Brien reflected on the life and times of Cardinal Winning and also remembered Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Glasgow, even producing the tartan scarf worn by the Pope on that historic occasion. The music—provided by an excellent praise band of teachers, and a wonderful choir coached by Miss Graham and Mrs MacEwan—was truly inspirational. A particular highlight was the beautifully choreographed version of the Lord's Prayer which moved the entire congregation.

After meeting members of St Joseph's Parish, the Cardinal returned to the school for lunch with staff and members of both the Pupil and Parent Councils. Under the guidance of Mrs Tumelty and Mrs Foley, four Food Technology & Hospitality students, namely Amy Harkins, Claire Learmont, Jason Leyden and Scott Rennie, expertly served a splendid repast to the delight of the appreciative gathering.

Cardinal O'Brien made the most of the remaining afternoon, visiting as many classrooms as possible, meeting pupils, teachers and support staff—and then it was time for some more music. The Glee Club, under the tireless Miss Graham, had prepared a set of musical items, compered by the irrepressible Christopher Graham in his best Michael Macintyre mode. The concert featured a wide range of musical styles, from Techno to country-inflected rock, but ended with a song from six of the choir girls, which was lovely in its unaffected simplicity and made a fitting climax to the day's events.

#### A Word From Our Head Teacher -

Ten weeks into our first session in Cardinal Winning Secondary and so very much has been achieved. Firstly and most importantly pupils have settled into their new classes and their new environment. Now friends have been made and new challenges undertaken. Work has now been completed in our new rooms including Technical and Science, Hospitality and Vocational Training, Hairdressing and Fitness. The playground at the rear of the school has been tarred creating greater space for lower-school pupils to enjoy breaks. More fencing around the school has also helped to create a safer environment.

During this term we have also had some other exciting events including a visit from the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, outings to M & D's at Strathclyde Park and our inaugural Fundraising event, as well as a Hallowe'en party. Most exciting of all was our visit from Cardinal O'Brien to celebrate our Opening Mass. You can read about all of these events in this newsletter.

The official opening of our new school will take place on Dec Ist when Baillie McFadden will officially declare the school open and Archbishop Conti will give it his blessing.

Mr G. McDonald

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### **Brass Band Quintet**



Cardinal Winning school community was thrilled to welcome Scottish National Orchestra's very own Brass Band Quintet on Thursday 27th October. Although the musicians brought with them two trombones, two trumpets and a French Horn, they also demonstrated how music can be created by the most basic tools such as a garden hose.

An enthusiastic audience followed them on a musical journey around the world from Scotland across the Atlantic via England, France and Spain, then on to America and finally arriving in Mexico. We listened to music from composers as varied as Bizet and Gershwin. To the delight of the assembled gathering, the afternoon was rounded off by a performance from our very own saxophonist, Alasdair Larter!

### Other news

Four classes, including 4A pictured below, went on a Rewards' Trip to M & Ds on Wednesday 21st Sept., provided by the Royal Variety Club of Great Britain.

"Despite the rain, we had a lot of fun," said Miss Graham.





Flight of Dreams trip, postponed from last year, will now take place on Tuesday 6th December. As previously organised, this flight across Scotland will be available to all pupils whose behaviour merits such a reward. More details to follow...

### The Forest School Programme

has resumed this session under the guidance of Mr Atkinson, supported by Mr Devanney. Every Friday morning they accompany a small group of pupils to Pollok Park, putting up shelters, building campfires and learning how to take care of the environment.



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## Strathclyde Park Fundraising Event

On Friday 30th September, staff and pupils took part in a sponsored event at Strathclyde Park to kick-start the fundraising campaign for our newly-formed school. Options for this event included cycling, walking and running with cycling being the most popular choice. Money raised by the event so far has reached £1632. Thanks to everyone who took part and a very special thanks to all our sponsors!

#### Celtic Study Programme

Celtic Football Club, in conjunction with Glasgow City Council, ran a sports' programme for S3 and S4 pupils on a Wednesday afternoon over a period of 8 weeks. 13 of our pupils were selected to take participate in a variety of activities including football, basketball, iceskating, mountain-biking and bootcamp. Pupils were put through their paces and their hard work paid off as they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The end of the course culminated in a celebratory presentation at Celtic Park in the Number 7 lounge with pupils, parents and staff invited along to the event. Paul George from Celtic Football Club made the presentations and each participant received a certificate in recognition of their efforts over the eight-week period. In addition, the school staff involved with the programme, namely Mr Logan, Mr Devanney and Mrs Hamilton, were asked to nominate one pupil who had particularly embraced the programme in terms of attitude, commitment and enthusiasm. The reward for his dedication to the overall experience was a signed Celtic shirt, and this was deservedly received by Ethan Graham. Well done!

To round off the evening, a lovely buffet was served and the participants and their families made their way home at 8.30 pm.

### **Advanced Notice**

There will be a fundraising Cabaret Evening in Cardinal Winning Secondary on **Friday 25th November** at **7.30 pm**. Tickets are priced at **£9** each and are available at the school office. All proceeds will be directed to School Funds. Please give this your full support.



The West of Scotland Regional League began with the first set of fixtures taking place on Friday 14th Oct at Toryglen Football Centre. The Cardinal Winning squad got off to a good start by winning two out of three matches. Pupils representing the school at this event, supported by Miss McMahon and Mr Devanney, were:

Zahir Hassan, Kevin Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Andrew Lawlor, Edward McGinlay, Jordan McGinlay, Kevin McInally, Ryan Quail, and Alan Sweaton. Fixtures will take place once a month until May. Well done, boys!



Other fundraising news....

Staff paid for the privilege of having lunch together on the last day before the October break. £50 was forwarded to Mary's Meals—thanks to Mr Marks and Mrs Scullion for their efforts!

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#### Dates for your diary

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Headteacher: Mr. G. McDonald Phone: 0141 778 3714 Fax: 0141-778-6483 Email: headteacher@cardinalwinningsec.glasgow.sch.uk November 7th—S4 trip to Aviemore.

November 25th—Cabaret Fundraising Night, in school.

December 1st-Official opening of the school by Baillie Jean McFadden.

December 6th—Flight of Dreams Trip, sponsored by Thomas Cook.

December 8th—Panto trip to the Pavilion Theatre for all pupils

December 14th— Parents' Evening from 6.30 until 8.30 pm. (change of date—see below )

December 22nd—Last day of term.

### Hallowe'en Party





Congratulations to Mr Logan and the post-16 Enterprise group for the meticulous planning and delivery of this year's Hallowe'en party. All manner of ghouls and ghosts turned up on Friday 28th October however a special mention for his prizewinning costume goes to Jamie McCrear for his appearance at the party as Shrek! Other prize winners include Linda Louise Adams, Lisa Blythe, Paddy Swan, Damien Keane and Kevin McInally for his dancing skills!

### Pastoral Care

A reminder to parents and carers of the Pastoral responsibilities of the promoted staff. Should any care and/or concern issues arise for discussion then the named Pastoral Care teacher should be contacted in the first instance.

- SI Mrs Hamilton
- S2 Mrs Inglis
- S3 Mrs Farrah
- S4 Mr Watt
- S5&6 Mrs Sloan

Thank you for your co-operation.



New date for Parents' Evening

Due to the original date clashing with a European Football Match at Parkhead and inevitable traffic problems, Parents' Evening will now take place on 14th December from 6.30-8.30 pm and NOT 17th November as previously stated.