



Welcome to the latest newsletter, which covers the months of April and May. April is when our senior pupils in S4, S5 and S6 go on SQA study leave. This allows staff within the school to engage as SQA markers, verifiers and setters. Many of our teachers work in various positions with the SQA and they have to go out to various meetings prior to marking SQA scripts. It also allows the school to engage in other activities that we could not normally do due to class cover arrangements.

We had a number of trips scheduled for SQA study leave time both local and to other parts of the world. We engaged in lots of curricular enrichment activities during this time. We introduced our S1 pupils to a Bounce back day, which aims to promote resilience and help them with strategies to overcome challenges they may face. Our S2 participated in our annual Science Fair and our S3 pupils engage in their electives and work on the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI). Through YPI, all pupils engage with charities and find out about what work they do and how they positively influence their chosen cause as well as wider society. As well as all of this, we have prepared for the new timetable, which started on Monday 2 June.

Across April and May we said goodbye to our S6 pupils as they leave for employment, college or university. On Thursday 24 May we spent a wonderful last day with our S6 pupils. It was such a pleasure to see 180 young people enjoy their last day. I don't think I've ever signed so many school shirts. Their final event as a year group was their graduation on Friday 30 May at 5.30pm where all the young people, dressed for their Prom and joined by their parents/carers arrived at the school for a brief reception and thereafter we went on to the Westerwood Hotel for their Prom. It was a lovely evening and an excellent way for staff within the school to bid farewell to an excellent year group. More than 30 staff attended the Prom, a testament to the high regard in which this year's S6 is held.

In May we also had our P7 Induction days so as we bid farewell to our S6 pupils we also welcomed next year's S1 pupils. These induction days are the culmination of many short visits that happen across Primary 6 and particularly Primary 7. We welcomed nearly 240 young people on Wednesday 21 May and Thursday 22 May. All pupils got to spend time with their guidance teachers and followed a secondary timetable for two days – getting used to a new environment and moving to different locations within the building after every period. Our S3 mentors acted as guides to our P7 pupils and they will do so again when the young people arrive in August. In May we had a visit from a number of staff from Perth High School who were keen to engage with us in light of our recent experience of an Education Scotland inspection. In total 10 staff came down for the day to engage with many of our staff to discuss learning and teaching approaches, curricular structures and a wide variety of other areas. They will be moving into a new school in August 2025 and they have invited us up to have a look around their new building, which will be helpful to us when engaging with the local authority and the nominated contractor.

As I write this insert we are beginning our new timetable and we expect the month of June to be a busy and productive month.

I hope you enjoy the contents of this month's newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B Paterson'.

B Paterson,

Head Teacher

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Promethean boards

In May, the school received a much needed boost to our IT provision through the installation of Promethean Plasma TVs in all classrooms, labs, kitchens and workshops. This will enhance the quality of learning and teaching across the school and staff have been trained on the functionality of the new resources for their classrooms.

SLT visits to BGE Academies

In May, senior leaders visited a wide array of S1 BGE Academy classes to observe the learning and teaching going on. There are six BGE Academies running across the school – Digital Academy, STEM Academy, Creativity Academy, Citizenship Academy, Skills Academy and Wellbeing Academy. It was delightful to observe the young people so engaged and motivated in their learning. The BGE Academies programme will roll into S2 for session 2025-26 and we expect the quality of provision to be as high quality as the S1 programme.

Senior Phase Prize Giving

On Wednesday 28 May we held our Senior Phase Prize Giving within the school to recognise the contribution of S4-6 pupils in both their curricular subject areas and also for wider school involvements. This is one of four Prize Giving events that happen around this time of year. In early June, we will hold our BGE Prize Giving and our Sports Prize Giving whilst in August we will hold our Celebration of Character Evening to recognise the contribution of many of our young people who assist in the local community and are accredited with Saltire Awards and Dynamic Youth Awards.



School Trips

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!



Salou Sports Tour

The S1 and S2 pupils who took part in the Salou sports tour had an enjoyable and memorable experience. Over the course of five days, students spent a day at PortAventura, explored Espanyol's Stadium on a guided tour, and visited the new Barcelona Museum, which provided an interesting look into the club's rich history.

In addition to these highlights, pupils had some downtime to relax by the pool, enjoy 10-pin bowling, try their hand at go-karting, and compete in a fun, in-house 7-a-side football tournament. The football teams performed well, finishing with a solid record of six wins, two draws, and just one defeat in a total of nine games.



