



Newsletter

Pupil, Parent & Carer Edition (May, 2020)



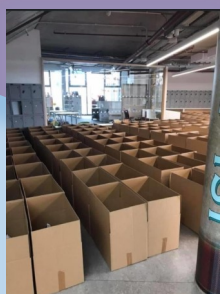
Welcome to our Campus newsletter. We hope as you read this that you are safe and well and finding ways to maintain some form of normality, however brief, each day. Take care,

All GCC Staff



As a Campus we have been working to ensure that all pupils in our care have access to learning resources via a variety of digital platforms. We hope that you have found this to be helpful, but that you also take time to relax with your children and, where possible, get out for a walk, run or cycle. Most things, including how much 'school work' young people do will not be exactly the same as it was before lockdown.

To keep learning going, you'll find our latest updates and a summary of suggested Home Learning on our website under the **Home Learning** section.

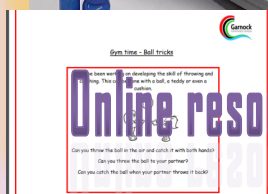
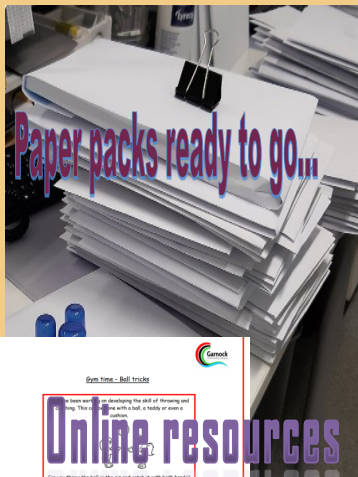


Food boxes all set out and ready to be filled.

Although our school is closed, our Campus Building remains open as a hub for identified vulnerable young people and the children of key workers, as outlined by NAC. Education staff (many from our Campus) volunteer on a regular basis to ensure that all young people accessing this facility have the opportunity to attend.

It's also where NAC dedicated catering staff supply hot meals and snacks to those who attend the hub as well as prepare food packages for families in our local community.

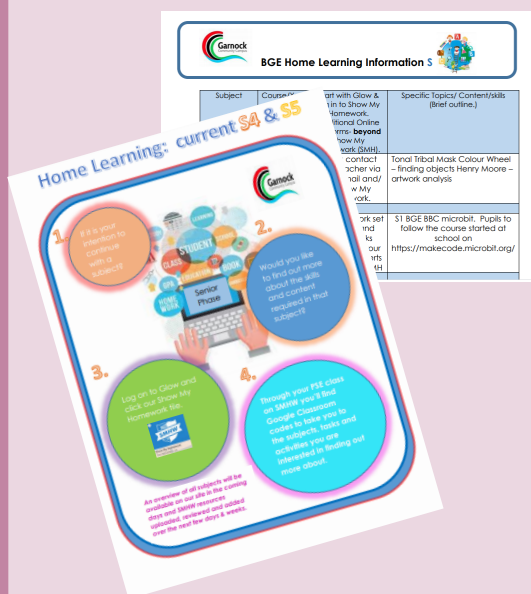
Early Years & Primary



As well as our Early Years and Primary online Learning Packs available via our Campus website, our Primary team has prepared and posted or delivered packs for each Campus primary pupil so that they have a mix of online and paper-based activities. These have been well received by pupils and their parents/ carers.

Find updates using the link below.

Secondary



The Secondary Learning Packs on our school website summarise learning blocks and signpost how to access learning opportunities for our learners in all subject areas via our Show My Homework app.

Staff have been encouraged by the quality of the work submitted and enjoy hearing from their young people.

Find updates using the link below.

<https://www.garnockcommunitycampus.co.uk/covid19>

WELCOME!

Early Years



Our New Starts (ante-preschool)

A huge 'Hello' and welcome to all of you. We hope you are all well. Our Campus Early Years team are working on a Welcome Newsletter for all new families and this will be posted out as soon as it is finalised. It's not the way we wanted things to be for you, but we cannot wait to meet all of you next session and hope that you will use our website to get in contact if you have any questions.



Returning Pupils (preschool)



Our returning parents have been able to access a newsletter via our Google classroom, Campus website and Twitter and we hope that you have found our Learning Packs and other advice and support online helpful. It has been lovely to hear and see how many of you have been doing. We miss you loads and hope that you are staying safe and well.

