



# **Item 6.1 - Business bulletin**

## **Education, Children and Families Committee**

**10.00am, Tuesday 6 March 2018**

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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<p>Councillor Ian Perry</p>  <p>Vice Convener: Councillor Alison Dickie</p> 	<p>Councillor Eleanor Bird  councillor Mary Campbell  Councillor Maureen Child  Councillor Gavin Corbett  Councillor Callum Laidlaw  Councillor Lewis Ritchie  Councillor Jason Rust  Councillor Stephanie Smith  Councillor Louise Young</p> <p><b>Added Members for Education Matters</b></p> <p><b>Religious Representatives</b>  Rev Dr Rita Welsh  Rabbi David Rose  Vacancy</p> <p><b>Parent Representative</b>  Alexander Ramage</p>	<p>Lesley Birrell  Committee Services  0131 529 4240</p> <p>Laura Millar Service  and Policy Adviser  to the Convener  and Vice-Convener  Tel: 0131 529 4319</p>



**Commonwealth Games**

Good luck to our three sporting stars from Communities and Families who are flying the flag for Scotland in next month's Gold Coast Games. Sixteen-year-old Firrhill High School pupil Keanna MacInnes will be taking to the swimming pool in both the 100m and 200m Fly events. She's joined by Broughton High School PE teacher Craig Howieson in table tennis and Strategic Development Officer (Sport and Physical Activity) Mel Coutts in Beach Volleyball.

**Keanna MacInnes**

## Holocaust Memorial Day 25 January 2018 at Scottish Parliament

Lanterns shone brightly for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 at the Scottish Parliament in the Members' Room on Thursday 25 January 2018. Rudi Oppenheimer shared his remarkable story of survival as a Jewish child during the Holocaust. To coincide with and complement this event Firrhill High School's Holocaust Remembrance Lanterns Display was exhibited at Parliament during week beginning Monday 22 January 2018. These lanterns were originally created for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017.



From left to right - Presiding Officer The Right Honourable Ken Macintosh MSP, event organiser Sheila Watson Art Teacher Firrhill High School, Rudi Oppenheimer, our two Lessons from Auschwitz ambassadors and John Swinney – Deputy First Minister Scotland.

## Sportscotland Gold Award for Portobello High School

Portobello High School was presented with the **sportscotland** School Sport Gold Award on 18 December 2017.

The **sportscotland** School Sport Award is a national, Lottery funded initiative designed to encourage schools to continuously improve physical education (PE) and school sport opportunities. The **sportscotland** School Sport Award:

- Encourages schools to self-reflect and continuously improve
- Puts young people at the forefront of the decision making and planning of PE and sport in their school
- Helps schools to increase young people's opportunities and engagement in PE & school sport
- Helps schools to put PE & school sport at the heart of their planning,



practice and ethos

- Recognises and celebrates successful PE & school sport models

### **Tollcross Primary playground**

Tollcross Primary had some special visitors in December. Prince Charming, Cinderella and Dandini from the Kings Theatre pantomime attended to officially open the new playground.



### **Opening of the Castlebrae Community High School Community Gym**

The school received a £23,000 grant from the rugby charity Wooden Spoon and this has been used to kit out their new gym. The new gym officially opened on the 14 December 2017.



### **Cramond Primary School**

Cramond Primary School were over the moon to find out they had been awarded a “Highly Commended” in the Youth and Education category for the Nature of Scotland Awards 2017. The hard work of the pupils, teachers and their continued work with organisations such as the Marine Conservation Society and the Have You Got the Bottle campaign has been recognised.

Cramond PS have been amazingly successful at highlighting the issue of marine litter over the past two years on both a local and national level. The Primary 5, 6 and 7 classes of 2016/17 have all participated in litter picks and surveys on their local beach at Cramond with the Marine Conservation Society. The primary 7 classes then joined the “Have you got the bottle?” campaign, who were campaigning to introduce a deposit return system in Scotland. They started learning about how the system works currently in Norway by writing to penpals. This was followed by writing letters to a few MSPs to highlight their concerns about marine litter, particularly plastics, and as such the need for a deposit return system in Scotland. They made their way into the heart of Holyrood with the construction of a massive bottle jellyfish to highlight the problem to the Cabinet Secretary Roseanna Cunningham.

Over three Beachwatch events 274 Cramond pupils have spent 488 hours picking up and surveying 5192 pieces of litter helping not only preserve their local wildlife and beach habitat but also the Marine Conservation Society by giving their litter data back to support their campaigns to stop litter getting into the ocean and onto their beach in the first place. Cramond pupils have shown themselves to be true Sea Champions.

They planned two of their events to coincide with the Great British Beach Clean and invited the RZSS ‘Wild About Scotland’ bus to attend their event last year along with local MSP Miles Briggs who filed a [parliamentary motion](#) congratulating them on their work protecting their local environment.

### **New Boroughmuir High School Time Capsule**

A ceremony was held on the 8 December 2017 to install the Time capsule at the new high school. Those who attended the event included: The Pupil Council, representatives from the Parent Council and some of the pupils who contributed to the contents of the capsule.

## **Boroughmuir High School Opening**

The new Boroughmuir High School opened its doors to pupils and staff for the first time on Wednesday 21 February 2018.

To mark the occasion Head Teacher David Dempster held a special school assembly for all pupils at the end of the day.

This event was made extra special as it was the first time in the school's 114 year history they have been able to hold an assembly for all pupils.

