

**P County Sports – Second Round**

Good luck to all students participating in the finals of County Sports on Tuesday, 17th June at the John Wright Sports Centre, East Kilbride. We were delighted to hear that 21 S1-S3 students qualified from the first-round of the event – well done! Thirty-five students will represent our school in a range of different events.

B Lee

**P Instrumental Music Service Showcase**

Well done to all students who represented our school in the Instrumental Music Service Showcase on Tuesday, 10th June, in Hamilton Town House. Nathan and the SLC Big Band opened the event, with a great performance of 'Tico Tico'. Our Funk and Brass Group entertained and impressed the audience with an excellent performance of 'Stand by Me'. Well done to Hollie, Gregor, Finn, Billy, Adam, Kristina, Andrew and Mr Pollock! Darcy and Saira were excellent as part of the SLC Schools Saxophone ensemble, performing 'Bella Ciao'. The evening finished with all performers returning to the stage for a final rendition of 'You Can't Stop the Beat'. It was an amazing night, and we were very impressed by the standard of performance from all students. We look forward to next year's event.

B Lee

**P P7 Visits/ Information Evening**

We were delighted to welcome P7s from our associated primary schools on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week for their transition visits. They made an excellent first impression and we look forward seeing everyone again in August, when they commence S1. All S1 students will receive a 'welcome pack' when they join us, which will contain a Lesmahagow High School PE t-shirt (distributed by PE), a branded water bottle, stationery and scientific calculator (distributed by Maths).

Thank you also to all parents and carers who joined us on Wednesday evening when there was an opportunity to meet with the Extended Support Team and ask any questions about our school. Representatives from ALJ were present to support arrangements for ordering blazers.

B Lee

**P Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Expedition**

We hope our Bronze students have enjoyed their 2-day expedition in the Moffat area over the past two days and look forward to hearing about their adventures. Thank you to all staff involved in supporting our students and to Tesco, the Community Council and Parent Council for supporting the purchase of equipment for our students.

B Lee

**P Expressive Arts Awards Evening**

Well done to all young people who participated in the Expressive Arts Awards Evening on 12th June! Congratulations to our winners:

Young Musician of the Year (Junior) - 1. Hollie Reid, 2. Saira Mohammed, 3. Darcy Jolley

Young Musician of the Year (Senior) - 1. Callum Faulds, 2. Sara Liley, 3. Jennifer Pate

Young Vocalist of the Year (Junior) - 1. Amara Duncan, 2. Brooke Smith, 3. Mirren Douglas

Young Vocalist of the Year (Senior) - 1. Lincoln Martin Barrera, 2. Emma Tennent, 3. Rosie Doyle

Young Performer of the Year – 1. Myla Simpson, 2. Liv Jeffrey

Young Artist of the Year – 1. George Charles, 2. Carla Dickson, 3. Ethan Brown

Young Designer of the Year – 1. Emma Laird, 2. Mia McKendrick, 3. Kyle Forsyth

Thank you to all colleagues who organised and supported the evening, especially the Expressive Arts Faculty, Instrumental Music Tutors, AV and Janitorial Teams and to Mrs Pate and Mrs Naismith who organised and served refreshments. Thank you also to all parents, carers, families and friends who joined us for this special evening.

**B Lee**

**P     Strathclyde University Accelerate Programme**

Good luck to all students who are participating in the Strathclyde University Accelerate Programme in week beginning 16th June. Please see Mr Mallaghan if you have any questions.

**B Lee**

**P     S6 Prom**

We hope all Senior Phase students enjoy their Prom on Wednesday, 18th June, which takes place at the Radstone Hotel.

**B Lee**

**P     S1 and S2 Run Club**

All S1 and S2 pupils interested in participating in a run club on Mondays, 3.45 – 4.30 pm should see Miss Stewart.

**R Ritchie**

**P     School Show – October 2025**

Planning and rehearsals for our School Show – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – continue! Performances will take place in the week before the October break. Congratulations to everyone who has secured a leading role! If you are interested in taking part or helping in any way, please go along to rehearsals on Thursdays, 3.35 – 4.45 in the Music Department.

**B Lee**

**P     Emergency Exits**

A reminder that fire doors must only be used during emergency evacuations. This change has been implemented by South Lanarkshire Council, across all schools and other Council buildings, for health and safety reasons, to improve security and also due to maintenance issues. All pupils must enter and leave the school building using the main entrance/exit.

**B Lee**

**P     Home Economics**

All pupils are reminded to bring a container for Home Economics when cooking. Thank you!

**S Miller**

**P     Uniform Items and School Bags**

If you have any pre-loved uniform items or school bags that are no longer needed, we would be delighted if these could be handed into the school office so that we can add them to our uniform and school supplies for next session. Please help us to look after our environment – remember the importance of reducing, repairing, reusing and recycling!

**B Lee**

**P     Lost Property**

A number of lost property items (including expensive outdoor jackets) remain unclaimed in the lost property store. Please check with Joan and Lynn if you have misplaced any items within the school.

**B Lee**

**P     Community**

A reminder of the importance of placing litter in the bins provided. It is important that we look after the local environment and show respect for our community.

**B Lee**

**P     ParentsPortal**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to ParentsPortal, our new digital communication service. ParentsPortal enables parents to update contact information, complete

consent forms, view canteen menus and attendance information, link to ParentPay and other functions. From this session, school reports will also be available through ParentsPortal. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

**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**

Our school uniform is:

- White shirt/blouse;
- School tie (red and black/ senior/ international);
- Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan without logos;
- Black trousers/black skirt;
- School blazer, with option of braiding for S6;
- Plain black footwear (including laces); and
- P.E. kit (white, red or black t-shirt, black shorts).

Please speak to Mrs McCallum, your Pupil Support Teacher, Miss Leckenby, Mrs Miller or any member of SMT if you need any uniform items. Alternatively, you can request uniform items at the links below:

School uniform <https://forms.gle/AWcqcQ7seyd5c91i9>

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      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 - 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@southernlarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:connect2renewables@southernlarkshire.gov.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.

**LA Cimmino**

**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      EMA – S5/6**

EMA application forms can be downloaded from 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**