Hello to our new Primary 1 Pupils

We hope that you are all safe and well and know that your children will be very keen to start school so that they can see their classrooms, meet their teachers and spend time with friends—old and new.

To try and help with this, over the coming weeks keep an eye on our school website for more information—even watch our Virtual Tour when it is uploaded. While our young people can't be in the building at the moment, by taking part in our virtual tour they can have a look inside and even imagine themselves there and what they might be doing!

Our Early Years teachers are now passing all this session's information on to Primary 1 teachers and we are hoping to plan some 'Virtual Chat's' with parents and carers soon. More news on this to follow on our webpage with text alerts sent home too when new information is uploaded.





To Our New S1 Pupils

Hello to all Primary 7 pupils, their parents and carers!

We know how much many of you will be worried about joining us but please try not to worry too much. Behind the scenes for the past few weeks we have been working on ways to help you transition to S1 so that you feel part of our Campus. Parents/ carers will be sent a link to our all new 'Transition' page and there over the coming weeks you'll be able to find:

- A welcome video from your Year Head, Miss House
- A Virtual Tour of the school
- Information from all departments
- Other important updates/ news



We are also hoping that our support team will be able to chat to P7 classes at the beginning of June and that you enjoy using our transition page as a way of keeping in touch.



Virtual Transitioning

Despite everything going on at the moment we're still having Transition days...they'll just be **virtual** ones.

The important dates to note down are **Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th June**. You might not be hopping on a bus, or making your way to our Auditorium to meet your Buddies, teachers and Year Head face-to-face, but we've done the best that we can to give you an experience of some of what you would have done by providing tasks and activities for you to try at home. You could even pop along to these areas of the school via our virtual tour at the same time. Remember to keep an eye on our Transition web page for the latest news of this event!

We have also started planning for our return to school to ensure that all of you feel supported and can settle into secondary school life. We want to make sure that we are getting it right for all of you during these difficult times and cannot wait for you to join us after the summer holidays as our new S1 pupils at Garnock Community Campus.





Leavers



If you are leaving school this year then please remember to let us know what your plans are by emailing our Campus or completing the form issued to you and send that in.

If your plans have changed due to the current circumstances and you would like more advice and support then please get in touch too. You can email Erin or Skills Development Scotland Careers advisor: or Mr Gillespie (PT Alternative Curriculum)

Erin.Edmunds@sds.co.uk

gw09gillespiecolin@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk



Online Support & Opportunities

Mr Gillespie has created a Google Classroom where he is going to keep you up to date with all of the latest vacancies and opportunities. The code to join this is **g36xo4h** and he looks forward to seeing you in his virtual class!

North Ayrshire Council also have their own useful website for leavers:

<https://young.scot/campaigns/south-ayrshire/ayrshire-leavers-lifeline>

Other useful websites (most you will have seen before) include:

www.myjobscotland.gov.uk - Council Modern Apprenticeships are advertised here

www.apprenticeships.scot - adverts for Apprenticeship opportunities in Scotland

www.mywow.co.uk - SDS website for all things career

www.planitplus.net - for all careers information

The North Ayrshire Modern Apprenticeship deadline has been extended so be sure to check out what is on offer. There might be something for you that gets you started and keeps you local.



Is it a bird? Is it a plane?
No...it's fun in the sun
with P.E. activities!

