

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

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| 30 th March | South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society Concert at Hamilton Town House |
| 31 st March | School closes at 12.30 pm for Easter holidays. |

FORTHCOMING

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| 17 th April | School re-opens at 8.40 am for the summer term. |
| Week beginning 17 th April | Year Group Assemblies |
| 21 st April | S6 Graduation, 10.30 am in the Games Hall |
| 24 th April | SQA Exams begin |
| 1 st May | Public Holiday |
| 2 nd May | In-service Day |
| Week beginning 8 th May | House Assemblies |

Once confirmation has been given by HT/DHT, please detail briefly as above.

Full details of all pupils etc. **must** be given to departments at least one week before event.

No event should appear in NEXT WEEK section without first appearing in FORTHCOMING section

BULLETIN: This is an essential channel of communication with staff and pupils.

P Spring Break

School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 31st March for the Spring Break and re-opens at 8.40 am on Monday, 17th April at 8.40 am. We hope everyone has a restful and relaxing holiday.

B Lee

P Last day of term – Friday, 31st March

There will be a dress down day on Friday, 31st March (no football colours). This is not a fundraiser; donations are not required.

To mark Epilepsy Awareness Day, information on Epilepsy will be shared at Tutor time. Young people and staff are invited to wear something purple.

There will be one interval for all pupils on Friday, 31st March. This will be at the BGE interval time, 11.20 – 11.40 am.

B Lee

P School Canteen Update

The cost of a school meal deal will increase to £2.20 after the Spring Break. Links to the updated menu will be shared in our newsletter.

B Lee

P Expressive Arts Evening

Well done to everyone involved in last night's Young Musician, Young Vocalist and Young Artist showcase. The judges and audience members were treated to a wonderful evening of entertainment, with 36 pupils taking part in the competition as well as excellent performances by our school band and choir. The drawings and paintings from our young artists were also displayed in the Street area and were greatly admired by our guests.

Congratulations to the winners:

- Junior Young Musician of the Year - Jennifer Pate; Runner up - Liv Jeffrey

- Junior Vocalist of the Year - Perla Wood; Runner up - Emma Tennant
- Senior Young Musician of the Year - Aneesa Mohammed; Runner up - Elise Ward
- Senior Young Vocalist of the Year - Caitlin Cairney; Runner up - Katelyn Cardwell
- S1 Artist of the Year - Davis McAteer; Runner up - Emily Sirrell
- S2 Artist of the Year - Laura Milligan; Runner up - Sophie Murray
- S3 Artist of the Year - Anna Johnston; Runner up - Jessica Jobjoie

Thank you to our hosts for the evening, Elise Ward and Jake Fletcher, all performers and artists, our Expressive Arts Faculty, Instrumental Music Tutors, our judges (Elaine Duffy, Jack Thomson and Nicola Stewart), our Parent Council for sponsoring the prizes and serving refreshments, everyone who helped with the organisation, set up and administration (Mr Dobb, Mrs Wardrop, Mrs Miller, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs McFarlane), and parents, carers, friends and family in the audience.

We look forward to seeing our talented young people performing at future events

B Lee

P Cross Country and Sporting Achievements

Well done to all pupils who participated in the SLC Cross Country at Biggar last week. Congratulations to Adam Wayt, Freya Togneri, Freya Black, Joscelyn Kennedy and Findlay Hynd for excellent individual performances, the S3 Girls team, and all members of the Lesmahagow High School Team.

Well done to Ruth Hynd, who was part of the U16 rugby team who won the Scottish Cup Final at Murrayfield on Sunday. A brilliant achievement!

B Lee

P SQA Exams

The SQA exams begin on Monday, 24th April. Information on SQA exams and personalised timetables were issued to pupils at assemblies on Tuesday afternoon. If anyone has any questions regarding their SQA exams, please speak to Mr Gray.

B Lee

P SQA Practical Exams and Folio work

Well done to all pupils who have completed SQA practical exams and folio work this week. Please speak to your class teachers, Principal Teachers or Mr Gray if you have any questions regarding your SQA assessments.

B Lee

P Shine, South Lanarkshire Schools' Big Band and South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society

Well done to all pupils who participate in youth, uniformed, sporting and drama groups or bands outwith school.

