

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2022-23 session. I hope that all parents / carers and pupils had a relaxing summer break. In this first edition we will update you on the following:

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### Start of the new term

We have now been back for four weeks or so and our new S1 pupils have settled down very well indeed. They have now acclimatised to the layout of the building and to moving between periods for different subjects in a very busy environment. Our S3 mentors helped guide them for the first week or so but the pupils can now find their own way around the school. We started the session with 1370 pupils but this has reduced slightly due to a small number of S4-6 pupils having moved on to positive destinations in employment, college or university.

I would remind all parents/carers that pupils are **not allowed** to bring aerosol deodorant spray into the school. There are still far too many pupils doing so and, either by accident or design, setting off the fire alarm in toilets and / or PE changing rooms. This disrupts the work of more than 1400 pupils and staff. We would appreciate it if you would discuss this matter with your child and ensure that aerosols are not in their school bags. Roll on deodorant is fine and should be encouraged. We thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and understanding on this matter.

## New staff

As is always the case we have a number of new staff for this year and all have settled well and many of our new teachers have got fully immersed in the wider life of the school through taking on the leadership of extra-curricular clubs. We have in excess of 60 activities for pupils to be involved with.

Our new staff are:

**Biology** – Ms Round

**Bus Ed** – Ms MacDonald

**Chemistry** – Ms Tung, Ms Sood

**English** – Ms Elliott, Ms Inglis,

**Geography** – Ms Arbuckle

**History** – Ms McDonnell

**Mod Languages** – Ms Smith

**Music** - Ms Donaldson (NQT)

**PE** – Ms McNicol, Mr Goodfellow (NQT)

**Physics** – Mr Bailey (NQT)

**Support for Learning Assistants** – Ms Coleman, Ms Graham, Ms Saleem

### Returning to the school:

Ms Quearns returns after an Acting PT Business Education stint in Douglas Academy.

Mrs Primrose returns after her maternity leave.

We welcome all new staff to our school.

### School Support Manager

After 22 years as the School Support Manager (SSM) within the school Mrs Henderson retired on Thursday 1 September. Mrs Henderson may not have been someone that pupils and parents / carers were fully aware of but the role of an SSM is pivotal to the success of a school. They line manage all support staff within the school – clerical staff, school assistants, SLAs, technicians and our librarian. SSMs also support the head teacher with financial and budgeting matters within the school and they work with FM staff to manage the building. Mrs Henderson had built up a huge amount of knowledge over the years and will be much missed by all staff within the school. We wish her well on her retirement. We have a new SSM and Mrs Alston will start with us on Monday 3 October and we look forward to welcoming her.

## SQA Results 2022

Having not faced formal examinations for two years due to COVID, our pupils acquitted themselves very well in the 2022 SQA exam diet and we delivered a very strong set of results across the various measures expected of us. Below are some of the highline messages that we normally inform parents/carers about every year.

### S4

In S4 our S4 pupils attained what most other S4 cohorts had attained in the pre-pandemic years with **72%** achieving 5 + National 5. We had an impressive number of young people achieving 6As at N5 with **74** youngsters' achieving this. This is significantly up on previous years – both pre-pandemic in 2018 and 2019 and also using teacher judgements in 2020 and 2021. In 2021 there were **51** pupils achieving 6As; in 2020 it was **39** pupils; in 2019 it was **54** pupils whilst in 2018 it was **40** pupils.

There is an appeals system in operation this year so these results may be improved upon after the appeals have been reviewed.

## S5

In terms of S5 H Grade the results were broadly in line with expectations and **40% of pupils achieved 5+ H Grades**. This is in line with 2018 and 2019 but down on 2020 and 2021 when the ACM system based upon teacher judgments was used. In terms of **3+ H Grades** 61% of pupils achieved three or more H Grades. This is down on previous years but not overly so, whilst in terms of 1+ H Grades, 83% of pupils in S5 achieved one or more H Grades. This is in line with expectations and from previous years.

As with the S4 results, there is a possibility that these results may improve after appeals have been reviewed by SQA.

## S6

In terms of 1+ Advanced Higher Grades there was an improvement from previous years with **41%** of our pupils achieving one or more Advanced Higher Grades. This is the best results we have had for Advanced Higher so well done to last year's S6. We also had very high numbers achieving two, three and indeed four Advanced Highers last year, which is very commendable.

These are the headline figures but overall we were pleased with how the vast majority of our pupils performed in their exams. We want all of our pupils to realise their potential and the vast majority did so in the exam diet this year. Well done to them all!