Modern Languages Barcelona Trip

Last week our 3rd year Spanish students jettied off bright and early to Barcelona to take in the sights and have the opportunity to use our Spanish language skills. The flight was great fun thanks to Mrs Black and Miss Malcolm who brought all the laughs and jokes to help the journey pass quicker.

We stayed in Salou, just about 1 hour from Barcelona and travelled by bus each day (which was always a fun journey – thanks Mr Jarman) The 1st day in Barcelona we visited the historic *Sagrada Familia* which was built by Gaudi and showcases some unusual architecture. After lunch we visited the Nou Camp, home of Barcelona football team and to finish off a brilliant start to the week we had pool time back at the hotel. The cannon balls and pool volleyball were a highlight for us all!

Day 2 was theme park day at Port Aventura known for some iconic rollercoasters. Safe to say we all had the best time on all the rides especially the log flume which got everyone soaking wet! At night after dinner, we walked down to the front for some ice cream and free time.

Our final day was back in Barcelona, and we got to experience the real Spanish culture and the famous shopping streets – Las Ramblas. Mrs McDonald was extra careful we were safe from any pick pocketers! After some shopping time and lunch, we hopped back on the bus and headed to Maremagnum. We had to walk over a long bridge with views of the harbour and lots of large cruise ships to get there – stunning.

The last night we had pool time before our last dinner and walk down to the beachfront. The Spanish sunsets with our friends and the teachers will stay as an amazing memory for a long time – thank you Mr Cortes for all your efforts to make the trip happen!

Emma H S3



History trip

A group of S2 pupils from the History museum elective have recently been involved in a visit to Kelvingrove Museum & Art Gallery. This was an excellent opportunity to deal with many of the concepts they have learned about, and put them into practice during the remainder of the museum elective. It was an excellent day and the group were an absolute credit to the school.

This visit was a chance to engage directly with local history and heritage which has contributed to some of the pupils involved gaining their Heritage Hero Bronze Award! The Heritage Hero Awards are an award scheme run by Archaeology Scotland aiming to encourage connection with the past, and to reward achievement.



The Animal Man

Lenzie Academy PTA funded a visit by the Animal Man to all S1 pupils to tie in with their Empty Lands topic in Geography. Here is the story of what happened: The 12th of May was no ordinary day at Lenzie Academy, for S1s anyway. If you thought midges were bad, imagine a hissing cockroach on your forehead! S1 got to down their books for a high-adrenaline, heart-thumping half hour. Some might say the most terrifying period of their life.

Dave, The Animal Man, brought his exotic collection of creatures to school, such as, corn snakes, pythons, and bird eating spiders to name but a few. The pupils got to hold and pet the animals and watch the horrified look of their classmates when a snake was placed around their neck. Overall, this was an interesting experience for most and once-in-a-lifetime for some. Thankfully, nobody was harmed and, if anyone needed trauma counselling afterwards, well it was worth it! - Eilidh S, S1



Book Café

Pupils have embraced the re-opening of the library in February with lots of activities and workshops taking place. Highlights include an S1 Book Club Cafe (with an appetizing menu of hot chocolates and books to chew over) and Zine workshops, whereby pupils create their own bespoke colourful publications.

Keep up to date with the school library on Instagram (@LenzieAcademyLibrary) and library user guides via pupil Glow login.



S2 Science Fair

A great day had by all at the annual S2 Science Fair. Pupils enjoyed a day of workshop activities based around a natural disaster whilst presenting to three external judges about their recent science investigations as part of the S2 curriculum. Well done to Tirzah, Taya & Fiya on winning the Judges' Choice award for their investigation, **"Are you Smarter than an S2?"**.

