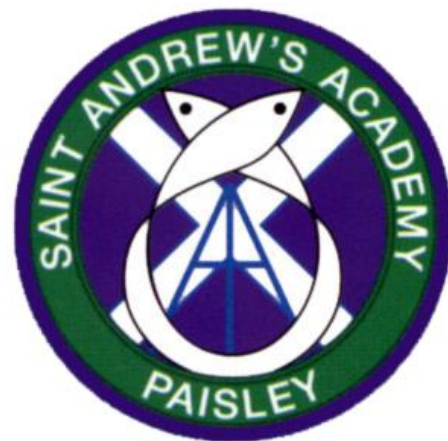


St Andrew's Academy

A Community of Faith and Learning

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



Twitter – Pedagogoo.org

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This account is a community of teachers learning through sharing classroom practice. Weekly hashtag #PadagogooFriday

App of the month

[Libby](#)



Borrow books, instantly, for free, using just the device in your hand. See Sylwia in the school library to set up a library account for Renfrewshire to log in.

Podcasts of the month



[Listen to How to escape education's death valley | Sir Ken Robinson from TED Talks Education in Podcasts.](#)

[Listen to Creative ways to get kids to thrive in school | Olympia Della Flora from TED Talks Education in Podcasts.](#)

Recommended Reading

The Learning Rainforest: Great Teaching in Real Classrooms is an attempt to capture the different elements of our understanding of teaching--the classroom experience we gain the hard way, and the research that can provide a greater context for what we do.

This can be borrowed from our Staff CLPL Library.

Upcoming Events

October 8

Learning and Teaching Journal Club

October 23

S1 Learning to Learn Event

November 19

S4 Learning to Learn Event

Focus on Marking

In this month's Learning and Teaching Journal Club, we read, [The Endowment Foundations Marking Review](#). The discussion surrounded using feedback effectively when marking, peer marking and whole class feedback.



Sharing good practice

Maths Week Scotland

Inspired by Géométrie Variable's Geometric Dance video. Miss Fry's classes worked hard to find out just what shapes they can make on the dance floor. Great effort, team work and some fun ideas were displayed. Mrs Abdallah and Mr Lamb's S1 and S2 classes enjoyed problem-solving relays. Great teamwork and maths skills were shown!

A huge congratulation to Miss Allan who won a competition set by the Renfrewshire Attainment Team with her musical maths lesson.



Renfrewshire Attainment Team @AttainRen

🌟 Maths Week Scotland Winners 🌟
 Congratulations to @Trinityrenfrew S1 STEAM class for showing us their learning of how mathematics can be used to model the spread of disease @St_Andrews_Acad for maths in music 🎵🎵



Miss Allan's S1 & S2's have been getting involved in Maths Week Scotland! #MathsWeekScotland #mathsinaction #numeracyacrossthecurriculum #musicalmaths @StAndrewsMus @St_Andrews_Acad @AttainRen



Staff CLPL Library

Our Mobile Staff CLPL Library had it's first outing to our Staffroom on our October in service day. The library can be accessed anytime in our School Library. Please email C McGarvey with any requests for new titles to be added.



Learning and Teaching Idea of the Month

Retrieval Practice Challenge Grid

This method used here in our Social Subjects Department encourages pupil understanding by strengthening their long-term memory. It enables this by using spacing and interleaving. More information can be found [here](#).



In-house CPD

October

Creating a Professional Twitter – C McGarvey

Tue 22nd 1.40-2pm ICT 1

Thur 24th 1.40-2pm ICT 1

The Shape of a lesson – A Cairn

Mon 28th 4-4.30pm ENG 4

De-escalation Techniques – J Conn

Mon 4th nov 3.45pm-4.45pm SFL 1

Practitioner Enquiry (NQT's) – P Giverin / L Findlay

Thur 7th Nov 4pm-5pm ICT 6