

Welcome to the last newsletter of session 2023-4. It has been a very busy and hugely rewarding year for the school. In the May / June period, we have had our S4-6 pupils' sit their exams and we hope and expect that they will do very well. Our new S1 pupils for next year made several visits to the school culminating in their two-day transition event, which was very successful. Our new school timetable started on Monday 3 June and we have had a huge number of trips

I have been exceptionally busy interviewing for a wide array of teaching posts within the school. In total 23 new teachers will be joining the school - either in a new position through internal promotion; joining us permanently or on a temporary basis from other schools or joining us as Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) to work with us for a year during their probationary period. I will give full details of all new appointments in the first newsletter of next session. Of course, as new people join the school, others depart and we thank everyone who is leaving us for the excellent contributions to the school during session 2023-4. Again, I will give a more detailed overview of staffing in the next newsletter.

In this newsletter the common themes running through all the articles relate to our young people excelling in various areas and teachers providing young people with a wide variety of ways to enhance their educational experiences beyond the classroom e.g. through trips, competitions, volunteering opportunities and getting visiting speakers into school to highlight the importance of career pathways. It is a very comprehensive newsletter full of interesting articles.

On behalf of the staff of the school may I extend our good wishes and hope that all pupils and their parents / carers has a lovely summer break.

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Youth and Philanthropy Initiative

The **Youth and Philanthropy Initiative**, also known as **YPI**, teaches secondary school students the fundamentals of philanthropy, and gives students the opportunity to play a direct role in making a financial grant to a local, grassroots social service organization in their own community. The winning S3 group of YPI at Lenzie Academy successfully awarded the charity *Cycling Without Age* a grant of £3000 to help enrich and enhance the lives of our elderly citizens.



The winning group had the privilege of attending the YPI National Event 2024 held in the Perth Concert Hall on Wednesday 12 June. This was a fantastic celebration of youth voice, advocacy and philanthropy through thought-provoking presentations, dance, music, poetry, and speeches. It was inspiring to see the impact the YPI project has for communities across Scotland through numerous philanthropic donations, and the sense of purpose and fulfilment given to so many young people who engaged meaningfully in YPI.

Pupil Success

Volunteering

Tuesday 4 June was the **Power of Youth Day** and as an **#iwill school** we celebrated it in two ways.

1. Four of our S6 pupils who have already amassed over 2000 hours of volunteering between them and are working towards completing their Platinum Youth Achievement awards are being presented with Saltire Summit Awards at EDVA offices in the afternoon.
2. From 6.30pm on the same evening, the new S4 will be celebrating their Youth Philanthropy initiative with a grand final where 5 teams will compete against each other to win the £3000 from The Wood Foundation for their chosen charity. The evening is being hosted by LACE events with the new S4 pupils providing hospitality and entertainment.



Many of these pupils are working towards their Dynamic Youth Awards/Bronze Youth Achievement Awards as well as Saltire Awards for Volunteering which will be presented at our Celebration of Character on the evening of 28th August.

EDC's Pupil Forum Celebration Event

On Friday 14 June, we will have two Lenzie Academy pupils in attendance at EDC's Pupil Forum Celebration Event – Fiona, new 4IG2 and Stuart, new 4MK2. These two pupils have represented the school at a number of EDC CRC events throughout the session.

Each pupil will receive a 3* Dynamic Youth Award (DYA) SCQF Level 3 and, going forward, they progress to a Bronze YAA.

Athletics

Lenzie Academy pupils won the Springburn Harriers schools invitational athletics competition Tuesday 4 June at Huntershill. Great achievement from all pupils who took part.



Glasgow Kelvin College

We were delighted to attend Glasgow Kelvin College Summer awards at Glasgow City Chambers to celebrate the outstanding achievements of two Lenzie Pupils. Georgina received the course prize for Foundation Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering. Jessica received the course prize for N5 Psychology.



S1 Boys' Rugby

S1 Boys' Rugby Team Win The Double



Congratulations to the S1 boys' rugby team that were not content with winning the schools' cup competition run by West of Scotland Rugby Club, but also came home with the bowl as well. The boys were undefeated across three days of competition in April, May and June. The main prize on offer was the cup, but Lenzie revealed the depth of their squad when asked if they could field another team on the final day to participate in the bowl as well. The fact that they won both competitions shows that the future of rugby in Lenzie is bright. Well done to all the players and coaches involved. A great effort.

EDC Track & Field

At this year's EDC Track & Field, Lenzie were very successful again coming first place out of all schools competing from East Dunbartonshire. This is the second year in a row that we have secured first place.