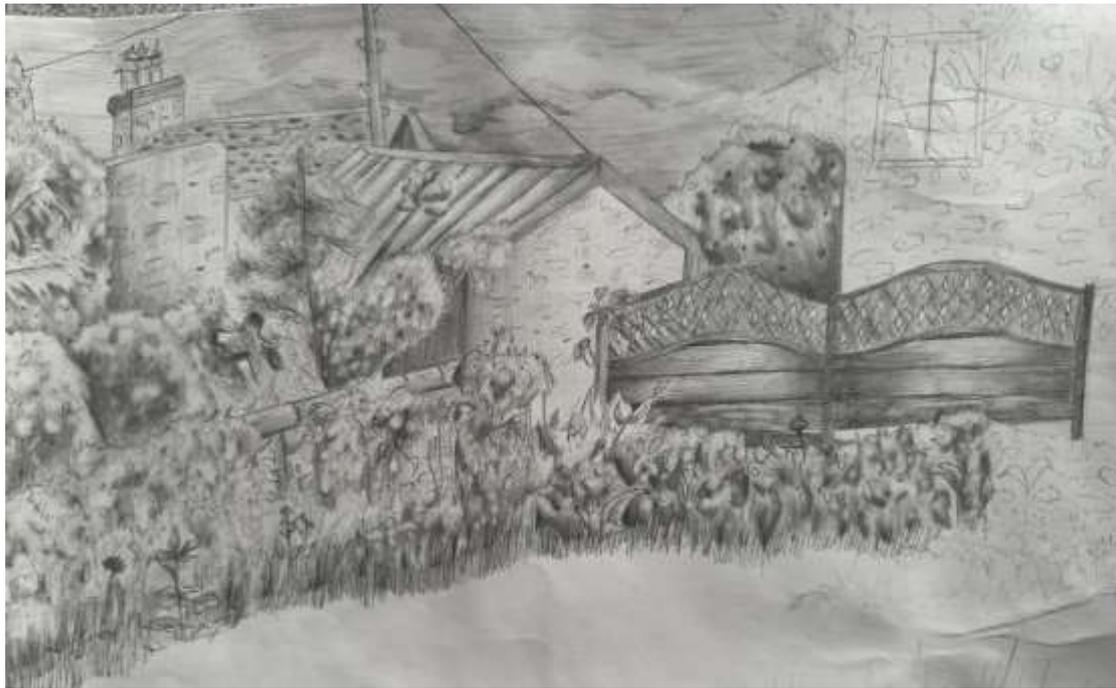
A huge thank you to Lenzie Academy PTA for their sponsorship of the event, allowing for materials & great prizes for the whole event! Well done to all S2 pupils involved!



Art Competition

The Art and Design departments S1-3 Inter-House Competition took place between 7th-14th May 2025. During this time our BGE classes were challenged to produce a tonal Urban Landscape work within one period which involved the area immediately surrounding Lenzie Academy. They had a new experience of drawing outside and proved very capable in rising to this new challenge.

The S1 to S3 pupils observed and recorded the physical and visual characteristics of our town, encompassing both natural and artificial elements. They worked well, using line, tone, shape, pattern and texture to produce some lovely work. Winners of this competition will be announced at a later date.

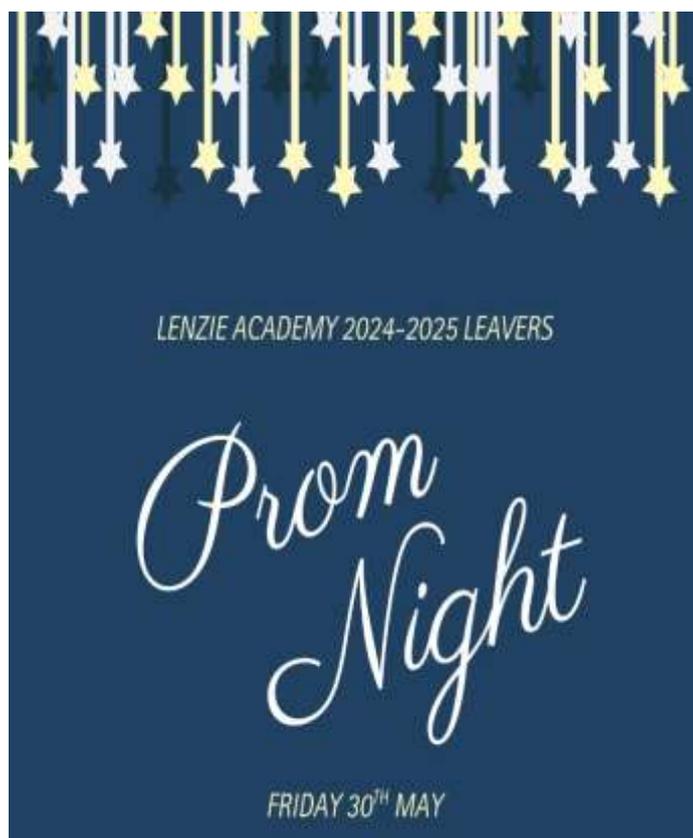


S6 Last day

We said a fond farewell to our wonderful S6 in April. They have worked hard, raised lots of money for charity, run clubs, supported S1 as Buddies, played sport and music. They are a credit to the school and embody our values of AMBITION and Inclusion. Good luck with all your future endeavours!



