



Education, Children and Families Committee

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Successes at the Scottish Education Awards 2018

Digital Learning and Teaching Award - Tynecastle High School

This award recognises early learning and childcare settings and schools that have developed a vibrant and progressive culture and climate of continuous innovation in relation to DLT.

Tynecastle High School is leading the way in using technology to improve outcomes for all learners.

The school motto is Tynecastle Cares - Challenge, Ambition, Respect, Enjoyment and Success - underpinned by the values of 'Whoever and Wherever You Are'. The digital learning programmes and activities are driven by these values and ensure that they continuously work towards improving outcomes for all of the learners, whoever and wherever they are.

The 1:1 digital learning programme began in 2013 and has been fully in place since 2014. All staff, including student support staff, and all students in S3-S6 have an iPad for use in school and at home. Students in S1 and S2 have easy access to technology in computer labs, sets of iPads located around the school and devices available for individual use.

The use of DLT is embedded across every curricular area and subject. Staff use digital technologies to plan, prepare, create, assess, feedback, share, collaborate and enhance learning and teaching. Staff regularly share good practice and promote innovative use of technology with each other, and also outside of school.

Equity, equality, diversity and inclusion are at the heart of the school. They work hard as a community to poverty proof the school, eliminate inequity and ensure that everyone has access to the highest quality learning and teaching. They believe that DLT helps breaks down barriers to learning. The digital learning programme and access to technology is for every student, no matter their circumstance or background.

They use digital technologies to promote the work of the school and the wider school community. For example, we recently celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day, using the website and Twitter account to promote opportunities for students, families and the wider community.

By embedding digital learning and teaching throughout the school community they embrace and celebrate new opportunities for personal and shared achievement, curiosity, creativity, collaboration and communication, whoever and wherever you are. They are thrilled to have won this award and have the work in this area recognised nationally.

- *1:1 Digital Learning Programme throughout S3-S6*

- *Student Digital Portfolios throughout S1-S6*
- *Creative use of DLT throughout all curriculum areas and subjects*
- *Innovative digital delivery of curriculum*
- *Digital Learning Week celebrated in school each year*
- *Awarded Apple Distinguished School 2016*
- *Working towards Digital Schools Award Scotland*
- *Equitable access to digital technologies*
- *DLT breaking down barriers to learning*
- *DLT supporting aspirational outcomes and helping address attainment challenge*
- *Technology engaging the wider school community*
- *In-house DLT CLPL building culture of innovation*
- *Apple Regional Training Centre, led by Tynecastle staff, training educators across Edinburgh*
- *DLT helping to raise attainment and exposing students to greater opportunities*

Castlebrae Community High School Wins Employability & Creativity Across Learning Award

Castlebrae Community High School has won the **Employability & Creativity Across Learning Award** at the Scottish Education Awards 2018, in recognition of a three-year partnership with the Edinburgh International Festival and the City of Edinburgh Council. The Scottish Education Awards celebrates successes and recognises achievements taking place within Scottish education. The award specifically recognised the residency partnership's commitment to creating meaningful, personal and lasting experiences for Castlebrae pupils in ways which supported personal and professional skills development.

Running between 2015 – 2018, the partnership set out to increase pupils social and communicative skills, through a series of workshops, one-on-one mentoring sessions and work experience programmes. These highlighted the varied professional skillsets required in the delivery of events such as the International Festival, and included a specially developed Festivals & Events Management module which contributed towards pupils National 5 qualification in 'Creative Industries'.

Alongside professional development opportunities, the pupils created the film '*From Castlebrae with Love*', worked with dancers from Boy Blue Entertainment whose show Project R.E.B.E.L was staged at the school during the 2018 Festival, and created dishes with catering partners Appetite Direct.

The partnership was delivered by the staff at Castlebrae Community High school led by Head Teacher Norma Prentice, in tandem with the International Festival team. Head Teacher at Castlebrae High School Norma Prentice said: Throughout the residency and International Festival involvement with Castlebrae over the last three

years, we have felt the true meaning of partnership working. The vision of both the Festival team and staff at Castlebrae was to ensure the best for the pupils. We are delighted that the partnership has been recognised by Education Scotland' Head of Creative Learning at the International Festival Caroline Donald, added: 'We are delighted that the school has won this award from Education Scotland and would like to thank them for supporting and acknowledging the project and Castlebrae Community High School's achievements. The partnership was game-changing for both the school and the International Festival, and its impact and legacy can be seen in both organisations today, the greatest of which has been its positive impact on pupils, many of whom strengthened their employability and creative skills, and importantly their confidence, during the residency programme.'

For more information about the partnership with Castlebrae Community High School, please visit the International Festival website at eif.co.uk/castlebrae.

