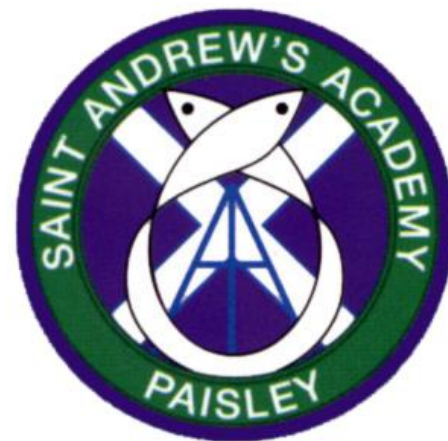


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A Community of Faith and Learning

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The purpose of this newsletter is to share excellent practice across our school.



Upcoming Events

December 2

S4 Career Talks

Twitter – St Andrews Academy Learning and Teaching

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Impact Wales is dedicated to making an impact on learning, Their sketchnotes are based upon evidence-based practice.



App of the month

[SQA My Study Plan](#)

This app will help pupils to create a personalised study plan.

Pupils can track progress and set timers as well as creating a printable study timetable.



Podcasts of the month

[TedEx Talk – How can we support the emotional well-being of teachers?](#)



Recommended Reading

The Magic-Weaving Business is a delightful and uplifting read. It will help you remember why you became a teacher and inspire you to try new approaches. This can be borrowed from our Staff CLPL Library.



Focus on Differentiation

In this month's Learning and Teaching Professional Reading Group, we discussed how to support young people in the classroom with additional support needs. The article can be found in the staff CLPL Glow Group Files area, [here](#).

We discussed how always taking an individual approach to support helps and that building and nurturing positive relationships are key.

Delivering whole class feedback was discussed. Patricia Giverin exemplified a template that she has created, available [here](#).

Sharing good practice

Library Update

In November we participated in Book Week Scotland in a number of ways. Thank you to Sylwia our librarian who organised a number of events for pupils and staff to get involved in.

Our staff CLPL library has had a number of new titles added. Staff can also now request new titles by completing this glow form [here](#).



We created a reading corner in the staffroom with a book swap where all staff can bring in any books they are finished reading takeaway any books they wish.



Skills Share Sessions

Our skills share sessions are launching in January. The skills share sessions will take place once a month for 20 minutes at a time and place decided by the group. Groups will be made up of four colleagues from different departments. If you would like to sign up for this you can do so [here](#).

Learning and Teaching Idea of the Month



Dual Coding

Dual Coding Theory is a theory of cognition and how we think. Dual Coding combines visuals/graphics with text/verbal; it encourages us to use two different channels for processing.

Oliver Caviglioli has written a book called dual coding for Teachers. Gary Lamb has contributed to the book and it is a fascinating read into this learning strategy. This can be borrowed from our CLPL library.

Julie Sloan and Marisa Kerr have recently used this strategy in English and History lessons. Roisin McCardle exemplifies how using bar models in Maths to aids with understanding of fractions.

A TES article on dual coding can be found [here](#). Click here for [Oliver Caviglioli's website](#).

Miss McArdle @McCardleNumeracy: After yesterday's lesson, I realised some pupils weren't grasping how to make their own bar models, so today's lesson started with questions like, 'Show 3 in quarters'.

Mrs Kerr @MrsKerr8: Fantastic example of dual coded revision from Higher Sociology!!! #dualcoding #revision #highersociology @StAndrewsA_Soc @StAndrewsLandT

Mrs Sloan @julia_e_sloan: Higher English pupils using #dualcoding to revise #carolannDuffy #scottishsettext #retrieval @StAndrewsLandT

DUAL CODING WITH TEACHERS

Pupils at @StAndrewsAcad celebrating #BookWeekScotland and playing Book Jenga during Bletcher Cafe in #schoollibrary. #BookWeekScotland @RenLibraries @AltairTen

Mathematicians of the Month @StAndrewsMaths playing Board Games in #schoollibrary at @StAndrewsAcad during #BookWeekScotland @RenLibraries @AltairTen

Mrs Begg @Begg75: Some seniors @StAndrewsAcad shared a bletcher bubble about a book that had inspired them #BookWeekScot @StAndrewsEng

StAndrewsAcadLIBRARY @StAndrews_Lib: Very inspiring visit from @McGuireOlaf at @StAndrewsAcad who read his poems and taught us that poetry can be found everywhere. Thanks to @scottishbktrust and #fiveLiterature funding for helping with this author visit.

In-house CLPL

December - January

The Role of the Pastoral Care Teacher

04/12/19 3pm – 4pm

SFL 1

Professional Reading Group

10/12/19 lunchtime

MAT 5

Literacy Across Learning

15/01/19 3pm – 4pm

ENG 4

Application & Interview Process

22/01/19 3pm – 4pm

ENG 4