S6 Prom



The evening began with a reception for all S6 pupils and their wider family members in the school at 5:30pm. The young people were all resplendent in their Prom outfits and parents/carers and wider family members were able to share in a part their evening. Mr Paterson gave S6 a farewell speech and praised their contribution to the school as excellent ambassadors and senior role models for all the other year groups.

Hope McKay and Cara Quince (School Captains) gave an overview of their year, outlining all the events organised by S6 and their highlights of the year.

Guests then enjoyed nibbles and drinks, some more photos outside as it was a beautiful evening before the S6 left by bus to the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld for the Prom. There was a lovely meal and a presentation of flowers to Miss Munro, S6 Year Head followed by an evening of dancing and conversation in the convivial company of many of their teachers. Overall, a fantastic evening for all!





Dance

Our dance pupils performed a showcase to several local primary schools — the first time we've held performances during May. The pupils have been working extremely hard to prepare a number of routines, and it was a great opportunity for them to share their dedication and enthusiasm for dance with a wider audience. We're looking forward to returning with a new dance show later on in the year.

A big thank you to all the primary schools who welcomed us, and to the staff who helped make each visit run smoothly. Most importantly, well done to our performers for representing the school with such professionalism and energy — you made us proud!

Hockey

Congratulations to Calum McN(S2) who captained Hillhead Under 14s Hockey Team to a second successive Scottish Hockey Cup. Alex F (S4) also played in the Scottish Under 16 cup final on 27th April.



Rugby

Harvey Preston, Ashton Young and Max Morrison were selected for the U18 Scotland Rugby Six Nations Team. The competition took place in France over the Easter Holidays. Well done boys!

BGE Sports days

S1 Sports Day Results	S2 sports Day Results	S3 Sports Day Results
Girls	Girls	Girls
1 st - Beth W	1 st - Charlotte D	1 st - Anehita O
2 nd - Willow S	2 nd - Millie J	2 nd - Chloe H
3 rd - Allie G	3 rd - Ailsa Mac	3 rd - Nneoma U
Boys	Boys	Boys
1 st - Cameron R	1 st - Gregor McN	1 st - Sean M
2 nd - Barry S	2 nd - Rory G	2 nd - Finlay M
3 rd - Callum J	3 rd - William G	3 rd - Sam T



PTA fundraising

So far this year the PTA have raised more than we ever have before with an astounding **£13,451 altogether!!!**
I want to pass on my gratitude to you all for all your hard work & dedication again this year.

What a team!

Mini Bus

On behalf of the children and staff at **Lenzie Academy** with an exciting announcement and a special appeal.

Lenzie Academy and the Lenzie Academy PTA are working together to raise funds for a new **LEZ-Compliant 17-Seater School Minibus** for the pupils at Lenzie Academy.

As a school, we offer our young people a wide variety of learning & sporting experiences both within and out with the school. Experiences away from school include sporting activities, educational trips & experiences which enhance the school curriculum. Buying a **LEZ-compliant School Bus** for Lenzie Academy will not only increase access to these opportunities but will also help reduce the financial burden of these trips for families.

To make this goal a reality, we are reaching out to local businesses and organisations to request sponsorship. We offer various sponsorship levels, with donations of between **£1,000 and £5,000**.

In return your business will benefit from an excellent marketing opportunity, promoting your organisation & enhancing your company's visibility both within the local community and further afield. Sponsorship will include **your company logo displayed on the school bus** and also promotion through **Lenzie Academy & Lenzie Academy PTA's social media and Newsletters**. Advertising will be limited to two or three businesses only.

All contributions would be greatly appreciated by the school and our pupils.

If you are interested in helping us or would like to find out further details, please contact Lenzie Academy by emailing the school at office@lenzieacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk.

Thank you so much for considering our request. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Susan McMillan,
Lenzie Academy PTA Chair





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