On the day we had several pupils from S1-S3 who took part in variety of track and field activities placing each time.

Well done!



S6 Induction day

S6 completed their induction day, where they carried out team building and leadership tasks. They also wrote a mission statement and values for their house and planned tasks they wish to carry out in the coming year.



Sports Day

Our Sports day results were as follows

S1 Boys Sports Day



1st place R Gilmour
2nd place G McNaught
3rd place M McQuade

S1 Girls Sports Day



1st place C Doyle
2nd place M Johnstone
3rd place T Ola

S2 Boys Sports Day



1st place K Pittner
2nd place F Smith
3rd place G Chikwezvero

S2 Girls Sports Day



1st place C Hardie
2nd place N Uti
3rd place J Udaigwe

S3 Boys Sports Day



1st place R Borthwick
2nd place T Gardner
3rd place D Jarvie

S3 Girls Sports Day



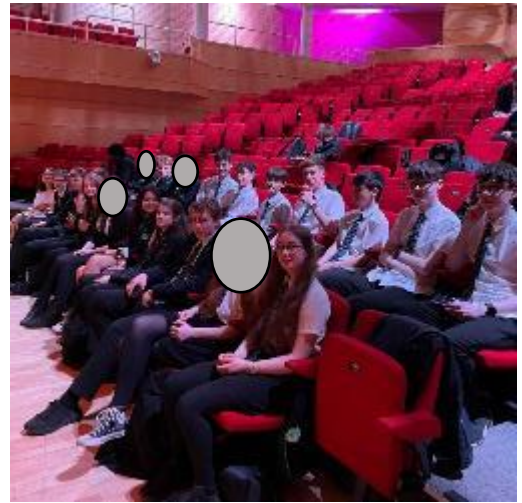
1st place E Doyle
2nd place S Smith
3rd place H Stewart

Performing Arts News

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland – Summer Serenade Concert

At the end of S3, I went on a trip with the Music department to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to watch a musical performance by their students. It was a great performance and included many different styles, many of which we had learned about in S3. It was a great performance and the trip helped me to better understand the musical instruments and styles that we had learned about throughout the year.

Daniel D. S4



Cluster Wind Band Rehearsal



Towards the end of term, 15 of our Primary 7s visited us to take part in a “Come and Play” rehearsal with the Wind Band. The Primary 7s played alongside our older pupils and Mr Carson and Ms Earnshaw from the Instrumental Music Service. The highlight of the afternoon was being able to play a version of William Tell! A big thank you to Miss Donaldson for taking the rehearsal and Mr McEwan and Mrs Edwards for playing along too. We look forward to welcoming our talented new pupils in August and look forward to seeing them at future Wind Band rehearsals after the summer.



Kellogg's S1 Apprentice Challenge

S1 pupils recently took part in an Apprentice Challenge, where their entrepreneurial skills were put to the test. The challenge, designed to inspire creativity and teamwork, required pupils to create a new product idea for the global brand Kellogg's. The pupils' tasks included designing the product, creating packaging, developing a catchy name, and planning promotional advertisements for radio and TV. Additionally, they decided on the product's market placement and pricing strategies.



Each class initially pitched their innovative ideas to their peers, and the top teams went head to head with their year group. The final pitch saw the best of the best presenting in front of a panel of judges, comprising Mr. McClune (S1 DHT), Ms. Munro (S6 DHT), and Mr. Hughes (PT English). The judges evaluated the content of the presentations, the students' presentation skills, and the overall appeal of their product ideas.



1.6 successfully secured first place with a well-rounded product pitch. However, the competition was so close that the judges declared a tie for second place, with classes 1.10 and 1.1 both impressing the panel equally. 1.5 rounded out the top ranks in third place. The challenge not only showcased the students' ability to work collaboratively under pressure but also highlighted their innovation and marketing expertise.

The event concluded with a celebratory recognition of all participants, recognising their hard work and dedication where pupils were awarded prizes at their year group assembly. Well done to all the S1 pupils who worked extremely hard to showcase their new product ideas. We look forward to seeing more of your entrepreneurial skills in the future.



London Dance Trip

The pupils of Lenzie Academy had a fantastic time down in London. They experienced three dance workshops in Pineapple dance studios alongside professional choreographers. The London bus tour allowed them to visit all the famous landmarks and were singing along to Mamma Mia in the Novella theatre. The pupils were an absolute credit to Lenzie and made jumping on and off the busy London tube with a group of 56 a breeze! Miss MacNicol and the staff would like to thank the pupils for their behaviour over the full weekend and making the trip such a success!