No Worries-My Friends and Me

A group of parents from Forthview Primary has recently been involved in writing a children's book based around anxiety. The project was supported by the mental health charity Place2Be and funded by the Pupil Equity Fund.

'No Worries' tells the story of a group of primary school children going to school camp for the first time, each facing and overcoming their own anxieties. Each character's story was developed by an individual parent drawing on their own experiences.



As a group, these parents have experience of the impact of mental health difficulties in their community, their families and their daily lives, and writing the book together was a positive, mutually supportive process.

The book, which was published by Whitewater Publishing, was launched on the 5 February at the National Library of Scotland, an event attended by the Deputy First Minister, John Swinney and the Vice Convener for Children and Families, Alison Dickie. MSP Miles Briggs has tabled a motion of congratulations for Forthview at Holyrood. Copies of the book are available from the school.

Psychological Services – Communities and Families

Psychological Services are now able to offer schools additional assistance with research. They have recently worked with Sighthill Primary to demonstrate significant success the school has had in the teaching of numeracy in P4 and P7. Please contact Martin Gemmell Principal Educational Psychologist martin.gemmell@ea.edin.sch.uk for details.

Young Carers

On 21 June 2018, Young Carers launched the short film '***We Care Do You?***' which reflects their experiences of being young carers and their expectations of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016. The red-carpet event, hosted in the stunning reference library in Central Library, was attended by over 140 guests including young carers, their families, Elected Members including Cllr. Frank Ross, the Lord Provost, who opened the event, Cllr. Alison Dickie, Vice Convenor of Communities and Families, and Cllr Bird, the Young People's Champion. Also present were representatives from the Scottish Government, partner organisations and Council officers.

Young people hosted the event and provided hugely powerful testimonials about being a young carer. They held the attention of the whole room as they discussed both the difficulties of their role and the positive impact caring can have. Please click the link to view the short five-minute film.

<https://vimeo.com/275768321>

Open Plus

The service is working with colleagues in lifelong learning, asset management and localities to adopt a corporate strategic approach to use of assets. Open Plus will form part of this strategy. An outline of the strategy will be presented to Council Leadership Team.

Nobel Prize Winning Former Pupil Visits to Boroughmuir High School

David Dempster, Head Teacher of Boroughmuir High School was pleased to announce that former pupil Dr Richard Henderson (leaver 1962) and a joint recipient of this year's Nobel prize for Chemistry came to visit his old school on Thursday 7 June.

Dr Henderson toured the new school and then had lunch with the Head teacher and some staff as well as some former pupils from his year group.



He addressed some 240 senior science pupils about his journey to becoming a Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry before conducting a science master class with about 50 Advanced Higher science pupils.

Mr Dempster said "We are extremely proud to have had Dr Henderson visit us on the 7 June. We know our pupils were thrilled and inspired to hear from a former pupil who has received the incredible accolade of a Nobel prize."

Dr Henderson was also a guest of honour at the annual awards ceremony in the evening and as well as making an address to the audience, presented the Molly T Hope award to the Senior School Champion.

Ken Edwards President of Boroughmuir Former Pupils Association said – "The Association is delighted to have worked closely with the school in setting up this visit on 7 June by Richard Henderson. This is an excellent example of a way in which former pupils can support the school. The visit gives many Boroughmuir pupils an exceptional opportunity to hear at first hand about world class scientific research and to interact at close quarters with a Nobel Prize winner in a masterclass session. This will surely supercharge their interest in scientific careers!"

Welcoming Edinburgh to MOMO!

Children's Services have purchased the MOMO app for two years along with training for staff and access to eLearning for foster carers for 12 months. Through the MOMO app young people will be able to send messages directly to children's rights officers, social workers, reviewing officers and the complaints. Professional staff can also use it with young people to gather their views before meetings using the app which will then compile these views into a .pdf file.

Andy Jeffries, Acting Head of Children's Services, said "this is a huge step forward in our

direct work with children and young people and I would like to commend Sean Bell for his perseverance in making it happen. It will be great for young people to communicate quickly and directly with the professionals involved with them and will reduce bureaucracy in how we gather children's views. Great work all round and really exciting!"

Police Box opened as primary school book swap library on Thursday 7 June at Royal Mile Primary School



The Royal Mile Primary School has been working with the community charity group at Citi Bank to turn their Police Box into a Book Swap Library for children and adults as part of their Environmental Health Week. This also coincided with their Global Citizenship Day on 8 June.

The volunteers have been cleaning and painting the box in its original blue and renovating the inside and having shelves put in. They are holding a book drive for children and adults books. The idea is to promote recycling, promote reading and all its benefits for mental health and learning, involve parents etc

There was an opening ceremony, Thursday 7 June at 2pm which was followed by a Book Café in their outdoor classroom. There was a competition to think of a name and the winning class received a healthy playground snack.