Last week, Ethan O'Rourke, was excellent as 'Mason' in Shine's latest production, 'School of Rock' at Motherwell Concert Hall. This week, Elise Ward displayed her excellent drumming skills in the South Lanarkshire Schools' Big Band, who were performing in Rutherglen Town Hall. An update from the South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society concert, which takes place on 30th March in Hamilton Townhouse, will be included in the next bulletin.

Please let us know of any out of school achievements – we are very proud of all of our young people!

B Lee

P 'Too good to go'

Unsold sandwiches/wraps/baguettes left over from lunch-time can be collected from a fridge in the Pupil Support corridor at the end of the school day or by arrangement with PTs Pupil Support/SMT/PTs Equity. Please speak to SMT, PTs Pupil Support or PTs Equity for further information.

Please also remember that a supply of toiletries are available in Mr Mallaghan's Pupil Support Office. There are also some porridge pots if anyone has missed breakfast.

B Lee

P Uniform

Mrs McCallum will be in B107 on Friday mornings at interval time and can help with any uniform or winter clothing items that are required. Please speak to Mrs McCallum, your Pupil Support Teacher, Mrs McGregor, Miss Leckenby, Mrs Miller or any member of SMT if you need any

uniform or winter clothing items. Alternatively, you can request uniform or winter clothing items at the links below:

School uniform <https://forms.gle/AWcgcQ7seyd5c91i9>

Winter clothing <https://forms.gle/9aZx27gRjim3XXCV6>

B Lee

P Bike Shelters

Anyone interested in using the bike shelters should note their interest with Mrs Docherty.

P Docherty

P Windfarm Connect2 Renewables Employability Fund – S4-S6 pupils

The following information about the Windfarm Connect 2 Renewables Employability Fund has been shared with S4-S6 pupils and posted in S4-S6 Google Classrooms:

Due to your proximity to the Kype Muir and Middle Muir windfarms, if you plan on leaving at the end of this school year, you could be entitled to up to £500 (if going to college/university) or £200 if going into employment/apprenticeship.

This is a grant payment that does not need to be paid back. The only real requirement is that you live within the required postcode areas.

I would encourage you all to apply if eligible - it is free money that could be really useful as you start your post-school journey.

To apply, you really just need to complete a form (copies of the form are available from the school) - but you won't receive the money until you start college/university as they will need to see your student card. You can make enquiries now though by contacting:

connect2renewables@southlanarkshire.co.uk or telephone 0800 9520 070

J Mallaghan

P Homework

Homework will be shared using Google Classroom. Please make sure you are a member of all your Google Classrooms, including your Year Group Google Classroom.

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P Young Scot Card and Free Bus Travel

If you need a new Young Scot Card, or still have to renew your card to access free bus travel, your Tutor teacher can give you a form to complete, which will allow us to apply for your card on your behalf. Completed forms should be returned to Miss Fletcher or the School Office. Please see Miss Fletcher if you have any questions about accessing free bus travel.

B Lee

P Pre-loved Uniform Items

We have a supply of pre-loved uniform items available to pupils. Please speak to your Pupil Support Teacher, Miss Fletcher, Mrs McGregor, Miss Leckenby or any member of the Senior Management Team if you need any uniform items.

We would welcome any donations of any pre-loved items of school uniform, particularly school blazers to add these to the supplies available to pupils. Please pass any donations to the School Office. Thank you.

B Lee

P EMA – S5/6

EMA application forms can be completed on the South Lanarkshire Council website. On the Council website, click on 'Education and Learning', then 'Secondary School Information', then 'Education Maintenance Allowance'. If you need any help with this, please see Mr Robertson or your Pupil Support Teacher.

It is your responsibility to complete and send the application form.

When you receive an award letter with your EMA number on it, bring this to Mr Robertson who will then issue a copy of the Learning Agreement to be signed by your teachers and Parent/Carer. You should then return the completed Learning Agreement to Mr Robertson and the school office will then process your EMA.

Only when you have completed all of the above will the payment process begin. Please see Mr Robertson if you have any questions about EMA.

D Robertson