## New School Update

In August we had further meetings with the architects, construction specialist and an organisation called 'Space Strategies'. These meetings are essentially technical in nature and not worth providing detail in a parental newsletter. Suffice to say that we have been making steady progress around what are referred to as adjacencies. This relates to the geographical layout of the building and which departments will be next to which and so on. To date I have not been given any further update about the proposed site for the new school but once I am able to share further information to parents / carers I will do so.

## Prize Giving

We delayed the 2021-22 Prize Giving in the hope that we could have parents/carers in attendance for the event. Unfortunately COVID is still with us and we cannot, at this time, have large numbers of visitors sitting for a prolonged period of time in a confined, poorly ventilated space. As a consequence we will, as last year, film the event and put it up on both our school website and You Tube channel. This is disappointing but the risks remain significant so there has been no change to council policy on this matter and the risk assessment is too significant for any change to current procedures.

## Parental consultation meetings

On a more positive note we will have our parent-teacher consultations in school this year. There will be changes to how we operate the events this year and more classrooms will be used and we will have fewer people in the assembly hall, diner and social area as we can't have large gatherings of adults in one geographic area.

In relation to course choice consultation events for S2-3; S3-4 and S5-6, these will be provided virtually for parents/carers as we have done over the past few years.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Our extensive extra-curricular programme is now fully up and running and we launched an Extra-Curricular Fayre for our S1-3 pupils. Further details about the range of clubs is provided later within this newsletter.

## Columba 1400

This year we are working with an organisation called Columba 1400 to develop a range of skills for many of our S2 and S3 pupils. This programme involves a range of workshops focusing on leadership skills and the values underpinning effective leadership. There are workshops for pupils led by Columba 1400 staff and they will come into the school and work with pupils. There is an application process for pupils who wish to participate in a five day residential trip to the Isle of Skye with four of our teachers and staff from Columba 1400. Prior to this staff from Columba 1400 will come in for a day and work with the successful applicants before they embark on their residential trip. After the trip the young people involved will be launching a Leadership Academy within the school and driving forward some whole school initiatives. Further details about this initiative will appear in the next newsletter.

## S1 Residential Trip

Our S1 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in a day trip in their houses to develop positive relationships with others in their house through a variety of team-building activities. Letters have been issued and further details on this initiative will be provided in subsequent newsletters. It is hoped that this initiative will once again be a week long residential trip in future years, as it was before COVID impacted upon this provision.

## Pupil Equity Funding – Supports for pupils

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) is additional funding from the Scottish Government allocated directly to schools and targeted at closing the attainment gap. This funding aims to ensure that all young people have equal access to educational opportunities. Funding can be used at the discretion of the school to provide targeted support for young people within the Broad General Education (S1-S3) who are living in SIMD areas 1-4.

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) is a tool the Scottish Government use to identify the geographical areas in Scotland where people are most likely to experience disadvantage across different aspects of their lives including income, employment, health, education, access to services, crime and housing. It is important to note that SIMD ranking is based on geographical postcode and thus identifies deprived areas, not people.

Lenzie Academy has used some of this additional funding to purchase uniform items, stationery/organisational materials and hygiene products. There is a QR code outside of the upper and lower offices in the school. Pupils can scan this code and it will take them to a Microsoft Form that they can complete if they require any of these materials. Alternatively, pupils can request this support directly from their Guidance Teacher. Materials will then be issued discreetly to pupils where appropriate. Whilst these materials are primarily there for S1-S3 pupils living in SIMD areas 1-4, we appreciate the current economic climate is challenging for many families. Your child should speak to their Guidance Teacher in the first instance if any additional supports are required and we will try to accommodate this where possible. Parents can also make contact with the Guidance teacher to discuss potential supports.

Applications for Free School Meals & School Clothing Grants for academic year 2022-23 are now open. East Dunbartonshire Council has been allocated additional monies from the Scottish Government which means they have been able to double the School Clothing Grant to £300 per eligible secondary school child. This increase is aimed at helping families cope with the current cost of living increase and will be applicable only for the current academic year. Please note, the application form can be completed and submitted at any point throughout the academic year. The application form can be found on the East Dunbartonshire Council website or by clicking the following link:

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Please see our school website or the following link to access a support guide which talks you through the application form: <http://www.lenzieacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/media/14552/cost-of-the-school-day-fsm-and-clothing-grant-application-support.pdf>

Before the end of term, we issued out our Pupil Equity and Financial Supports for Families guide, which included information about where families can access additional financial support. We have included this again in this newsletter as the cost of living crisis continues.

