

Todd's Triumphs

Wider Achievements Programme



Rationale

The UNCRC states in its aims that education should develop “the child’s personality, talents and mental and physical abilities to their fullest potential” (UNICEF, 1989, pp.9). As a school working towards the Gold Rights Respecting Schools award, it is important that we maximise opportunities for pupils to develop their talents and abilities while giving them a voice and celebrating their achievements to make them feel valued.

A low number of pupils were identified as taking part in extra-curricular activity outside of school in September 2020. This number could have been lower due to COVID restrictions limiting access to clubs and groups. In school, opportunities have also been limited for promoting extra-curricular activities due to restrictions.

Few pupils could explain what wider achievements were and how they are celebrated in school. SQA (n.d) describe wider achievements as recognising “the life and work skills that come from a wide range of activities which can include sport, mentoring, voluntary work or fundraising activities – whether they take place at school, college or elsewhere.” It is crucial that we raise the profile of wider achievements while educating pupils on the wide array of potential opportunities to achieve success.

Our Aims for the Programme This Year

- Discontinue life skills aspect and limit to one life skills challenge a month.
- Run the programme over a longer period of time to ensure quality of achievements is sustained.
- Increase number of pupils taking part in extra-curricular activities within and out with school.
- Create 'What's On' guide to increase awareness of opportunities in the local community and town to take part in extra-curricular activities.
- For all classes (9) to be able to confidently describe what a wider achievement is and how we celebrate them.

- To promote opportunities for all pupils to take part in extra-curricular activities within school such as after-school clubs, lunch clubs, extra responsibilities.
- To promote opportunities for pupils (particularly in the upper stages) to take part in voluntary or community work.
- To promote opportunities for pupils (particularly in the upper stages) to lead their peers in an extra-curricular activity.
- Increase number of pupils achieving each of the 4 levels of the programme.

Structure

- Bronze (4 certificates), Silver (8) Gold (12) and Platinum (16) -> Garage Band, Gigger, Headliner, Rock Legend.
- Pupils are given a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum medal when they reach each stage.
- Rock Legends attend the Todd's Triumphs prize at the end of the session.



Organisation

- What equates to a certificate is weighed on a case-by-case basis, taking account of previous achievements and age appropriateness.
- Once pupils have achieved Bronze, their achievements should be more ambitious. For example: fundraising, volunteering, presenting, leading etc. Again, this should be weighed up on a case-by-case basis and based on age appropriateness.
- Opportunities within school for wider achievements should be highlighted to pupils. For example: taking a guest on a tour, carrying out a presentation, community work etc. Pupils should be able to volunteer for such opportunities and names will be pulled from a hat if required.
- Evidence of wider achievements should be either brought into school on a Thursday and Friday or sent to Mrs Kerr at louise.kerr@eastayrshire.org.uk.

- Mrs Reid will visit classes on a Thursday or Friday to discuss achievements and take photos of any evidence.
- Wider achievements will be celebrated at school assemblies and occasionally on the school social media.
- Platinum 'Rock Legends' will receive recognition and a trophy at the end of year prize giving as well as join our 'Rock Legend Hall of Fame'.



Changes for 2022/23

- Programme running into next session (23/24) instead of ending at the end of this session.
- Life skills aspect has been removed. Instead, we will have a monthly life skill challenge.
- Achievements will be collated on a Thursday and Friday.

Provost Todd

- We hope that Provost Todd will be able to have more involvement in future years as this has not been possible due to COVID guidance.

Provost Todd may be able to highlight community opportunities for our pupils to take part in and will also present the Rock Legends trophies at the end of the session.

Some Ideas to Get Started!

- Committing to an after-school club for the whole block.
- Donating old toys/books/clothes etc.
- Receiving a certificate/medal at a club - e.g. Taekwondo, gymnastics, dancing, swimming etc.
- Leading an extra-curricular activity for peers/younger pupils.
- Looking after the environment - recycling, energy saving etc.