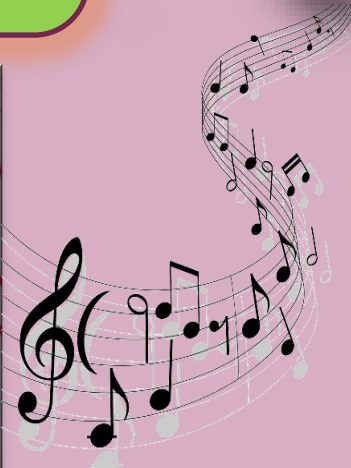
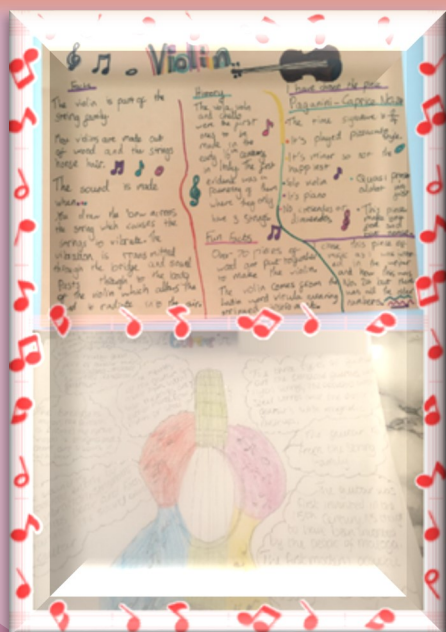
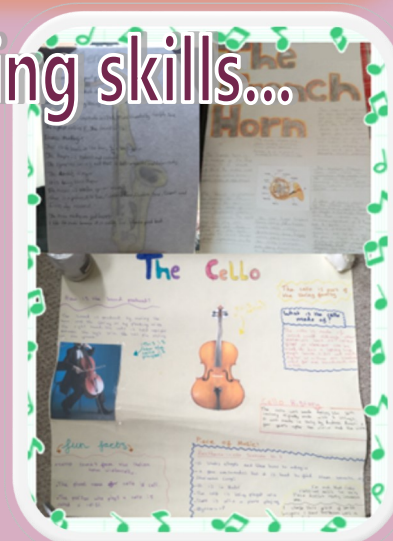


Videos are 'flying' in to Miss Veitch of young people attempting to shot put their teddy into a target or participate in some cushion hurdles.

The smiles on their wee faces as they prepare would brighten any-one's day.

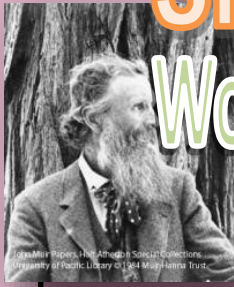
S1 tune in to their researching skills...

Some of our S1 pupils were able to show us their fantastic researching skills by finding out more about a musical instrument. They hit the high notes with their paper, poster and PowerPoints submissions.



Snippets of learning

Working with nature...



John Muir



Noughts & Crosses

P7/6 have been doing some fantastic work researching John Muir. Some have completed outdoor tasks such as designing a game or artwork using nature. A lovely way for creativity and nature to work in tandem.



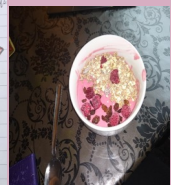
Foliage and Pebble Artwork.



Wildlife Illustrations



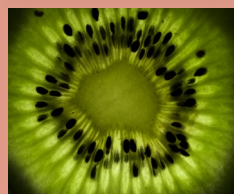
Pupils who wish to lift our spirits...



T-shirt designs & super smoothies

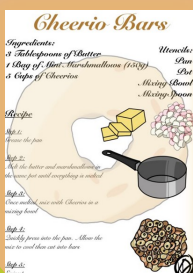
Why not take a leaf out of their book?

Environmental Art

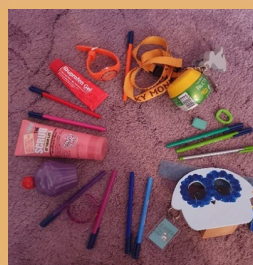
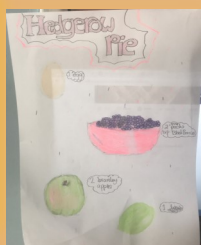


Some examples of the artworks made from things pupils had in their homes. S1 created a colour wheel and S2 were inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy to create environmental art. Our pupils have also been practising their observational drawing skills using tone and ellipses and created an illustrated favourite recipe. The S3 classes have been working on their analysis of artworks in preparation for S4. There is a Photography Challenge with a new topic each week open to all pupils. Lots of things to keep you creative at home. If you would like to see some of the amazing work produced this year by our S4/5/6 students then please have a look at our Instagram- [garnock_art_design](#).

Observational Drawing



Recipe Illustrations

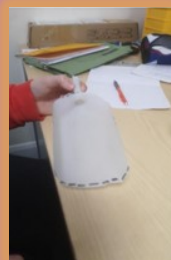
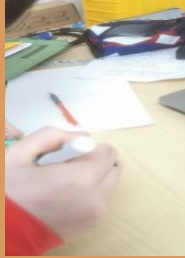


Creative Colour Wheels



Thrifty Designing

From concept to creation...



