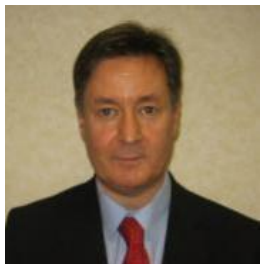




LENZIE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Session 2019-2020

Welcome to the latest newsletter that covers a range of activities and events that took place across the month of December. On behalf of our school community may I wish all parents/carers a happy new year!

As 2019 came to an end, the month of December was jam packed with our young people being involved in many, many different activities representing the school. Many of these events and activities are put on the school's twitter account either in the whole school section or the various departmental twitter pages. If you have not yet visited the twitter page I would urge you to do so as it highlights a number of activities, trips, events as and when they happen so tends to be more up to date than the newsletter, which provides an overview of events for the previous month and is thus out of date by the time it comes to you, albeit the newsletter is still a valuable insight into the life and work of the school.

As you will see from the contents in this newsletter the school was exceptionally busy across the month of December with a wide array of activities and events whether this be participating in workshops, masterclasses or lectures; engaging in competitions; going on visits and enjoying our annual Christmas Concert and our S1/2, S3/4 and S5/6 Christmas Dances. I hope you enjoy the contents of this newsletter.

Lenzie Academy PTA needs YOU!

We are the fundraising and lighthearted arm of The Parent Council, meeting once a month, on a Tuesday at 7pm, to discuss raising and spending money for the benefit of the whole school community. Running an average of 2-3 fundraising events over the year and attending occasional parents evenings and concerts to promote our PTA lottery (500 Club) and other money making ideas. As a few of the current parents won't have kids at the school much longer we need some new members. If you can join us at the next meeting on Feb 25th in the Wellbeing Hub at Lenzie Academy we'd love to meet you.

Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Easyfundraising.org by searching LENZIE ACADEMY PTA (fola).

We are currently building a new website to make it easier to contact us and sign up to the 500 Club, and a date will be announced soon for our next RACE NIGHT to be held at Lenzie Rugby Club in March.

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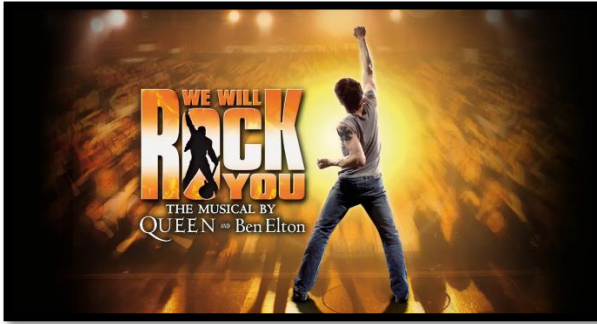
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FOLA (PTA) - Lenzie Academy PTA

fundraising page - www.fola125.co.uk
(new website coming soon)

'We Will Rock You'

Performing Arts Musical Trip



On Monday 16th of December, a group of pupils went to see 'We Will Rock You' in Glasgow. Based on the songs of Queen the musical tells the story of a group of Bohemians who struggle to restore the free exchange of thought, fashion, and live music in a distant future where everyone dresses, thinks and acts the same.



Musical instruments and composers are forbidden, and rock music is all but unknown. Unlike anything we had ever seen before 'We Will Rock You' seamlessly incorporated the songs of Queen into the story and delighted the audience who were on their feet stamping, clapping and singing along to the finale number.



Christmas Card Design

Each year the Art department have a "Design a Christmas Card" competition for S1 pupils.

This year Saskia from 1MH won the competition and her design was used by Mr Paterson as the official greeting card of Lenzie Academy for 2019.



Christmas Dances

S1/2 on Thursday 12, S3/4 on Tuesday 17 and S5/6 Thursday 19 December had the opportunity to participate in their Christmas dance.

Pupils had the chance to perform all the ceilidh dancing they had been learning in PE!



All Christmas dances were well attended, a great success and a fun way to end the year.

