

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 November 2017
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Spotlight on Learning
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise members of the “Spotlight on Learning” event which took place from 30 October to 10 November 2017 in South Lanarkshire.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Spotlight on Learning Programme, which shares effective and innovative education practice, is welcomed as a regular feature of the Education Resources’ calendar.
- (2) that a summary of the Spotlight on Learning programme of events for 2017 at appendix 1 be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Each year Education Scotland organise the Scottish Learning Festival (SLF) which has among its main aims the celebration and sharing of effective and innovative educational practice across the Scottish educational community.
- 3.2. South Lanarkshire Council’s Education Resources has had a stand at the SLF where school staff, pupils and Council officers have taken the opportunity to showcase some of the effective and innovative practice from our establishments.
- 3.3. Inspired by the very positive reaction to the showcases on our stand at successive SLFs, colleagues within the Curriculum Quality Improvement Service (CQIS) organised South Lanarkshire’s own version of SLF in session 2015/2016. The event provided colleagues with an opportunity to share a significant amount of sound and effective practice.
- 3.4. The event was very well received and it was agreed to run it again in 2016/2017 when it was again very successful. It was attended by 166 participants and positive reviews were noted through completed and returned evaluations.
- 3.5. Schools and establishments have responded very positively to a request to run the event for a third year and account has been taken of the views made by participants last year to help shape and influence the programme.

4. Spotlight on Learning

- 4.1. This third Spotlight on Learning fortnight took place from Monday 30 October to 10 November 2017. The range of events and the forum provide a means of sharing educational practice. The programme includes a wide range of different events from small scale school based ones to large scale conferences. Taking account of the wide geographical size of South Lanarkshire, events are spread across the authority to allow maximum access to the programme. All sectors are represented.
- 4.2. This year there were 29 separate events under the Spotlight on Learning banner from the large scale Headteachers' Curriculum Conference and the Professional Learning Coordinators' Conference, each with audiences of almost 200, to small scale in class showcase events involving members of staff observing classroom practice.
- 4.3. Events took place in all four geographical areas. In addition to the wide range of venues, the programme covers a rich diversity of educational topics including: events which focus on raising attainment in literacy and numeracy, a 'Family Learning' workshop, 'Primary Sports Visits Delivered by Sports Leaders', 'Nurture Groups and Applying Nurture at a Whole School Level', 'Lego Build to Express', 'How to Achieve the Digital Schools Award'.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1. As this will be the third year of Spotlight on Learning, Education Resources will fully evaluate the programme following this year's event, and consider potential changes based on this evaluation.
- 5.2. The Spotlight on Learning as an annual event is designed to showcase and share effective and emerging educational practice across the authority and beyond, taking account of the views, of participants and stakeholders and will be a feature in the Education Resources' calendar of events.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. None

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Financial implications are within existing budgetary resources.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained in this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not present a new strategy, policy or plan and is therefore not subject to equality impact assessment.
- 9.2. Schools and services were engaged in the planning of the event. There was no requirement to undertake any formal consultation in terms of the information contained within this report.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

- ◆ Raise Educational Achievement and Attainment

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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Education Resources

Spotlight on Learning

Monday, 30 October – Friday, 10 November 2017

Programme of Events:

- Lego Build to Express
- Building Learning Power
- Bucketfilling (Emotional Intelligence)
- Primary Transition in Literacy, Numeracy & Health and Wellbeing
- Forest Schools
- Whole School Outdoor Play
- Loose Parts Play
- Family Learning
- Whole Class Numeracy
- Making Numeracy Count
- Listening and Talking Skills
- Raising Attainment in Numeracy
- Raising Attainment in Literacy
- Raising Attainment in Literacy through the use of the 5 Minute Box
- Co-ordinating Additional Support Needs
- Gymnastics
- Skills for Life, Learning and Work-Literacy and Wellbeing in our S3 Projects
- Forest Schools Session
- How to Achieve the Digital Schools Award
- 'Accept': Promoting emotional literacy and understanding of disability
- Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) and Colourful Semantics
- Primary Sports Visits delivered by Sports Leaders
- Nurture Groups and Applying Nurture at a Whole School Level
- Parental Numeracy Class