If you'd like more information on PEF or SIMD, please see the relevant section of the school website - <http://www.lenzieacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/school-info/pupil-equity/> or contact Miss Provan via the school office – [office@lenzieacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:office@lenzieacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk)



## Pupil Equity and Financial Support for Families

In Lenzie Academy, we are wholly committed to supporting our pupils and the wider school community. This is particularly important right now given the cost of living crisis. As a result of this, many families are experiencing financial hardship for the first time, and financial circumstances are expected to worsen as we approach autumn and winter.

Within the school, we have a range of resource items available to pupils. These items include school uniforms, revision materials and hygiene products. Pupils should complete the Glow form using the QR code outside the upper and lower offices to request any items that are needed, or speak to their Guidance Teacher.

The links below provide information on financial supports available to families that may be of value.

**[The East Dunbartonshire Income Maximisation Service](#)** is available to all East Dunbartonshire residents and provides free confidential advice if you are experiencing any financial worries or hardships

### **[East Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau \(CAB\)](#)**

Money Talk Team – If you are experiencing financial worries or hardship, you can get advice from the East Dunbartonshire Money Talk Team to help ensure you are receiving all the money you're entitled to. The service can provide support and advice on:

- Money Advice
- Tax Credits & Benefits
- Consumer Debts
- Housing
- Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Telephone)

Advisers will check whether you are getting as much income as you possibly could and find ways that you could pay out less each month. For further information, call 0141 775 3220.

### **[School Clothing Grant and Free School Meals \(FSM\)](#)**

You will find additional support information to help with your application on our school website – Lenzie Academy website - Free School Meals and School Clothing Grant – [Support Guide](#)

Pupils eligible for a School Clothing Grant will receive a payment of £150 to help with the cost of uniform.

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals will be given a daily allowance (enough to purchase one full meal at lunchtime).

Applications for the 2022/23 school year should open during July.

### **[Education Maintenance Allowance \(EMA\)](#)**

EMA is a weekly payment of £30 to help support a student in education beyond the school leaving age of 16. Applications for the 2022/23 school year open at the beginning of July and are online only or alternatively you can contact the EMA section of Shared Services on [transport.ema@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:transport.ema@eastdunbarton.gov.uk) or telephone 0141 578 8947

### [Scottish Child Payment](#)

Scottish Child Payment is a weekly payment of £20 made to families on low incomes in Scotland who have children under 6 years of age. This can help towards the cost of supporting your family to be spent however you see fit.

### [Scottish Welfare Fund](#)

The Scottish Welfare Fund helps families and people in Scotland who are on low incomes with living costs. Support can be provided in the format of a crisis grant, self-isolation support grant or community care grant. You must be 16 or over and on a low income, or getting certain benefits, to apply for these grants.

### [Child Disability Payment](#)

Child Disability Payment provides support for the extra costs that a disabled child might have. You can also apply for Child Disability Payment if the disabled child does not have a diagnosis. This payment will be paid until the child is 18. The amount of the payment can vary dependent on circumstances. The rate of payment made is dependent on the level of need of the child.

### [Child Winter Heating Assistance](#)

Child Winter Heating Assistance was introduced by the Scottish Government. It is a payment to help disabled children and young people and their families with increased heating costs over the winter if they are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. It is paid once a year, usually from the end of November onwards. The payment for winter 2022-23 is £214.10.

### [Cold Weather Payment](#)

Cold Weather Payments will be made when the temperature in your area is either recorded as, or forecast to be, an average of zero degrees Celsius or below over 7 consecutive days. You must be in receipt of certain benefits to be eligible for a cold weather payment. You'll receive £25 for each 7 day period of very cold weather between 1 November and 31 March.

### [Discretionary Housing Payment \(DHP\)](#)

DHP can help if your rent isn't covered by your Housing Benefit or Universal Credit. DHP awards reflect the individual circumstances of each claimant and the amount of funds available at the time of the application.

### [Employment and Support Allowance \(ESA\)](#)

ESA is a benefit for adults whose ability to work is limited through ill health or disability. You can apply if you're employed, self-employed or unemployed. ESA awards vary dependent on whether the claimant is able to get back into work in the future or not.

### [Carer's Allowance](#)

Carer's Allowance is a benefit paid to people who spend at least 35 hours per week caring for someone – the person you care for must be in receipt of certain benefits for you to qualify for entitlement. Carer's Allowance is paid at a rate of £69.70 a week.

### [Carer's Allowance Supplement](#)

Carer's Allowance Supplement is an extra payment for people in Scotland who are in receipt of Carer's Allowance at certain times of the year. The next round of payment is £245.70 in December 2022 – you'll be entitled to this payment if you are in receipt of Carer's Allowance on 10 October 2022.

### [Young Carer Grant](#)

Young Carer Grant is available to young people aged 16-18 who have been caring for 1, 2 or 3 people for an average of 16 hours a week for at least the last 3 months. Young Carer Grant is a yearly payment of £326.65.