Manchester City trip



8 pupils and 4 members of staff travelled to Manchester on 7 December. We were fortunate enough to watch the 2nd Manchester derby of the season.



All pupils and staff had such an amazing time getting to witness at first-hand VAR in the live match and also got an all-access pass for the Etihad Stadium. We got to sit on some of the most expensive players in the world's seats as well as getting photos in the home and away dressing rooms. The pupils also got the chance to take part in the post-match conference where they got to become the Manchester City manager for the day and take questions from the media.



HWB Breakfast Club

At the end of November we introduced a S1 HWB Breakfast Club running on Wednesday mornings.



Pupils start in the PE department at 7.45am for some light exercise before going to HFT for a nutritious breakfast. Thanks to Mr McNeil in PE and Mr Hendry in Health and Food Technology it proved to be such a great success that we have opened it up to S2 and S3 pupils to energise themselves, and then have a nutritious breakfast which is key to start their day of learning.



Tam O'Shanter

All S1 pupils participated in a costume design competition inspired by Tam O'Shanter. Pupils read through the script and were challenged to create an original design for one character.

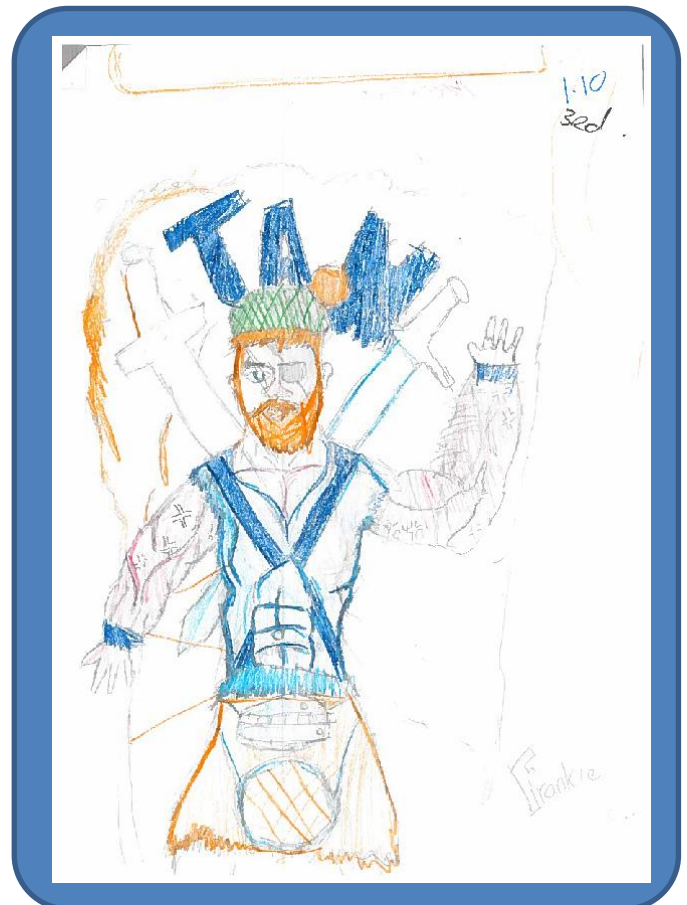
The winning entry was designed by India S (1MR),



2nd place was awarded to Taylor D (1CO)



and third place to Frankie A (1CN) . Well done!



S2 Cookery Club

Running on a Tuesday after school and has had a steady number of pupils over the last term where they have enjoyed staying behind after school to learn how to make different Hospitality dishes they wouldn't normally make until S4 - building their skills, knowledge and confidence in the kitchen.

Advanced Higher Geography – Christmas Lecture

On Tuesday the 17th of December, the Advanced Higher Geography class attended the annual Christmas Lecture by the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences at the University of Glasgow.



Dr Emma Lawrie presented an interesting lecture on the Global Politics of Health and International Development. Pupils were asked to challenge their thinking about health around the world; reframe how health and development are viewed generally and consider how politicians and pharmaceutical companies choose health priorities. Before the lecture the pupils were also grateful for a tour of the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences from Dr Rhian Thomas the Head of Geography.