S1 Trip to Sky Studios

At the end of May, 60 S1 pupils headed to Sky Studios, where they had an opportunity to delve into the world of media production and explore the fascinating field of artificial intelligence (AI). Our students were divided into teams, each tasked with creating their own news reports focusing on the impact of AI. The teams researched various aspects of AI, then created news stories to bring their learning to life. Various roles were given to pupils such as director, reporter, and costuming to ensure each pupil contributed to the overall success of the news report. Each group got their own studio and were in charge of using the equipment and producing their reports.



The second part of our visit was the opportunity for students to get hands-on experience with video editing and use a range of different technological software. Guided by professionals at Sky Studios, pupils were introduced to advanced editing software and techniques, allowing them to add special effects, and enhance the overall quality of their videos. The trip to Sky Studios was a great experience and allowed our students to explore a range of new technology whilst enhancing their learning from the classroom. The pupils showed great enthusiasm on the day and the final news reports were excellent.



Art Residency - Dolphin House



Art Residency - Dolphin House June 2024



What an end to the last week of the summer term when 14 pupils from the Art and Design department and 3 staff headed “doon the watter”, to the stunning Ayrshire coast. Staying under the sea cliffs of Culzean Castle within the outdoor residence of Dolphin House, pupils were treated to a variety of arts-based workshops including, eco-printing, bas relief casting, frottage, gelli-printing and plein-air beach sketching. On day one, pupils visited the castle to learn about the Kennedy family, viewing the stunning architecture, paintings and ornamental ceilings all designed by Robert Adam. An evening visit to the adventure playpark was a highlight for all and particularly for the staff who braved the zipline! On day 2, pupils developed archery skills within the boat house on the beach, finishing late into the evening with songs around the campfire. Calvin (previously taught a long time ago by Mrs Porter), one of our instructors ensured no one slept in with his funky chicken wakeup calls.

By the time the minibus arrived back in Lenzie everyone was ready for a long rest, but with memories and artworks that will last a lifetime.

By The Dolphins a sub-division of Team Porter



Barcelona Trip May 2024 -

On the 11th of May 2024 at 2.00am, excited pupils attending the yearly S3 Barcelona Trip met at Lenzie Academy to get the bus to Prestwick Airport for our flight to Barcelona. The flight left at 5.40am and took 2 hours and 45 minutes but it passed by very quickly as most of us fell asleep very easily after our early start!



We arrived at El Prat Airport and before we knew it we were on the bus heading to our hotel in Salou. No one could hide their excitement! Eventually a few of us fell asleep again although we couldn't wait to get to the hotel to check it out. We arrived at our hotel and were given rooms on the first floor. The rooms were so nice with massive showers, balconies overlooking the pool and big glass sliding doors with the beautiful sun shining through. After settling into our rooms we headed down to the beach for some food and free time as we had been travelling for nearly 12 hours! Later, we went back to the hotel to try out the pool and after dinner we went for a long walk. By the time we returned to the hotel we were shattered and went straight to bed for an early start the next day.



On day two we had an early start. We had breakfast in the hotel and then hopped on our bus to Barcelona. We visited the Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's church. We might even get to go back one day to see it finished! We also visited Gaudi's Parc Guell where we were able to explore and get an ice cream. To round off the day we went to Mare Magnum for some food before going back to the hotel for some free time in the pool and dinner.



Day three was the day we had all been waiting for, Port Aventura theme park! It was a lovely sunny day and the rides were all amazing. It was such a fun day! That night we also took a nice walk down to the sea front for some photos and free time.



Day four was our last full day in Barcelona but another one we were all looking forward to. We visited La Rambla and took the opportunity to practise our Spanish in La Boqueria market and Sephora of course! Unfortunately it was torrential rain and we all got soaked but it was still a wonderful experience. Previous trips have visited the Nou Camp stadium, home to FC Barcelona however as it is going through extensive renovations we decided to visit their smaller neighbours

instead, RCD Espanyol. We were given a personal stadium tour and enjoyed our time getting access to all the parts of the stadium you never get to see and drying off after getting soaked earlier! We returned to the hotel and of course, the sun was splitting the sky so we took the opportunity to have a final swim in the pool.



On our last night we had dinner and a relaxed night. We went for a walk, an ice-cream and bought some final presents for our parents before starting our packing for the trip home.

