

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2022
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) the range 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: -

4.2. COSLA Excellence Awards

The Council's Early Years team was named the winner in the Delivering Excellence category of this year's COSLA Excellence Awards. The Early Years winner – Together We Can, and We Will was a gold award winner.

4.3. **Scottish Education Awards**

In June 2022, the pupils, staff, and parents/carers at Netherburn Primary School were delighted to hear of their success at the Scottish Education Awards when they won the highly prestigious 'Making a Difference' award.

The Youth Family and Community Learning Service also won a Gold award in the Community Learning and Development category for the 'South Lanarkshire Mobilize Music Project' which was highly acclaimed by young people.

4.4. **GTCS Excellence in Professional Learning Award for Schools and Learning Communities**

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 recognises the on-going professional learning which has a significant and sustained impact on teachers, classroom practice and the learning of children and young people.

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.

- ◆ A series of 8 online concerts each week between spring and summer, celebrated the exceptional talent and musical excellence. Each concert was hosted by primary pupils and featured a guest interview.
- ◆ The 2022 SLC Battle of the Bands showcased the talents of the county's emerging rock and pop talent. 11 bands from schools took part with the judging panel, comprising musicians from top Scottish Band Skerryvore, Alec Dalgleish and Fraser West.
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council Young Musician of the Year 2022 - Zuzzana Kujawa (flute) – S2 Holy Cross High School

4.6. **Duke Edinburgh Awards 2021/22**

101 Young people achieved Duke of Edinburgh Award accreditation:

- ◆ 11 Gold, 10 Silver and 25 Bronze awards with 55 receiving Certificates of Achievement, who were unable to undertake the expedition due to the pandemic.

4.7. **Charity Garden Project at Rutherglen High School**

InspirED and Spie donated time and materials from suppliers to create a wonderful garden on the grounds of Rutherglen on Friday 5th August which will be used by pupils and staff.

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

- ◆ Strathaven Academy won the 'Enterprising UK Award Scotland'
- ◆ Stonelaw High reached the final of the UK Lego robotics national final in Birmingham
- ◆ Biggar Primary School won the Fair Trade Community Award
- ◆ High Mill Primary School achieved a Digital Schools Award Scotland
- ◆ Mount Cameron Primary School won the Esgoil online Gaelic debating competition for primary schools across Scotland.
- ◆ Neilsland Primary – pupils published a book *The Wonders of the Magic Watch* with illustrations to mark World Book Day.
- ◆ Rigside Primary were awarded the Nurturing School Award by Nurture UK

- ♦ Woodside Primary were recognised for their activities to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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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20 July 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

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

Previous References

- ♦ Education Resources Committee – 8 February 2022

List of Background Papers

- ♦ Scottish Education Awards 2022
- ♦ Cosla Excellence Awards 2022

Contact for Further Information

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