



Education, Children and Families Committee

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

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Recent News

Award Winning Librarian Poet

Stewart Sanderson, Library Advisor at the Central Library has been awarded the Jessie Kesson Fellowship for 2019. This is an award given by the Moniack Mhor Writers' Centre and the award was established in 2009 by Moniack Mhor to honour Jessie Kesson's inspirational life and work.

Stewart will get the chance to develop his work, as well as opportunities to expand his practice. He will stay at Moniack Mhor for three weeks in March.

Stewart works as an advisor in our Edinburgh and Scottish Collection and he's already received several awards and commendations: in 2014 and 2016 he was shortlisted for the Edwin Morgan Poetry Award, and in 2017 received commendations from the *PN Review* Poetry Prize and the Stephen Spender Prize for poetry in translation. He received an Eric Gregory Award in 2015. In 2016 he was awarded a Robert Louis Stevenson Fellowship, allowing him to spend a month working on new poems in Grez-sur-Loing, France. He completed a PhD at the University of Glasgow, which addresses the role of translation in twentieth-century Scottish poetry; his own versions from French and from Russian have been included in recent publications.

A first pamphlet of poems, *Fios*, was published by Tapsalteerie in 2015, and Sanderson is currently working towards his first full-length collection.

Stewart's new pamphlet of poems can be found following this

link: <http://www.tapsalteerie.co.uk/product/an-offering-by-stewart-sanderson/>

Science Ceilidh

Science Ceilidh, STEAM from our Youth Music initiative funded resource, '**Power of Music**', launched on 31 January 2019 at Dynamic Earth. P7 pupils from Sciennes Primary School demonstrated the workings of the brain through music and dance at the Creative & Interdisciplinary STEM CLPL event.



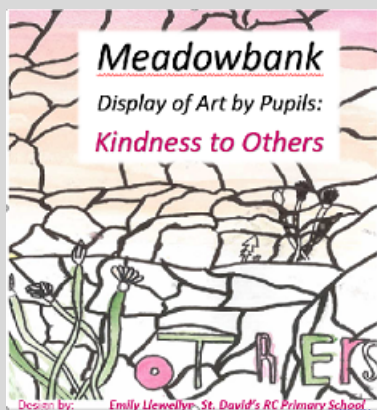
Meadowbank Art Display: Kindness

Pupils across Edinburgh primary, special and high schools created stunning designs on the theme of 'kindness' which portray many imaginative and creative ways our young people found to show this important value.

A selection of these designs have been collated in a project arranged by City of Edinburgh Council Officers in Lifelong Learning and printed onto huge boards now mounted on the hoardings at Meadowbank Stadium on London Road and on Wishaw Terrace.

The children's art work has transformed the grey hoardings around Meadowbank, bringing their energy and vitality for all passers by to enjoy. Lorna Macdonald, Arts & Creative Learning, hopes that these designs will inspire others to show kindness across our city and to get creative to as well.

The artwork is displayed on three boards - one on London Road of particularly festive images and the other two boards on Wishaw Terrace showing pupil ideas on acts of Kindness and in abstract designs.



PSE Review

Education Scotland have set up a national group to look at the recommendations from the PSE Review and to plan a way forward. Janice Watson, Quality Improvement Officer, attended this meeting. The group have identified a small number of priorities to take forward nationally. In addition, the group is going to work on creating a definition of the term 'harassment' which is to be used in schools.

It was requested at the Secondary HT meeting that support be given to provide a flexible city-wide PSE resource for schools. This has already been completed for the primary sector. Janice Watson has agreed to coordinate this with the Pupil Support Lead Teachers from the secondary sector.

Keeping Myself Safe, our in-house resource used to support learning and teaching around 'safety' in its broadest sense, is under review. A group of practitioners from all sectors have had an initial meeting to review the resource as it stands and to plan how to make it more relevant to the myriad of issues impacting on the safety of children and young people today. Partners joined the meeting to share how they can support us with this work. Currently the work of the group is being taken to children and young people for their views. Parents will also be consulted. The group will meet again in March.

New national Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood resource

The new national RSHP resource, which has been funded by NHS Health Scotland and Local Authorities, is currently being developed to provide a one stop shop for this aspect of the curriculum. It will be a flexible, non-prescriptive resource which will enable schools to plan learning to meet the needs of their own learners and local context. Dr Colin Morrison who is leading the development has spoken to our Primary Health and Wellbeing Network and is to speak to our Health and Wellbeing Strategic Group in April. Janice Watson is in touch with him to give feedback on the resource as it progresses and to ensure issues such as endometriosis and other menstrual conditions are included in it (this has been confirmed). Suzanne Hargreaves, Health and Wellbeing Senior Education Officer, Education Scotland and Rachel Barr, Healthy Respect will also speak at this meeting as RSHP education is the focus for the day.

The resource can be viewed at <https://rshp.scot/>

Council Officers work closely with Healthy Respect in relation to this aspect of the curriculum. They have just appointed two new officers to provide support and training to primary and special school practitioners across Lothian.

Corporate Parenting Member Officer's Group

The Corporate Parenting Member Officer's Group on 22/01/19 discussed producing a report on attendance for Looked After Children. This will include details of a trigger point where poor attendance is reported centrally and an assigned officer from Edinburgh Learns Team will contact school and social work centres to ensure there is a plan to increase attendance for all these pupils.

For example we have 95 poor attenders who are Looked After Children/Young People across 18 of our 23 high schools. Most are in S4 or S3. Two thirds of these 95 pupils

live at home with one or more parent/carer. The others are looked after away from home. We will be seeking plans to improve attendance for these young people now. A range of measures to improve attendance will form a substantial part of a full report at the next Committee on developments from the Champions' Board and the Corporate Parenting work streams

Commemorating the fallen of Boroughmuir

Boroughmuir High school held an exhibition in the school on Friday 22nd February 2019 that commemorated the fallen of Boroughmuir.

Much of the research about the fallen soldiers that was exhibited alongside photographs of the fallen, has been carried out by consecutive groups of their S4 pupils over the war's centenary.

This information alongside original material about life at the school during WW1 is being published in a book which was available for pre order at the exhibition.

The exhibition provided information on every person on the memorial alongside other key figures and included never before seen letters from soldiers and photographs.

The exhibition also displayed the commemorative art work created by their higher and Advanced Higher art pupils including a stained glass installment and ceramic poppy display.

Playground Inspections

A report on the outcome of playground inspections across the school estate was due to be submitted to this Committee for consideration. However, while all the inspections have now been carried out, there is a considerable amount of detail which requires to be analysed before the report can be produced. It is therefore the intention to report back to Committee in May 2019 to allow time for a full analysis of the inspection information to be carried out.