### [Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods](#)

Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods are payments that help towards the cost of being pregnant or looking after a child. Best Start Grant is made up of 3 one-off payments: pregnancy and baby payment, early learning payment and school age payment. Best Start Food is a prepaid card that can be used in shops or online to buy healthy foods like milk or fruit.

### [Independent Living Fund Scotland Transition](#)

Young people aged 15-25 with a disability or impairment can apply to the Transition Fund for money to help them take part in a new activity or learn a new skill. The most amount of money you can apply for is £4,000.

### [Job Start Payment](#)

Job Start Payments help with the costs of starting a new job. Young people or care leavers who have been out of work and/or in receipt of certain benefits. If your application is successful you'll get £267.65, or a higher payment of £428.25 if you're the main carer of any children.





# LENZIE ACADEMY PTA



Hello and a warm welcome back to all the to all the Children, Mums, Dads, Grans, Grandpas, Friends & Staff at Lenzie Academy. A very special hello to all the new children & parents of the school from Lenzie Academy PTA. Hope you all had a great summer.

## Who The PTA Are, What We Do, How Much We Raised & What We Bought

Lenzie Academy PTA are a very small & friendly group of parents & teachers who work hard organising fundraising events to raise much needed funds for all our children at Lenzie Academy. All the money raised from these events go directly to the school.

We have had an brilliant year last year & despite restrictions, held lots of fun events, raising a fantastic £7435.10 altogether!!!

With this amazing amount of money raised by you we bought the following huge range of resources in the last 2 years, enhancing our children's education & experiences at school;

- PE Department - £500 for new sports strips & £400 towards a visit & netball teaching session with The Sirens Netball Team
- £400 - S2 Science Fair
- £700 - S1 Bounce back day inflatables
- £300 - bus hire for Lennoxtown pupils to attend transition days
- Health Food & Technology Department - £50 for cake ingredients to provide cakes to all pupils taking part in Santa Dash, £400 for a Kenwood Stand Mixer, new cake tins & £1200 for 3 sewing machines
- Maths Department - £500 for scientific calculators.
- Modern Languages Department- £400 for a classroom projector & disk drive.
- Support for pupils / Geography / Biology - £350 for gardening equipment.
- Achievement awards, Outdoor education, gardening club and Eco club are just a few of the groups who will benefit from this spending. We look forward to seeing improvements in the green areas around the school.

- Art & Design Department - £250 for camera tripods to be used by Photography club.
- Positive Intervention - £1050 for 3 new laptops. All pupils across the school will have access to these laptops.
- Music Department - £3400 to purchase 20 x Casio Keyboards
- £1000 donation towards peace garden in The Quad
- £1200 LA branded re-useable face masks.
- £600 Leavers party for 6th years 2021
- £160 positive intervention chill out room

Hopefully, with your help, we will be able to buy even more great resources again this year. We will keep you posted...

## How You Can Help



**WE NEED YOU** to help us. You can do this in many different ways; come along to a meeting, send in ideas, be an event helper, make a donation and come to as many of our events as possible. We will send out requests for help, events & meeting notices throughout the year. We know that you can't help every time but if everyone helps a little bit we can make such a difference to all our children. Just do what you can.

Here are some easy ways you can support the PTA;

### **1. Donation** - You can send a donation either

- Via PayPal by going to the PTA website [www.lenzieacademypta.org.uk/](http://www.lenzieacademypta.org.uk/). Then click on "Donate" at the right hand side of the page. Please remember to type in your name in note section of PayPal so we know who the payment is from and select "Sending money to friend or family" option so no fee is charged to the PTA for your donation.

Or

- You can do send a donation by via electronic bank transfer to the following:  
Account name; "Lenzie Academy Parent Council - FOLA 125"  
Sort code; 87-37-71  
Account Number; 83405360  
Include your name as the reference

All donations big or small are greatly appreciated, however, we know how difficult things are for everyone right now, so please only donate if you can.

**2. Join the 500 Club** – A monthly draw with 2 cash prizes. This is our main fundraiser, donate between £2 and £10 by monthly standing order to be in with a chance to win. For more information, please see the flyer in the following pages.

**3. Easy Fundraising** - Please remember when shopping online you can raise money for Lenzie Academy at NO COST TO YOU! Lenzie Academy earns cash donations when people register to support us and shop online through the site. It's a really simple process, all you have to do is go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lenzieacademy](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lenzieacademy) every time you shop online. For more details, again please see the flyer attached.

**4. Save Aluminum Cans** – Please keep a hold of your aluminum drinks cans for us. We will arrange to collect them during the school year but are aiming to set up a collection point in the school grounds and can raise £100's of pounds this way.

