



LENZIE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Session 2018-2019



Welcome to our February newsletter.

This month our young people have engaged in a wide variety of activities and events across the month, including educational visits and the annual ski trip to France. Inside we have further pupil success with Ross (S3) winning the East Dunbartonshire Young Musician of the Year event. Congratulations to Ross and good luck in the West of Scotland final at the Royal Conservatoire.

Our continued development as a school of rugby is very pleasing and you can read inside more about this. The impact of the school of rugby on Lenzie Rugby Club is now having a really positive effect as the current league table demonstrates. Long may this fruitful partnership continue.

This year our Performing Arts Department introduced the school's first Burns Supper, which I highlighted in our January newsletter. There is now a fuller report of the evening's events, which you can read in this month's newsletter.

As well as the various items cited within the newsletter there were a number of other important events taking place throughout February:

Some of our senior pupils took part in a focus group for UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admission Service) to evaluate their provision and the ease of accessibility of their website for navigational purposes.

As reported last month the S4 personal support sessions for all pupils' post-prelim took place to provide our young people with some added guidance and direction in the run up to their SQA exams in May.

The STUC were invited in to speak to all our S6 pupils to give them some advice on their rights as employees as they are about to enter the workplace, either in a full-time capacity or in a part-time capacity whilst a student at college or university. The pupils appreciated the information provided by the speaker and are now much more aware of what employers are entitled to ask and what they are not entitled to ask of employees.

Our S6 Curricular Information Evening took place on 26 February for the current S5 pupils and their parents/carers, to explain what S6 will be like; to outline our expectations of them in S6 and to explain other opportunities available to them, such as the EDC Vocational Programme.

We had our annual Dance Show on 27 February and this was once again a very successful evening for all involved.

February also saw the arrival of new trampolines for the PE Department. Once staff have been fully trained on these it will offer another excellent option for our pupils.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter.

Burns Supper

On the evening of Tuesday 25th January, the Performing Arts department were proud to organise the inaugural Burns Supper.



Expertly chaired by Iain Glennie, current President of Bridgeton Burns Society, the oldest in Glasgow, eighty staff, parents and guests sat down for a full three course meal of traditional fayre.

The guests assembled in the S5 dining area, ably entertained by the Ceilidh band. Adam of S3 piped the guests into the hall, at which point Iain provided a welcome and outlined the events of the evening.

The haggis was then piped in by Adam, and Mr Niel Farquhar orated a rousing toast to the haggis. The guests tucked into a delicious meal of Scotch broth, haggis, neeps & tatties and cranachan, followed by the entertainments.

Jack of S4 orated 'To a mouse On Turning Her Up in Her Nest with the Plough, November, 1785', followed by a dramatic performance of Tam O'Shanter presented by the Drama Club. An enlightening 'Immortal Memory' followed, provided by Iain Glennie, our chairman, and the entertainments concluded with a lovely version of Ae Fond Kiss performed by Abbie of S4 and Mr Kyle Irwin.

A final bonus item, performed by the Last Resort (LAPA staff!) led us to a rousing close with the traditional Auld Lang Syne.

Kirkintilloch Rotary

Young Musician of the Year

Well done to Ross in S3 who won the Kirkintilloch Rotary Young Musician of the Year Competition 2018/19. Ross performed the 1st movement of a Mozart Horn Concerto and a Nocturno by Strauss. Ross now goes forward to compete at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire of Scotland for a place in the regional final. GOOD LUCK ROSS!



S3/4 Macbeth Trip

Several S3 and S4 pupils visited the Theatre Royal on Thursday 21st February to see the National Theatre's touring production of William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' with members of the English Department. Many of the pupils are studying the text as part of National 5 English and seeing it brought to life on stage invigorated the play for them, consolidating their understanding of the plot, characters and themes. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the event and behaved excellently.



Rugby

For the second consecutive year Lenzie Academy are safely through to the semi-finals of the SP Energy Networks Warriors Championship after round two of qualifying yesterday.



Lenzie lost just two of their 12 matches on their march through to the knock-out stages in a high quality day of rugby on the main pitch at Scotstoun Stadium. Five schools took part in the qualifying day with Lenzie Academy up against Maxwelltown High School, Cumnock Academy, Falkirk High School and Oban High School.

A total of 204 tries were scored during an entertaining 30 matches involving an S1 and S2 boys' team and an under-15 girls' team from each school. Creative attacking rugby was needed to penetrate some passionate defence shown by boys and girls in equal measure. It made for a brilliant atmosphere throughout the day and credit should be paid to all 210 players competing and the spectators on the touchline.

This year is Lenzie Academy's second appearance in the SP Energy Networks Warriors Championship and their coach Colin Gemmill was pleased to get through qualifying again. He said: "We're really happy, especially with the performance from the players. The S1 team and girls that played last year were so much better this time around

which is a credit to how much they have improved over 12 months."

"It was great to watch. All the players love this event and are mad keen on their rugby which helps build the sport in school and player numbers on a Saturday morning." He added: "There's so many more pupils wanting to play rugby now which means we need to think about who we select for this competition. That's a great problem to have. The sport is still building at Lenzie Academy and it's good to see all our efforts paying off. We got to the semi-finals last year and hopefully we can go one better this year, although we know there's some top schools still in the competition."

Ski Trip 2019 – Alpe D’Huez



During the February break, 50 pupils arrived in the amazing ski resort of Alpe

D’Huez, France for a week of skiing. The group of S2 – S4 pupils were given the opportunity to learn and improve on their skiing skills through the instruction of the renowned French ski school, ESF. Not only did the group manage to get a week worth of skiing but the sun was also shining which meant the tans could also be topped



up. Each day was packed with skiing in the morning and afternoon with a variety of evening activities. The evening activities included ice-skating, bum-boarding,

movie night, games night and a disco to finish off the week.

It was a fantastic experience for the pupils which allowed them to gain new skills, become more independent and forge new friendships.

The way in which the group conducted themselves throughout the trip was amazing. They are a credit to themselves, their families and Lenzie Academy.



We then got to go to the Mackie's crisp factory and when we arrived we were taken to the warehouse where all of the potatoes were collated and



washed but then we got to see the potatoes being turned into crisps and the

Mackie's tour guide let us eat some once they had been made. I think that this was our favourite part of the trip!!

S4 Mackies and Highland Spring factory visit

On the 29 January 2019 everyone in S4 who studies Business Management got the opportunity to go on a trip to the Mackie's crisp factory in Taypack, Perth and also the Highland Spring factory in Lennoxton. When we went to the Highland Spring factory we were given a presentation on the production of water in the factory and who their suppliers were but also how they get the water from the Campsie Hills. This was very interesting as I don't think we realised how complex the



process was. What then followed was a tour around the factory where we all had to wear special outfits and were shown the production line and process of how the water is produced and bottled.

We learn about the production processes of businesses like Mackie's and Highland Spring in class, therefore it was good for us to be able to see it in real life and ask any questions that we might of had but also use this information in our Nat 5 assignments as many people chose to use Mackie's prior to our visit.

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