Day five was the worst part as we sadly had to go home. We were able to have our first long lie as the bus was collecting us a bit later. We were all exhausted on the way home after a jam packed trip and we were glad to see our parents when we returned to Lenzie.



We would all recommend a visit to Barcelona as it is a fantastic city and we hope to return again one day soon! by Erica 4IG2 and Annabelle 4MT1

Thank you to all the teachers for making the trip such a great experience! by Erica 4IG2 and Annabelle 4MT1

S2 Geography trip

Our class was studying the 'Earth Forces' topic, looking at natural disasters and the science behind earthquakes and volcanoes. As part of our studies we visited Dynamic Earth and Arthur's seat. Going out and learning about a topic is different than just learning about it in a classroom and that was beneficial because it helped us to learn in a fun way. The trip was an amazing experience, especially in Dynamic Earth because of the interesting interactive environment. Such as an earthquake room, where we experienced how an earthquake could potentially feel like in real life and the ice age room where we got to touch a pretend glacier.



Climbing up Arthur's Seat was a long journey but it was all worth it at the end because of the stunning views of the city of Edinburgh. Overall we had a blast at Dynamic Earth and Arthur's Seat, it shows different ways on how the earth is changing. Our favourite part was the show dome reassuring us not to panic in the face of natural disasters. We would definitely recommend this trip for to future S2 pupils

East Dunbartonshire Council EAL Group

Lenzie Academy and St Ninian's High School Cultural Project – Getting to know Glasgow

- Pupils worked together to research various places of interest in Glasgow.
- They decided that they'd like to go to Lenzie Moss, Kelvingrove Art Galleries and the Riverside Museum.
- Many thanks to Mrs Davidson for attending the Lenzie Moss walk, Miss Ness and Mr McEwan for driving the minibus and Miss Munro for attending the Riverside Museum.

Lenzie Moss Nature Trail – 16th May



Kelvingrove Art Galleries – 23rd May



Riverside Museum – 30th May



Architect Steven Strang - visit

On Thursday 13th June, we had a visit from the architect Steven Strang, who owns S2 Architecture in Bishopbriggs. He spoke to us about the career, College/University course requirements and his own experience as an Architect. He told us about his time in school, choosing Graphic Communication as a subject and how he even considered becoming a teacher, but later was inspired to become an Architect and spent 12 years working towards building his own architectural practice. He spoke about his current work on the Seven Sisters Manors in Lenzie, covering how they acquired planned permission from East Dunbartonshire Council, showing us the preliminary sketches to the 3D Modelling designs. He explained how the different buyers have chosen their own unique layout depending on their family circumstances.



Steven also told us about the company's journey to being nominated as 'Best Architects' at the Scottish Home Improvement awards in 2021, and even spoke about offering some job experience to the pupils working to become an Architect here at Lenzie Academy.

Peace, Olivia and Isla Katie – S4 Graphic Communication

Martin Creed – Artwork

Martin Creed, British artist, composer and performer was in Lenzie Academy on Saturday 1st April 2023,

At that time, Martin gifted artwork to the school following the assistance given by staff on filming part of his biography at Lenzie Academy. Martin is a former pupil of the school and Turner prize winner and was happy for the school to auction his work in order to raise funds for the school. His art, pictured below, raised £250 at auction last week.





LACE's Activities in May & June

Youth Philanthropy Initiative



S3 began this skills project by attending a charity speed date where they asked representatives from a number of local charities what they could spend £3000 on to benefit the local community.

In small teams pupils had to agree upon a social issue and then identify a charity that felt supported people affected by that issue. Researching OSCR registered charities and contacting them to establish a connection before creating an informative and creative presentation was the next stage of the process. They had to learn how to collaboratively produce a PowerPoint online and present it to their class

Five teams were selected for the grand final held on 4th June.



The Power of Youth Day



The Power of Youth Day recognises the contributions that young people make in volunteering and community engagement. LACE has pledged to encourage as many pupils as possible to work "with others and for others" and we are nationally recognised as doing so.

Sarah, LACE's Executive Coordinator, received her Saltire Summit Award from EDVA in the afternoon. Four of our senior pupils have gained this national recognition this year.

Sarah's last role as Executive Co-ordinator was to join the Judges at YPI night along with guest judge Mrs Elliott, Mr Paterson and the stage crew from LACE events Waseem, Jack and Ewan.



