

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 February 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Celebrating Success
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ♦ advise on the range of high-quality work that continues to take place in schools, educational establishments and services and to recognise and celebrate their success

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the range of awards and the achievements of children, young people and staff across schools, establishments and services, as highlighted in this report, continues to be recognised, celebrated and noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. The wider achievements of children and young people, as well as the good work undertaken by teachers and staff, is something that the Council, through Education Resources, believes should continue to be recognised.
- 3.2. It is important to acknowledge the role education has in making a difference to the lives of young people through inspiring learners, transforming learning and strengthening partnerships. The commitment of many staff across the Council to work together in the best interests of communities is strong evidence of what we can achieve even when faced with adversity.
- 3.3. Celebrating success in this way helps to show the positive difference education makes to the lives of many children, young people, and families. Creative and inspirational learning and teaching takes place across our establishments and services every day and in this report, we highlight a few examples of this excellent work.

4. Celebrating and recognising success

4.1. There are numerous examples of success on many fronts and some highlights are shown below: -

4.3. Scottish Education Awards

4.3.1 The highly prestigious Scottish Education Making a Difference (Primary) Award was won by **Netherburn Primary School**. The award is for a primary school that can demonstrate its effectiveness in transforming the life chances for children and young

people. The school will also feature in a promotional campaign organised by the Scottish Government for the launch of the 2023 Scottish Education Awards.

4.3.2 The **Youth Family and Community Learning Service** won the Scottish Education Community Learning and Development Award for the Mobilize Music Project. The award recognises and celebrates the integral contribution of CLD to improving the educational outcomes and life chances of children and young people.

4.4. **General Teaching Council for Scotland: Excellence in Professional Learning Award for Schools and Learning Communities**

4.4.1 **Larkhall Academy and St Andrew's and St Bride's High School** both achieved the General Teaching for Scotland, Excellence in Professional Learning Award and Quality Mark status. This award marks the achievements of schools and learning communities who support and lead professional learning and which, in turn, has a significant and sustained impact on teachers, classroom practice and learners.

4.5. **South Lanarkshire's Instrumental Music Service** staged numerous showcase events with every child receiving an instrumental music lesson and those in the YMI project showcasing their talents in online events.

The children and young people worked hard throughout last term to produce the performances for the 12 Days of Christmas, as well as for the many school concerts, assemblies and services that took place in 2022. Teachers, instructors, parents and carers are all recognised for the part they have played in carefully preparing pupils for their big on-screen moment and instilling a passion for music and performance.

4.6 Strathaven Academy won the **Scotland's Enterprising Schools Award for 2022**

4.7. **Stars of The Week**

A whole host of ways of recognising and celebrating the achievements of children, young people on a regular basis is a feature through Twitter, school app pages and other social media channels which helps to showcase the positive and active role undertaken by many young people in our schools and educational establishments.

5. **Employee Implications**

5.1. None

6. **Financial Implications**

6.1. None

7. **Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

7.1. There are no significant implications for climate change, sustainability and the environment arising from the recommendations in this report.

8. **Other Implications**

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

9. **Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

9.2. This report provides an update on celebrating success which can be widely shared.

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24 January 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 29 August 2022

List of Background Papers

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Contact for Further Information

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