



# Parent / Carer Update

Today's Update	Key upcoming dates
Parent Council AGM <b>(ALL)</b> Assemblies <b>(ALL)</b>	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct: Careers Fair <b>(S4/5/6)</b> Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct: Parents' Evening <b>(S1)</b> Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Parent Council <b>(ALL)</b>

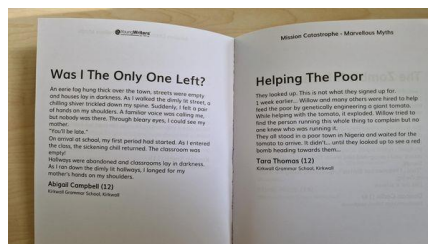
Dear Parents and Carers

We've had another busy but hugely successful week, and we are really grateful for the continued support from our parents, carers and whole community.

Thank you to Liam McArthur MSP for accepting an invite from National 5 Modern Studies pupils to speak to them about the work he does in the constituency and in Parliament. And extra special congratulations this week to Abigail and Tara who recently had their short stories selected and published for the Young Writer's 'Mission Catastrophe' short story selection, and to George who has been selected for the North of Scotland schools' football team. Fantastic achievements!

We have 2 short notices below, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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## Parent Council AGM

Our Parent Council AGM took place this week with our newly elected chair, Shona Garson, taking up position. She can be contacted via: [parent.council@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:parent.council@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk) Thank you to all our parents and carers who are able to support our school by joining the Parent Council, with an extra special 'thank you' to our outgoing Chair (Brian), Secretary (Leesa) and Treasurer (Lucy). Our next Parent Council meeting takes place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6pm.

## Assemblies

This week's house assemblies focused on the importance of preventing Gender Based Violence (GBV). Gender Based Violence is defined as "any form of violence used to establish, enforce or perpetuate gender inequalities and keep in place gendered orders". Our work on this fits in with the Scottish Government's framework for 'Preventing and responding to gender-based violence'. As part of this, a pupil action group is being established, to look at how certain areas of the school can be made safer, and how reporting of GBV can be made more effective. This is an important step forward for tackling GBV within KGS, and we would encourage any students who are interested in joining to look out for information in the bulletin next week to find out more about the first meeting!

Next week's assemblies will introduce Black History month.