**5. Buy Tickets to our Fundraisers.** - Please come along to as many of our events as possible. We recently held a Quiz Night but unfortunately only 21 parents came along on the night. **We really need more parents to support our events** to help us help all our kids & raise much needed money for Lenzie Academy.

**7. Raffle & Tombola Donations** – Every so often we request raffle prizes to be donated to help raise funds. The kids can either drop them in to the PI room or adults can drop them in to the school office. Please help by donating when you can.

**8. Join the PTA.** - WE NEED YOUR HELP! We only have a very small number of parents who regularly attend our meetings & help at events so urgently need new PTA members. We meet monthly, for 1 hour, to discuss how to raise money and how to spend it. It is good fun, we are a friendly bunch & everyone is welcome. So why not get involved & join us? Please get in touch either by sending an email to us at [lenzieacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:lenzieacademypta@gmail.com) or PM us on Facebook at [Lenzie Academy PTA - fola](#)



# PTA Contact Details

You can keep up to date with what the PTA are up to, events, meetings, fundraising, information & what is going on in & around the school in a number of different ways;

- Website - [www.lenzieacademypta.org.uk/](http://www.lenzieacademypta.org.uk/)
- Facebook – Please like [Lenzie Academy PTA - fola](#) on Facebook
- Twitter - Follow us on Twitter [@FOLA\\_LenzieAcad](#)
- Group Call Emails - PTA email notices circulated via Group Call from the school.
- Email - You can also contact us at any time via email at [lenzieacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:lenzieacademypta@gmail.com).

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with fundraising ideas, feedback or questions.



**Website - <https://www.lenzieacademypta.org.uk/>**  
**Facebook - [Lenzie Academy PTA - fola](#)**  
**Email - [lenzieacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:lenzieacademypta@gmail.com)**  
**Twitter - [@FOLA\\_LenzieAcad](#)**

**Keep your eyes peeled for  
more details about PTA Events  
& Meetings Coming Soon...**



**LENZIE ACADEMY PTA**



# THE 500 CLUB

## LENZIE ACADEMY PTA

**Join the 500 Club & you could win 1 of 2 monthly prizes.**

**New applications always welcome.**

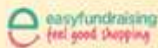
**Choose 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 chances in each months draw for £2 per chance. We assign you a number and that's it.**

**Two lucky winners each receive prizes of 15% of the proceeds of the 500 Club's monthly draw (currently around £55 each) 70% is retained by the PTA to benefit all pupils at Lenzie Academy. The more people who join, the bigger the monthly prize fund & the more we raise for all our children at Lenzie Academy.**

**Why not ask friends and family to join too.**

**It is really quick & easy to join. Just go to <https://www.lenzieacademypta.org.uk/500-club/> to join today.**

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**Raise FREE funds**  
for us every time you  
**Shop online**



## **Shop online to raise money for Lenzie Academy at NO COST TO YOU!**



Did you know you can raise money for Lenzie Academy simply by shopping online and it is **COMPLETELY FREE?**

We only have 6 parents currently signed up to Easyfundraising, so please join to help raise money for all our children. It costs nothing to you, but every time you shop online using Easyfundraising, you raise money for Lenzie Academy.

Lenzie Academy earns cash donations when people register to support us and shop online through the site. It's a really simple process, all you have to do is:

1. Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lenzieacademy/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lenzieacademy/)
2. Select "Support this cause"
3. Create Account, select "Continue with Apple", "Continue with Facebook", or "Continue with email"
4. Enter your details & create a password
5. Select "Create Account"
6. Select "Add donation reminder" or "No thanks"
7. Select "Next"
8. Type in the retailer you want to shop with & then "Shop now". You will then be directed to the retailer website you selected where you shop as you normally would.

There are over 5000 shops and sites will donate to Lenzie Academy at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, food, clothes, accessories, toiletries, jewellery, tech, experiences, insurance, electricals, homeware, groceries, book holidays, take out, insurance, switch energy providers or anything else!

Shop online at Amazon, Argos, Lego, Tesco, Sainburys, ASDA, John Lewis, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza and MANY, MANY MORE. These retailers will then donate much needed money to Lenzie Academy at **NO COST TO YOU** to say thank you for shopping with them.

Lenzie Academy is really struggling to fundraise at the moment as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. As we are all doing our shopping online during lockdown, this is a really simple and **FREE** way to support all our children during this difficult time.

What are you waiting for? It only takes 2 minutes to sign up. So before you next shop online, please sign up by heading to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lenzieacademy/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lenzieacademy/)

Spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is. Get shopping - it couldn't be easier!



