

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 November 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 in our schools throughout South Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the achievements and success of young people in national and local awards and other programmes, and their participation in commemorative events to mark the centenary of World War 1 be noted.

3. Background

3.1. A key priority for Education Resources is to raise attainment, close the equity gap, help to improve their health and well-being and to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people and employees.

3.2. 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.

3.3. 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. This helps to build their self-esteem, raise their aspirations and improve their motivation for learning.

4. Celebrating Success 2017/2018

4.1. There is a lot to be proud of in the achievements of young people throughout South Lanarkshire and in this 'Year of Young People' we want to recognise the amazing things they do.

4.2. Over the last year, children, young people and employees have achieved success in a wide variety of highly prestigious national and local awards.

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

Commemorative events to mark the centenary of WW1

- *Biggar Primary School and Nursery*
Biggar Little Festival – The theme this year for our ‘Street Gallery’ will be to commemorate WW1 and the art work produced from Nursery to P7 will be displayed in the shop windows
- *Hunter Primary School, East Kilbride*
Primary 6, 6/7 and 7 carried out a joint WW1 topic and showcased their work to both children and adults
- *St Bride’s Primary School, Bothwell*
School Focus/ SS Topic and Display in local Library linked to local community group Bothwell Historical Society
- *St Charles’ Primary School, Cambuslang*
 - World War 1 Topic
 - Class Assembly to mark the centenary of the Armistice
 - Remembrance Day Art Competition (P4-7)
 - P7 selling poppies

Calderglen memorial service – 9 November 2018

Centenary of the Education (Scotland) Scotland Act 1918

Social Bite – young people and staff from **Larkhall Academy** took part in a ‘sleep-out’ on Friday 9 November through to Saturday 10 November to highlight the plight of homelessness and to raise funds for Social Bite.

Nurture Award – Trinity High, Rutherglen the first secondary school in Scotland to win the UK national Nurture School Award received their award at an event at the school on 12 November 2018

Duncanrig Secondary – through the use of ‘pet therapy’, the school are seeing more pupils engaged in reading and a news story featured on the success of the programme in the Evening Times.

Biggar High – hosted the Rural Youth Seminar which saw a number of young people come together to have a blether over things that matter to them.

Uddingston Grammar School – are the first school in Scotland to show their support for the 5Rights UK through the work of the Rights Respecting Team.

Gypsy Travellers – Education Scotland have recognised the excellent work of **Larkhall Academy and its community** in supporting gypsy traveller families and have now featured this as a case study which they have made available via the their learning hub.

Gold Sport Award – St Bride’s Primary, Bothwell

Auchinraith Primary, Blantyre – hosted a visit by the Depute First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport where children in the nursery and school showed the positive impact in terms of dental hygiene through the Childsmile programme with NHS Lanarkshire.

Scottish Learning Festival – young people from Park View Primary, Cambuslang, Underbank Primary, Carluke, Calderglen High, East Kilbride and Lanark Grammar showcased their work on STEM education, literacy, and numeracy at this highly prestigious event.

Music

The South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society will perform at the Town House in Hamilton on 27 and 28 November 2018 which provides a fantastic opportunity to showcase the musical talents of many young people through Christmas concerts and shows that will take place soon.

4.3. The publication of the achievements of young people in the Education Newsletter and Council publications such as The Works Magazine, and social media through Twitter and the web 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 – 19 June 2018

List of Background Papers

Celebrating the Success

Contact for Further Information

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