



CGS NEWS

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Spring Festival of Music 2022

After over two years, we had over 200 real, live parents and friends in school enjoying a feast of musical performances "live and in person" with the fabulous students of @CarrickGrammar. The audience enjoyed solo performances from GCSE and A-Level students along with an array of choral and instrumental ensembles. The Junior Girls' Choir were perhaps the busiest performers of the evening staging a musical about inventors called "What A Good Idea". Led by Leonard da Vinci (Evie Dorrian – Year 9) they took us on a journey through many of the great inventions from the wheel and paper to the printing press and electricity to the telephone and the communication highway.

The Girls' Choir were joined by Yasin Difallah (Year 14) for a rousing performance of "Rise Up And Serve" in honour of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. You can watch the live performance of this on the Music Society Facebook page or on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/-yKHxMo6QJ0>



String Ensemble performs Starry, Starry Night at the concert



Hannah Chambers performs before the concert begins

CGS JOINS PRESTIGIOUS RESEARCH NETWORK

CGS has become the first school in Northern Ireland to be selected to join a prestigious network dedicated to sharing the best research into how children succeed educationally.

As part of the Cognitive Science Network, the school will work with 10 other schools across the UK to seek, embed and share the best practice in relation to teaching and learning, ensuring that children succeed academically.

The network launches in September 2022 and was founded by InnerDrive, an educational organisation who work with schools and teachers around the world, helping them apply research in a practical, meaningful and useful way in the classroom.



Science Club

Clubs & Societies

In Science Club recently we looked at some famous suspensions bridges around the world. Pupils were asked to design and make their own bridge using their own ideas. They could only use sticky tape newspapers and string. They produced innovative impressive designs and had fun in the process!

Read the full article here at: <https://www.csscni.org.uk/news/carrickfergus-grammar-school-becomes-first-school-in-ni-to-join-prestigious-research-network>

KS3 ReadOn Event



Earlier in this year, Years 8 -10 participated in the ReadOn Challenge during English lessons. This is a reading initiative that encourages pupils to read for fun whilst helping to support local children and young people living with cancer. Books were selected and targets set. A huge well done to all KS3 pupils who participated in the event. We managed to raise an amazing **£2678.26** for the Cancer Fund for Children. Well done and thank you for giving generously. A special mention must go to Ryan Millar (10Q) for his outstanding fundraising efforts - £160.



CyberFirst Summer Courses

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) provides short courses designed to introduce 11-17 year olds to the world of cyber security. The courses include: Defenders (Year 11), Futures (Year 12) and Advanced (Year 13) and are run by the Smallpeice Trust.

Find out more at:
<https://www.nicybersecuritycentre.gov.uk/cyberfirst-summer-courses-0>

Research Bites

As Director of Research, my role involves using educational research to ensure students thrive at CGS. Throughout this year, I've been sharing ideas about effective learning with staff, students and parents. In this new column, I'll be offering you advice to help your child succeed academically.

*How can I encourage my child to read more?



What does the research say?

Pupils would read more if they had:

- More interesting books
- Choice of books
- Time allocated to reading



Mr Roberts
Director of Research

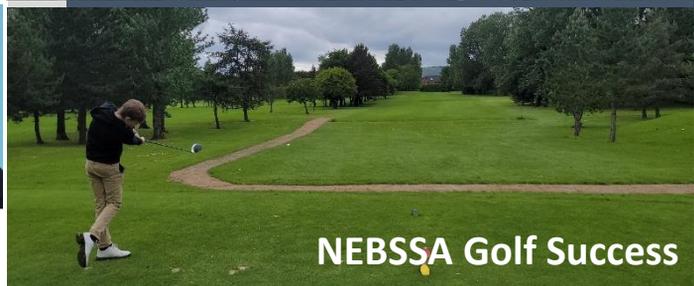
*What can I do to try and get my child reading more?

- Don't make reading feel like a chore**
- Let them choose several library books**
- Get books that their friends are reading**

School PE Kit

The online shop for PE kit is open on the [Kukri Sports website](#). There is limited stock available in school so please place orders online.

All orders must be placed by the 15th June 2022.



NEBSSA Golf Success

Congratulations to the Golf team who won their recent NEBSSA regional qualifier. The team of Ross Wylie, Luke Weatherhead and Charlie Arthur played brilliantly and amassed 105 points, beating their nearest rivals by 7 points.

Special mention must go to Luke Weatherhead who played an exceptional round scoring 45 points, 9 shots better than his handicap. The boys will be joined by Bobbie Brown in the final held at Castlerock on 13 June.



Dates for your diary

- 16th June** - A Level Art exhibition (for parents of Year 13/14 Art students) 6-7pm
- 24th June** - 'Take 5' Health and Well Being Day. Pupils finish school at 12.30 pm
- 30th June** - School finishes for summer holidays, 12.30 pm.

'Pre-Loved' Uniform

Do you have any items of Carrickfergus Grammar uniform, including PE kit, that your child no longer needs?

If so, PLEASE leave items in to the school so that they may be added to our stock of pre-loved uniform, which will then be available to purchase.