The Annual final is completely run by the new S4 demonstrating the skills they have developed in the Broad General Education. - From Front of House, Hospitality and entertainment provided by **Performing Arts and Dance Leaders**



Representing 5 of the local charities supported by the year group



*Scottish Association for
Mental Health*



Cycling Without Age



Refuweegee



- Hearing Dogs for the Deaf



Children's hospices across Scotland

The winning charity for 2024 was Cycling Without Age



Having gained the £3000 from The Wood Foundation for Cycling Without Age, Alex, Charley, Fiona and Jamie are now encouraging all of Lenzie to join together to raise additional funds for Lenzie's own Trishaw



Other Volunteering opportunities



Some of our senior pupil used study leave to work on their Dynamic Youth Award by developing skills in the community. They attended the dementia friendly singing group and the senior games club held in Lenzie Old Parish Church hall and helped to strengthen the intergenerational activity that LACE encourages throughout the year. Pupils engaged with the various activities and then helped to clear up at the end of each afternoon



Refuweegee, one of our YPI partner charities is asking for donations of old and discarded school bags



If you are replacing your child's school bag this holiday their charity would love you to donate their old one so they can fill it with supplies for Glasgow's refugee community.



We are now preparing for the Celebration of Character



Any family of a pupil who has gained a Wider Achievement award will be invited to see their child have this award formally presented on the evening of 28th August at Lenzie Academy. This popular event is pupil run and gives people a chance to celebrate our school values of ambition and inclusion.



Look out for LACE in STV Children's Appeal Big Scottish Breakfast 2024 APPEAL

**THANK
YOU**

Lenzie Academy PTA



We would like to say AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU to all the Children, Mums, Dads, Grans, Grandpas, Friends, Businesses & the Amazing Staff who have helped us so much this year at Lenzie Academy PTA. Hope you all had a great school year.

How Much The PTA Have Raised & What We Have Bought

We have had yet another fantastic year with lots of fun events. We have held a Quiz Night, a Sponsored Santa Dash, a Race Night, 2 Online Raffles and a Doughnut sale. We have also raised money by being rewarded a Co-op Local Community Cause, by people joining The 500 Club & by using Easyfundraising when shopping online.



This school year we have raised a staggering £11,915 altogether!!!

With this fantastic amount of money raised we have bought a huge range of resources, enhancing our children's education at school across every year group and every department;

- Library Books - £158.23
- Laptop & Editing Software - £565.99
- Science Club Equipment - £200
- Science Equipment & Laboratory on Wheels for the Chemistry Department - £1950
- Celebration of Culture Heritage - £465
- Go Pro Cameras & Hard Drives - £150
- 3 year subscription to Online Maths Workout - £435
- Geography Clinometer Equipment - £65
- Wider Achievements - £50

- Transportation for School Trips and Sporting Events - £2000
- Transportation for Netball Event - £125
- PE Kits - £1002
- Geography Animal Man & a Mini Zoo to visit the school for a whole day - £400
- Science Fair - £600
- Bounce Back Day - £500
- Equipment & food for the Columbia 1400 Leadership Academy - £140
- Fischertechnik Gear Class Set to allow active learning within Engineering Science - £330
- PE Entry Fee Costs for pupils entering Scottish School Athletics - £300
- YPI Hospitality donation for students catering for LACE Events - £120
- Art and Design Equipment - £65
- Music Department iMac, Headphones, Digital Interface & Recording Programme - £1602
- Folders for New S1 Pupils - £589.25

That equates to a grand total of £11,812.47 spent this year alone!

With continuing budget cuts, the PTA & our fundraising is becoming more & more important. As you can see from the list of items above, we are now being requested to purchase resources which are essential for pupils' education, as well as more fun items such as trips & experiences.

Hopefully, with your help, we will be able to buy even more great resources next 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/. Then click on "Donate" icon on 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

- 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, where you can donate between £2 and £10 by monthly standing order to be in with a chance to win. New applications always welcome. The more people who join, the bigger the monthly prize fund & the more we raise for all our children at Lenzie Academy. So 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.

For more information, please see the flyer in the following pages.

3. Chose Lenzie Academy as Your Local Co-op Community Cause - We are delighted to have been chosen as a Co-op Local Community Cause.

We have raised an amazing £1,085.03 already just by people selecting Lenzie Academy PTA as their Co-op Local Community Cause.

Parents, family, friends and everyone in the local community can raise money for Lenzie Academy PTA just by selecting Lenzie Academy PTA as their Co-op Local Community Cause.

Please help us raise much needed funds for Lenzie Academy by these 2 easy steps:

1. Register at: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/register>

2. Go directly to our cause page at

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/78294> then "Choose this Cause"

Or scan the QR Code

Or go to <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/> then select "Lenzie Academy PTA (Lenzie Academy Parent Council)"

The more people who sign up & select Lenzie Academy PTA as their cause, the more we can raise for all our children at Lenzie Academy, so please share with your friends & family too.