AG Barr visit – S3 Business Management



On Thursday 12 December 2019 representatives from AG Barr's Marketing Department visited the school for a marketing taste test activity.

Brand Manager Grant Cuthill spoke to the pupils in the assembly hall about the process the company go through when researching and developing a new product. Pupils were then very excited to taste a variety of potential new flavours and provide the representatives with feedback on each of the flavours. Pupils had the opportunity to ask the Marketing representatives questions the work of the Marketing Department. They have found all of this information useful in class as they are working on the Marketing unit.

Young Enterprise Workshop 2

We went to Douglas Academy to attend a report writing workshop, where the supervisors gave us advice on the final steps in the Young Enterprise Programme. This included a guide on report writing and how to distribute work amongst the group. We also did exercises on preparation for the interview, which is a chance to show off all our skills we've learned over the course of the programme, and how we function as a business thanks to that. The leaders also shared their experiences of Young Enterprise with us and the opportunities it has granted them since. Attending this event really cemented our place as a student run business and gave us the knowledge, confidence and determination to see it through to the final interview.

The Young Enterprise Teams

Christmas Concert 2019

Well done to all S1-6 pupils and staff for their performances and help with the Christmas Concert. This year we had new performances from the S1/2 Band Club and also the Music Technology Club. Thank you to all who came and supported the annual concert. See you again December 2020!



Programme



1. Windband - Christmas Fanfare
2. String Group - Somewhere in My Memory
Feliz Navidad
3. Saxophone Ensemble - Satin Doll
4. Junior Choir - Mary Did You Know
This is Me
5. S2 Music Technology Club - 'Twas the Night Before Christmas
6. Celtic Band - Joy to the World / Irish Washerwoman /
Lost in Prague II / We Saw Three Ships
7. Lower Strings Group - My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose
8. Jazz Band - Leapfrog
Birdland
9. Senior Choir - Fly Me To The Moon
I'll Be Home for Christmas
10. Band Club - Shotgun / Jingle Bell Rock
11. Windband - Cyclone
12. Brass Group - Counting Stars
13. Percussion Ensemble - Daxy
14. EVERYONE - Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Sing-a-long!

Closing Remarks - Mr B. Paterson, Head Teacher



Lenzie Academy



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday 9th December 2019
7.00pm



PROGRAMME

We invite you to join in the
Finale item!



Gymnastics Comp

S1-S4 Pupils had the opportunity to represent the school in friendly gymnastics competition at St Ninians.



Pupils competed in floor, trampette and tumble, with many pupils achieving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Dance Showcase

Around 100 Pupils S1-S6 performed in over 29 routines including; S1 dance club, S2 dance club, S3 dance club, S2 Dance Elective, S3 Dance Class, Nat 5 Dance, Higher Dance, Cheer Club, Breakfast Club and pupils own groups.



Was a fantastic day all pupils performed great and enjoyed showing off their hard work.

Spanish language immersion day

The Advanced Higher Spanish class were recently given the opportunity to attend the University of Strathclyde for a Spanish language immersion day. The event involved a series of workshops that enabled us to develop our understanding of different elements of the Advanced Higher Spanish course, focusing on all of the topics we will encounter in the exam.

We worked together to complete tasks such as distinguishing the difference between detailed and vague essay titles for our portfolio and other tasks to improve skills on the overall purpose question such as identifying and discussing techniques that writers use in their articles to convey a message to the reader. These tasks were further discussed and explained in detail by the SQA, followed by a question and answer session. We were provided with useful information and top tips about how to excel within each section of the course, with particular focus on the speaking exam.

This event was an excellent opportunity for us to discuss aspects of the course, ask questions and gain valuable feedback from senior SQA examining team members and University staff. This event gave us all the motivation and confidence to continue to work hard towards the final exam.

“Aprender un idioma es tener una ventana más desde la que observar el mundo.”

“To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world”- Chinese Proverb

Rachel S6