'It's Our Party' – A Special Celebration

A special celebration for/by young people took place on Thursday 24 May at Jupiter Artland.

This is a new project involving three Lothian Schools, Woodlands, Oaklands and Saltersgate School, collaborating with Jupiter Artland to celebrate 2018 'Year of the Young Person', Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival and the 10th birthday of both Jupiter Artland and Woodlands School. Plus the opportunity for the learners to show off their work and have a party, 'It's Our Party'.

All schools involved have had a special visit and workshops at Jupiter Artland, and back at school created props, puppets and costumes for a special performance/procession through the woods of Jupiter Artland culminating in a special party, 'It's our Party'. On Thursday 24 May learners returned to Jupiter Artland, for this celebration, parade, procession and 'Party'.



The event was a huge success with a large turnout of happy proud parents, carers and friends watching the young people parade through the magical grounds of Jupiter Artland. Pupils involved had a brilliant time and were eager to tell others about their experience

We hope that this presentation heralds the start of something new and exciting, creating links and opportunities for young people to engage with Expressive Arts within the spectacular resource of Jupiter Artland. An event that can only get bigger and better, in years to come.

SCOTFEST

Davidson's Mains Choir led by class teacher Helen Bassett, won the Frisson Foundation National Glee competition on Sunday 10 June in Perth Concert Hall. The children sang "This is me" from the Greatest Showman and 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. A power cut mid way during their second song did not faze them and without missing a beat they carried on unaccompanied to the end of the song to a standing ovation by the 1,000 strong audience.

It was made very clear however that they won for their strong singing, slick timing and teamwork rather than their resilience in coping with a power cut! John Swinney commented on the excellence of the competition and on our choir's resilience in adversity as he handed over a 3 foot high trophy. Officially the best Glee choir in Scotland this year, they have been invited to perform at Scot Fest in July at Ingleston.



Year of Young People 2018 event – making Edinburgh a child friendly city

More than 70 people took part in the second Year of Young People event on Tuesday 19 June at the City Art Centre. The event – planned with young people and hosted by them – brought together a range of young people, Council and partnership staff and elected members.

Katrina Lambert and Roseanna Campbell co-hosted the event and Councillor Ellie Bird, the Council's young people's champion, welcomed participants and highlighted the importance of children and young people's participation and rights.

The events aims were to:

- celebrate the work and achievements of young people
- build commitment to the idea of Edinburgh as a children and young people friendly city
- share ideas on how to publicise the idea



The talents and achievements of young people were centre-stage with superb singing and rapping/spoken word performances by Ciara, Sandi and Liam; a film by Screen Education Edinburgh Youth and certificates presented to young youth work volunteers with LAYC.

The main part of the evening was a group discussion, bringing together children, young people and adults and co-facilitated by young people and staff.

The discussion focussed on four questions:

- What would a truly children and young people friendly Edinburgh look, feel and be like?

- What are some of the key words that come to mind?
- What do you think we should call it?
- Can you come up with a strapline?

The feedback will shape the next phase of work towards the child friendly city goal.

Councillor Alison Dickie, Vice-Convenor of Education, Children and Families, closed the event by thanking participants and emphasising her belief in young people and her passion for making sure that their voices are heard.

Edinburgh & Lothian Schools' Film Competition 2018

The nursery and primary screening of Edinburgh & Lothian Schools' Film Competition took place on Thursday 21 June and was buzzing with excitement as pupils waited to see their films on the big screen and applaud winners. The secondary schools award will take place on Wednesday 27 June, but family, friends and the public can get tickets to [free public screenings](#) of both on Saturday 30 June and Sunday 1 July.

Pupils from across Edinburgh and the Lothian's have been entering their own films for the 10 year to this competition; a partnership between [Screen Education Edinburgh](#) (SEE), [Edinburgh International Film Festival](#) (EIFF) and Arts & Creative Learning, City of Edinburgh Council. This competition sees shortlisted films made by pupils share the festival limelight with leading filmmakers from around the world.

The youth jury have the marathon task of watching all the films entered to shortlist for a primary schools screening and a high schools screening held at the Filmhouse. These young people all take media studies at Edinburgh schools, work with SEE and EIFF to learn about short film watching, decide on awards in each category for both screenings and also present the films and awards.

The screening of shortlisted films was funny and entertaining, thought provoking and diverse, inclusive and clever with more than a hint of individuality and humour. Hallmarks of creativity at work and bodes well for the future film makers from Scotland!





ALARM AWARD

Congratulations to colleagues across Communities and Families and Legal and Risk who on 25 June won the prestigious UK wide ALARM award for "Managing the Operational Risks to an Organisation".