But we are only a Co-op Local Community Cause until October, so please join up now!

For more details, again please see the flyer attached.

4. 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 every time you shop online.

For more details, again please see the flyer attached.

5. Buy Tickets to our Fundraisers. - Please come along to as many of our events as possible. We recently held a Race Night but unfortunately only 43 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.

6. 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.

7. Buy Raffle Tickets – We organize online raffles making it is even easier for you to win some fantastic prizes as well as help raise money for our school.

8. Buy Doughnuts – Doughnut Day is organized at the end of the school year. We sell Krispy Kreme Doughnuts as a wee treat for everyone but also as a final fundraiser. Boxes of Doughnuts can be pre ordered online but we also sell individual doughnuts to the pupils in school. They are delicious!

9. Join the PTA. - WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE ONLY HAVE 5 PARENTS WHO REGULARLY ATTEND MEETINGS & HELP AT EVENTS, therefore, WE URGENTLY NEED NEW PTA MEMBERS.

WE CANNOT RAISE MUCH NEEDED MONEY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN AT LENZIE ACADEMY WITHOUT MORE PEOPLE. WE NEED A NEW CHAIR, SECRETARY & GENERAL PTA MEMBERS. SO WHY NOT DO SOMETHING GREAT & JOIN US.

We are a small, friendly & supportive group, it is good fun & everyone is welcome. We meet monthly to discuss how to raise money and how to spend funds. We know that you can't attend every meeting or help every time but if you can spare some time, it can make such a difference to all our children. Just come along when you can.

So please join us & come along to our AGM & First Meeting of the school year on Thursday 5th September, 6.30-8pm in the Library at Lenzie Academy. Really looking forward to seeing you all then.

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You can also get in touch with us at any time either by sending an email to us at lenzieacademypta@gmail.com or PM us on Facebook at [Lenzie Academy PTA](#).

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/
- Facebook – Please like [Lenzie Academy PTA](#) on Facebook
- Twitter - Follow us on Twitter [@PTA_LenzieAcad](#)
- Group Call Emails - PTA email notices circulated via Group Call from the school.
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Good Bye, Good Luck & Have a Lovely Summer

Lastly, good luck to all the kids & staff who are leaving Lenzie Academy. We will miss you all!

Sadly, our PTA Chair, Chad, is also leaving as his daughter graduates from Lenzie Academy. We would like to say a big thank you to Chad for all his hard work over the last few years.

Looking forward to more fun PTA events next year for the pupils, parents, families & friends. Remember all the money raised from these events will go directly to the school. More details to follow...

We hope everyone has a lovely summer & see you after the holidays.

Lenzie Academy PTA

**New Members
Urgently Needed!**

**JOIN
LENZIE
ACADEMY
PTA**



LENZIE ACADEMY PTA AGM & MEETING

**THURSDAY
5TH SEPT 6.30-8PM AT LENZIE
ACADEMY**

**HELP, YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!
APPEAL FOR NEW PTA MEMBERS**

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PEF – Equity

Pupil Equity Funding Background

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

Applications for Free School Meals & School Clothing Grants for the upcoming academic year 2024-25 will open on the afternoon of June 26th 2024 (once the current academic year has ended). More information regarding this, and the application form when available, can be found by clicking the following link: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Please note that you must submit a new application for Free School Meals and/or School Clothing Grants each year. You can submit an application at any time throughout the academic year if your circumstances change.

For the 2024-25 academic year, the School Clothing Grant is £150 per eligible secondary school child.

For the 2023-24 academic year, those in receipt of Free School Meals also received additional financial support during five holiday periods over the academic year – October mid-term 2023, Christmas 2023, February mid-term 2024, Easter 2024 and Summer 2024.

If there are any changes for the upcoming academic year, information will be available on the webpage above.

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/school-info/uniform/>

Blazer Swap Shop

We continue to run our 'Blazer Swap Shop'. We accept donations of blazers that no longer fit at any time throughout the academic year. These blazers can be handed in to the school office at any time.

Recycled blazers can be ordered at any time via the online form, accessed [here](#). You will receive a confirmation email to advise if we have your requested blazer size available, or to offer an alternative size.

Pupils can then collect their recycled blazers from the lower office. If donating a blazer, this can be handed in to the office at the same time.

Request for application support

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 – office@lenzieacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