S1 pupils get creative ...and being practical. Designing the new from something 'old'.

Milk carton to dust pan!

13th May 2020

National Numeracy Day

Sums add up to fun!

National Numeracy day is Wednesday 13th May. AWWWSSUUUUM!

The Maths department compiled a number of exciting numeracy quizzes and tasks for all to have a bash at. These were found on the Maths page of the school website under the heading "National Numeracy Day". Games went live for 24 hours and the up-take from pupils and staff was amazing!

The leader boards for the competitions will be published as soon as the results are in. The Maths department enjoyed seeing the Numeracy skills of the Garnock Valley!

More info can be found following this link or by visiting the Maths page on our website:

<https://www.garnockcommunitycampus.co.uk/copy-of-national-numeracy-day>



Community Spirit

Cup Song Challenge



It's pupils versus staff time!

This challenge was open to all pupils and all staff!! You might know that 'Cups' is a version of the 1931 Carter Family song "When I'm Gone", usually performed a cappella with a cup used to provide percussion, as in 'the cup game'.

More recently the cup song was used in the film *Pitch Perfect* and was recorded and performed by Anna Kendrick.

Watch the video to see all Campus staff and pupils who have taken part:

<https://youtu.be/DzslbmU1ZKU>

Baby News!

We know many of you have been waiting for this news...and we are now delighted to announce two new members of our Campus Clan...both Miss Docherty and Miss Garcias have given birth to beautiful baby boys. We are sure that you will wish them all of the best in their new roles as mums. They were happy to share their bundles of joy with you and they hope you are all doing well too.

Miss Docherty's baby Olly.



Miss Garcias' baby...so new his wee name has still be to decided!

IT'S A
BOY!
X2

Just some of our collaborations...



Physical Fun

There are many virtual collaborations taking place in our local community at the moment.

One of the more physically demanding, but hopefully fun, is the Weekly 'Paddy and Jimmy' Challenge. This is a unique collaboration between our Campus, Active Schools and The Beith Trust. Each week a physical challenge is set. So far we have had 'most keepie up-pies' and 'Fastest to 20 press ups.' If this is right up your street then check out there page for more details. Perhaps you'll win one of their fab prizes, kindly donated by GlaksoSmithKline, but even if you don't it's something to make you laugh and help keep you fit.

Check out the Beith Trust Facebook page, Active schools Twitter or Garnock PE Twitter for more info.



Lockdown Sounds

Each week our resident lockdown DJ Mrs Shedden compiles an eclectic selection of Campus requests to keep spirits high. From one hit wonders to songs with colours...there should be something for everyone.



Recently MPEG (Music Partnership in Music Education) advertised for all musicians to download and learn Somewhere Over The Rainbow to play at 8pm one Thursday to show their appreciation for our NHS and healthcare workers.

We know we have many key workers in our local community and want to say a huge thanks to everyone who is working to keep us safe, healthy and happy in so many ways. – include those in the Hub based on Campus.



Thanks to Beith, Dalry Kilbirnie Co-ops for allowing us to leave jotters, paper and pencils to support our learners.



Campus Quiz Time

Guess where...an easy quiz to get you started?

Even if you have not been to all of our learning areas and Campus spaces...have a go! There might be some give away clues.

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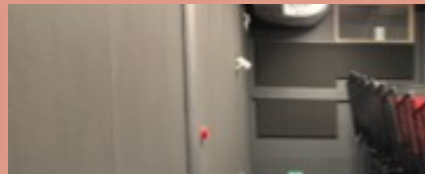
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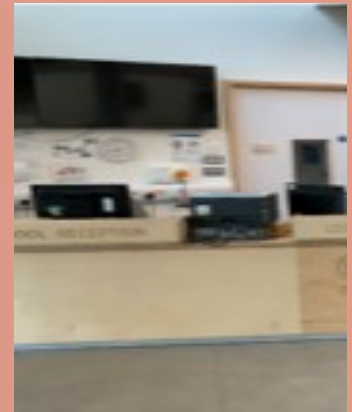
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Answers will be on our website/ Twitter very soon!



There is so much good work going on that you will no doubt be following via your child's online digital access. Although we don't have space to feature all of it in this issue, if there is something positive that you are happy to share and would like us to include then please email us at our GCC contact address and title the email **News-letter** and we will do the best we can to get further uplifting stories and events into future issues.