## Cinema and Bowling

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the Maths department ran a trip to Showcase Cinema and Hollywood Bowling for 205 of our current S2 pupils. We saw the newly released film 'Lightyear' and enjoyed two games of bowling. An enjoyable day by all!





Lenzie Academy's Maths department will be participating in this year's Scottish Mathematical Challenges. This competition will be available for individual pupils in S2 and S3 to help develop and inspire an interest in Mathematics, and improve thinking and problem solving skills. Problem set one for both S2 and S3 will be displayed in the Maths corridor, with individual problem sheets being provided during class. Pupils wishing to submit an entry must do so unaided and return their efforts to their Maths teacher before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils entering have the opportunity to achieve Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates with top-winners usually invited to a prize giving ceremony. Successes in the Scottish Mathematical Challenges are a great way to enhance personal profiles and university applications. If you have any questions please speak to your Maths teacher.

## Well Good Water Project



Local Risk, Making Global Impacts  
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Lenzie Academy Mathematics department has recently linked up with the *Well-Good* water project. S1-S3 pupils can answer numeracy questions online to raise money via the *Well-good* Sponsorship which is used to fund clean water projects in the developing world. Nine international projects have

been funded so far by *Well-good* in Malawi, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Niger and Bangladesh. We will be encouraging our pupils to get involved because the more that pupils use *Well-Good* the more sponsorship they can generate!



***Ten correct answers roughly equate to one day's water for one person in the developing world.***

Further details regarding the funded projects can be found at [Projects – Well-Good](#).



## Football News

Congratulations to Finlay H (S4) who was selected to play in the Scotland Men's Under 16s International Friendlies on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September in Pinatar, Spain





## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Activity	Day/Time	Location	Teacher	Year Groups
Allies	Friday/Lunchtime	B2	Mrs McClure/ Ms Forrest/ Mrs Brooks	S1-S6
Anti-racist club	Friday/ Lunchtime	C14	Miss Munro	S1-S6
Art Homework Club	Wednesday/ 2.40pm	D5	Mrs Ward	S1-S6
Badminton	Monday/3.30pm	Games Hall	Miss Archibald/ Miss MacDonald	S1-S6
Band Club	Thursday/1.30pm	D7	Ms Dvorak	S1-S2
Basketball	Monday-Friday/ Lunchtime	Games Hall	Mr Goodfellow	S1-S6
Basketball	Wednesday/2.40pm	Games Hall	Mr Goodfellow	S1-S6
Benchball	Tuesday 3.30pm	PE dept	Miss MacNicol	S1-S6
Bike Maintenance Club	Wednesday/Lunchtime	T2	Mr Jarman/Mr Ortiz	S1-S3
Book Club	Thursday/ Lunchtime	Library	Mrs Barry	S1-S2
Business ethics club	Friday / Lunchtime	D16	Mrs McDonnell	S2-S3
Ceilidh Band	Monday/ 1.30pm	D7	Miss Donaldson	S1-S6
Cello Group/String group	Wednesday/2.40pm	D7	Mrs MacKay/ Ms Dvorak	S1-S6
Cheerleading	Wednesday/ 2.40pm	PE dept	Miss MacDonald	S1-S6
Chess	Friday/ Lunchtime	D14	Mr Metcalfe/ Miss Warnock	S1-S6
Computer Games Club	Monday- Friday/Lunchtime	T4	Mr McCaffery	S1-S6
Craft Club	Friday/Lunchtime	D3	Mrs Porter	S1
Creative Writing	Wednesday/Lunchtime	A3	Miss Kelly/Mr Quinn	S1-S6
Dance Club	Thursday/3.30pm	Girls Gym	Miss MacDonald/ Miss MacNicol	S1-S2
Dramarama	Tuesday/Lunchtime	A21	Miss Buchanan	S2
Dungeons and Dragons	Wednesday 2.40pm-4.00pm	A10b	Mr Bradley	S1-S6
Eco-group	Monday/Lunchtime	D14	Mr Cameron	S1-S3
Fair Trade	Monday/ Lunchtime	TBC	Miss Holland/ Mrs Davidson	S1-S6
Feminism Club	Friday/Lunchtime	A6	Miss Roy	S1-S6
Fitness club	Wednesday 7.30am	Fitness area	Mr Goodfellow	S1-S6
Girls Football	Wednesday/2.40pm	Astro pitch	Mr McNeil	S1-S6
Gymnastics	Monday/3.30pm	Girls Gym	Mrs Rae/ Miss MacNicol/ Miss Marshall	S1-S6
Homework Club	Monday-Friday/Lunchtime	B5	Mr Bradley/	S1-S6
International Film Club	Wednesday/Lunchtime	B17	Mrs Gibbons	S1-S2
Jazz Band	Thursday/3.30pm	D7	Mr McEwan	S1-S6
Junior Choir S1-S3	Wednesday/1.30pm	D9	Ms Primrose	S1-S3
Music Technology Club	Thursday 1.10pm	D8	Mr McEwan	S1-S3
Netball S1-S6	Thursday/3.30pm	Games Hall	Miss Marshall	S1-S6
Netball S1-S6	Tuesday/3.30pm	Games Hall	Miss Marshall/ Mrs Sutherland/ Miss Round	S1-S6
Photography Club	Tuesday/3,30pm	D1	Mrs Farquhar	S1-S6
Press Club	Monday / 3.30pm	A6	Miss Roy	S1-S6

