

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 June 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Celebrating the Success of Young People and Employees
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the range of achievements and success of young people and employees in national and local awards and other programmes during 2017/18

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the positive success of young people and employees in national and local awards and other programmes during 2017/18 be noted.

3. Background

3.1. A key priority for Education Resources is to raise attainment, close the equity gap, and to celebrate the success and achievements of young people and employees.

3.2. Nurseries, schools, youth learning centres and other services are actively involved in celebrating the achievements of children and young people on a regular basis through assemblies, award ceremonies, social media, the press and other means.

3.3. A key priority for Education Resources is raising attainment. Whilst there will always be a focus on literacy, numeracy and exam results, it is also important to recognise the wider achievements of young people. The achievements and participation of young people across our establishments and services in a wide range of social enterprise and citizenship programmes, neighbourhood related projects (supporting children's appeals, local charities), and through sport, the arts, music and drama deserves to be recognised.

3.4. Recognising the achievements of young people helps to build their self-esteem, raise their aspirations and improve their motivation for learning.

4. Celebrating Success 2017/18

4.1. As we mark the Year of Young People, it is important that we take opportunities to celebrate and mark the success and achievements of children and young people. There is a lot to be proud of in the achievements of young people throughout South Lanarkshire. Over the last year, children, young people and employees have achieved success in a wide variety of highly prestigious national and local awards.

In June 2018, over 300 young people attended the **South Lanarkshire Pupil Award Ceremony** with hundreds more taking part in local nursery, school and youth learning award ceremonies.

These events demonstrate the commitment by nurseries, schools, youth learning and other services to show how they are developing very successful learners and supporting them to be responsible citizens and effective contributors to the life of their school and local community.

4.2. Below are some examples of the breadth of achievements during 2017/18:-

Scottish Education Awards Finalist - Trinity High School (One school, one book – reading for pleasure) – final on 6 June 2018.

Nurture Award – Trinity High are the first secondary school in Scotland to win the UK national Nurture School Award.

Public Speaking - The Rotary National Public Speaking Final

The public speaking final was won by the team from St Andrew's and St Brides' High School in this highly prestigious event. The individual award also went to a pupil (Niamh Greig) from St Andrew's and St Bride's High School.

The Young Enterprise Lanarkshire Awards

Teams from schools from South and North Lanarkshire competed and it was a terrific night for South Lanarkshire schools, with Hamilton Grammar taking two of the nine awards with their 'Survivalist' product.

The runaway winners on the night, however, were St Andrew's and St Brides, who took all of the other seven awards with their 'Sozo' company, producing gifts from recycled bottles. The East Kilbride team now go forward to the Scottish finals.

Sport

Cathkin High school's football team won the Scottish Schools' FA Senior Shield with an exciting penalty shoot-out victory over St Ninian's High School, Giffnock.

National Enterprise Awards

Biggar Primary School reached the final of the National Enterprise Awards, 'Tycoon in School'.

Parental Engagement – Families Connect

At Carstairs Primary School, a class teacher and parent have been trained as Families Connect Co-ordinators by Save the Children and now run highly successful workshops for parents and children.

Scottish College for Educational Leadership

The Head Teacher of St Kenneth's Primary has achieved a scholarship for leadership with the Scottish College for Educational Leadership.

Successes such as these have been early highlights of our Year of Young People.

- 4.3. The publication in the Education Newsletter of the achievements of young people and through the 'Celebrating of Success' features in Council publications such as The Works Magazine, the View, web and the press all help to highlight many examples of the success of young people in both academic and non-certificated activities.
- 4.4 Education Resources will continue to promote the success of young people and encourage them to participate in a wide range of active learning activities where they have the opportunity to further develop their skills and talents.
- 5. Employee Implications**
- 5.1. None
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1. Financial implications are met from within existing budgets.
- 7. Other Implications**
- 7.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained within this report.
- 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 8.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 8.2. Education Resources will continue to support establishments and services to recognise and publicise the achievements and success stories of children, young people and staff.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- ◆ Ensure schools and other places of learning are inspirational

Previous References

- ◆ Education Resources Committee – September 2017

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Scottish Education Awards 2018 – <http://www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk/>

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