

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	5 March 2024
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 which takes place in schools, educational establishments and services and to recognise the achievements and awards attained by schools, services, children, young people and staff

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) the range of awards and the achievements of children, young people and staff across schools, establishments, and services as highlighted in this report be 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 be recognised and celebrated.
- 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 the continuous drive to build on and strengthen our partnerships. The commitment and dedication of staff across the Council to provide the best experiences and outcomes possible for all learners in our nurseries, schools and services is the main purpose of this report as well as recognising some significant achievements.
- 3.3. Celebrating and recognising success is a cornerstone in helping 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 take the opportunity to highlight a few examples of this excellent work.

4. Celebrating and Recognising Success

- 4.1. There are numerous examples of the achievements of children and young people being celebrated by nurseries, schools and services through social media on a daily basis. This helps parents, carers, families and the wider community to see what children and young people are achieving through their learning. Some highlights are shown below:-

4.2. **Gold SportScotland Award winners**

- ◆ Burnside Primary School
- ◆ Lamington Primary School

4.3. **The Scottish Book Trust's Reading Schools Initiative**

- ◆ David Livingstone Memorial Primary School - Gold award
- ◆ Lamington Primary - Gold award
- ◆ Trinity High School - Gold award
- ◆ Spittal Primary – Gold award
- ◆ Wiston Primary - Gold award
- ◆ Greenhills Primary- Silver award
- ◆ Coulter Primary – Silver award

4.4. **Holocaust Memorial Event**

On Tuesday 20 January 2024, Strathaven Academy hosted the annual Holocaust Memorial event. Pupils from nine secondary schools across South Lanarkshire as well as the Strathaven Learning Community primary schools' choir helped to showcase, so very movingly, how their voices and messages, matter and can help to influence change.

4.5. **Scottish Anti-Bullying Award**

Hamilton Grammar are the first school in South Lanarkshire to achieve the Respectme anti-bullying award.

4.6. **Trauma Sensitive Pledge Award - 'Act to Make a Difference'**

Congratulations go to the following establishments who are the first to achieve their Attachment-Informed, Trauma Sensitive pledge award **'Act to make a difference'**

- ◆ David Livingstone Memorial Primary School
- ◆ Glenlee Primary School
- ◆ Greenburn School
- ◆ Hamilton Grammar School
- ◆ Hamilton School for the Deaf
- ◆ Neilsland Primary School
- ◆ Tinto Primary School
- ◆ Townhill Primary School
- ◆ Underbank Primary School

4.7. A range of other achievements and awards by children, young people and schools, is also shown below:-

- ◆ Woodlands Nursery Centre received a Success Looks Different Awards in recognition of how they celebrate their pupils with additional support needs.
- ◆ St Bride's Primary (Cambuslang) are the first school in Scotland to win a gold Missio award.
- ◆ St Columbkille's Primary have been awarded £96,000 to fulfil their project on expressive arts from the Clore Duffield Foundation.
- ◆ Biggar Primary School and the ELC received a Digital Schools Award.
- ◆ Craigbank Primary School achieved a £5000 grant from the Digital Xtra Fund to promote STEM activities
- ◆ Glenlee Primary School received a Digital Wellbeing Award
- ◆ Coulter Primary School, Underbank Primary School and Newfield Primary School were successful in renewing their Green Flag Awards for an impressive sixth, seventh and tenth time respectively.

- ◆ Duncanrig Secondary School received a Scottish Credit Qualifications Framework (SCQF) Bronze Award. This success was achieved by the 14 SCQF Pupil Ambassadors, who are now inspired to go on and achieve silver status.
- ◆ Hamilton Grammar ASN Department were the winners in the secondary category for the South Lanarkshire short film competition “The Biodiversity of Your Local Area”.
- ◆ The Lanark Grammar BSL Pupil Leadership Team were highly commended for their work to promote and support sign language through ‘See Hear Network News’.

4.8. **South Lanarkshire’s Instrumental Music Service (IMS)**

The Instrumental Music Service continues to deliver its flagship Youth Music Project for every P5 pupil in South Lanarkshire. The IMS staged numerous showcase events with every child receiving an instrumental music lesson and those in the YMI project showcasing their talents in online events.

4.9. **Youth Family and Community Learning Awards 2023/2024**

The Youth Family and Community Learning awards ceremony will take place on 24 March 2024 where young people will receive recognition for their achievements in:-

- ◆ The Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- ◆ John Muir Award
- ◆ ASDAN
- ◆ Discovery
- ◆ Achievement awards

- 4.10. Education Resources produces a digital bulletin known as ‘SWAY’ which contains articles and updates on education news as well a range of achievements and success stories on a fortnightly basis. This will be circulated to all councillors as a way of sharing information more regularly on education news and updates.

5. **Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications attached to this report.

6. **Financial Implications**

- 6.1. There are no financial implications attached to this report.

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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Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Education and learning: inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 14 February 2023

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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