Activity	Day/Time	Location	Teacher	Year Groups
Rugby S1/S2 boys+girls	Monday/4.00pm - 5.30pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Rankin	S1/S2
Rugby S1/S2 boys+girls	Wednesday/ 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Rankin	S1/S2
Rugby U15	Monday/5.30pm - 7.00pm	Rugby Club	Mr Rankin	S3
Rugby U15	Wednesday/4.30pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Rankin	S3
Rugby U16 + 18	Monday/7.00pm - 8.30pm	Rugby Club	Mr Rankin	S4/5/6
Rugby U16 + 18	Wednesday/7.30pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Rankin	S4/5/6
S1 Football	Wednesday/3.30pm	Astro pitch	Mr Imrie	S1
S1-3 recreational football	Tuesday 3.30pm	Astro	Mr Goodfellow	S1-S3
S2 Football	Thursday/3.30pm	Astro pitch	Mr McNeil	S2
S3 Football	Monday/3.30pm	Astro pitch	Mr Truesdale	S3
S4 Football	Games Only	N/A	Mr Walker	S4
S5/6 Football	Games Only	N/A	Mr Ortiz	S5/6
Saxophone Group	Friday/1.30pm	D7	Mr Carson	S1-S6
Science Club	Wednesday/ Lunchtime	S4	Mr Bailey, Miss Tung, Miss Round	S1
Scripture Union	Wednesday/Lunchtime	T8	Mrs Gaskin	S1-6
Senior Choir	Wednesday/1.30pm	D7	Mr McEwan	S4-S6
Sewing Club	Tuesday/3.40-4.40	A16	Miss Ross	S1-S2
STEM Leaders	TBC	TBC	Miss Gantly	S6
String Group	Tuesday/1.30pm	D9	Ms Dvorak	S1-S6
Table Tennis	Wednesday/2.40pm	Assembly Hall	Miss Shearer	S1-S6
Trampolining	Monday/3.30pm	Girls Gym	Miss Marshall/ Mrs Rae/ Miss MacNicol	S1-S6
Volleyball	Wednesday/2.40pm	Boys Gym	Mr McEwan	S1-S6
Wind Band	Tuesday/3.30pm	Diner	Mrs Brown /Ms Donaldson	S1-S6

## Dungeons and Dragons

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new D&D club went well. Clearly there's a demand for such a club from our young learners with such a fantastic turnout.



## Art & Design Department:

To view our annual Higher and National 5 expressive exhibition please visit the Lenzie Academy's, Twitter page, then click on the link. Remember, to keep checking this link as exhibition links for Higher Photography, Higher Design and Advanced Higher folios shall be posted in the next few months.

## Juna N Joey

On 30<sup>th</sup> August, S1 and S2 attended year group assemblies that focussed on health and wellbeing. Country music duo Juna N Joey, originally from Florida and now living in Nashville, performed some songs they have written and shared advice on mental health, cyberbullying and body image issues. Pupils had the opportunity to ask the musicians some questions. Some pupils chose to take part in the meet and greet.





### **Overview of DYW**

DYW stands for Developing the Young Workforce and was introduced by the Wood Commission for the Scottish Government in 2014 with the 7 year aim of reducing youth unemployment.

### **DYW Staff Mentoring Programme**

In session 2021/22 we piloted a staff mentor scheme, where a number of staff members have volunteered to work one-to-one with pupils who require a little extra support for applying to jobs, college or apprenticeships and with writing of personal statements and CV's. This was very successful and a number of pupils went on to gain positions at college or in the world of work as a result. For session 2022/23 we have a higher number of staff volunteers who are keen to work with some more pupils and we are hugely appreciative of their time and dedication to this.

They will be working closely in partnership our Skills Development Scotland (SDS) Careers advisors (Rona Kinsman and Lesley Forester) as well as Caroline Shirreffs, the schools' Youth Development Worker and the Guidance team.

### **Employer engagement**

Last session, there were a number of employer engagement opportunities on offer to pupils including presentations from McLaughlin & Harvey, JP Morgan, CCG, the Army recruitment centre and a number of employers for Scottish Apprenticeship Week. Due to the covid restrictions that continued for most of last session these were largely virtual. However, this year we are looking forward to more in-person opportunities! We have already organised representatives from AG Barr to present to selected pupils in S4-6 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September and hold a CV writing workshop. Pupils will then be given the opportunity to take part in a job application and interview process with an opportunity to complete a week-long internship with the company.

We have established an excellent working partnership with construction firm, McLaughlin & Harvey over the past year, with two of last year's S5 pupils (Alan M and Euan P) completing work experience with them on the back of their school engagement. Alan went on to complete a summer work placement and has now secured a pre-apprenticeship contract with one of their sub-contractors. Well done Alan! The company were so impressed that they are working with the school this year to provide a 4 part 'Careers in Construction' programme that will include a site visit and visit to a training site.

Employer opportunities and work experience are also regularly advertised via the S4, 5 & 6 Teams pages, Twitter, period 2 communications and group call to parents by Ms Byres or Mrs McNab. Please keep an eye out for these if there is anything your child might be interested in and forward their names to either Ms Byres, Mrs McNab or their Guidance teacher.

### **How can you help as a parent/guardian?**

- ✓ Have conversations with your child about what they want to do.
- ✓ Use any interest they have as a starting point to discuss options i.e. they might only like a particular subject at the moment.
- ✓ Make sure they are registered on [myworldofwork.co.uk](https://myworldofwork.co.uk) and fill in their profile.



- ✓ Explore the 'My Career Options' on myworldofwork.co.uk tool to match their subjects, skills and strengths to a variety of job profiles.
- ✓ Help them through transitional times with aspirational and realistic advice, i.e. subject choices, applying for further and higher education.

There is some excellent 'in a nutshell' links on the National Parent Forum of Scotland that explain some options that your child has when they leave school:

**Skills** – <https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/skills-in-a-nutshell/>

**Career Education** - <https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/career-education-a-world-of-possibilities/>

**Apprenticeships**- <https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/apprenticeships-in-a-nutshell/>

**Career Conversations** –

[https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2017/04/career\\_conversations\\_JAN17\\_E.pdf](https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2017/04/career_conversations_JAN17_E.pdf)

***\*If you or someone you know works for a local enterprise that can offer employer engagement with young people (this can be careers talks, workshops, application and interview advice or work experience) please get in touch with Ms Byres. It is always helpful to have as many employer links as possible to widen the scope of opportunities for our young people!***

## Work Experience

Due to the relaxation of most covid restrictions, pupils can participate in face-to-face work experience placements again during session 22/23.

S4 pupils have the opportunity to participate in a day's work placement on Thursday 13 October 2022. To date over half of the year group have managed to secure placements in a range of workplaces including construction companies, primary schools and accountancy firms.

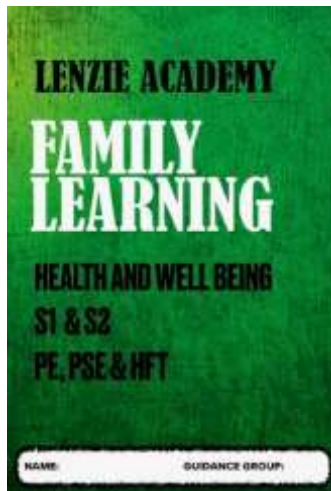
This experience will be offered to S5 pupils in January 2023 and to S6 pupils on a Tuesday afternoon during February and March 2023.

In addition to this, DYW opportunities and virtual experiences are posted on year group teams pages on a weekly basis. If pupils are interested in any of these experiences they should see Mrs McNab (PT Guidance).

## Family Learning at Lenzie Academy

Family Learning is learning that takes place among family members and friends, including parents, grandparents and carers. It's about discovering and exploring things together.

Families teach us the most important things in life. Both children and grownups can help each other achieve more by doing activities together. Family fun isn't just for parents and children – dads, mums, stepparents, carers, aunts, uncles and grandparents can all join in. The more family members you can have joining in, the bigger the difference you can make.



### ***Family Learning Activities***

Throughout this year we will be introducing family learning task booklets to pupils. Our first booklet has a focus on Health and Wellbeing and we are encouraging all families to participate in our monthly challenges starting in September.

### ***Family Learning Events***

We will be running a senior phase curricular information & study skills evening after the October assessments have been completed. The purpose of the evening is to provide parents with information about certificated subjects regarding the course content and assessment procedures throughout the year.

