



Largs Academy Newsletter

DECEMBER 2024

International Athletes



Largs Academy pupils, Macewan Buckland, Ophelia Conner and Lauren Raymond (and former pupil Estella Connor) were recently selected to represent Scotland at the 2024 ESKA European Karate Championships in Gondomar, Portugal. Over three days of action, they competed against representatives from 26 European countries, all putting in strong performances on their first outings as international athletes. We are extremely proud of all of them for their outstanding success as international athletes. Well done!

Activism for Women's Aid

We are very proud of our S2 writers, Millie Rawley-McManus and Tilly Murdoch. Both girls entered a poetry competition run by Women's Aid and were at the Seahorse Bookshop cafe in Saltcoats earlier this month with their families and Mrs Griffiths to accept their awards and read their poetry aloud to the audience. The girls even volunteered to deliver a speech at the end of the evening and the audience was blown away by their confidence in what proved to be an emotional evening. Millie was the winner in her age category, with Tilly as the runner-up. We also supported the White Ribbon Campaign with 100s of pupils in PSE pledging an end to violence against women and a smaller group recently joined a march along Largs promenade to raise awareness.



School Trip to Munich



Earlier this month, a group of 40 pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit Munich on a memorable school trip. The journey was packed with cultural and festive highlights, leaving both staff and students with unforgettable experiences. One of the trip's highlights was exploring the enchanting Christmas markets, where pupils enjoyed the festive atmosphere. A visit to Neuschwanstein Castle provided a glimpse into the grandeur of Bavarian history and fairy-tale-like architecture, captivating everyone with its stunning setting. Additionally, various museums were explored, enriching the group's understanding of German culture. The pupils represented Largs Academy with outstanding behaviour!

Spotlight on... Young Leaders of Learning

Largs Academy is excited to be part of Education Scotland's Young Leaders of Learning programme, an initiative that empowers pupils to take an active role in shaping the future of their school. This innovative programme allows young people to develop leadership skills, share ideas, and collaborate with others to drive school improvement.

A dedicated group of enthusiastic S2 pupils have embraced this opportunity. Recently, they hosted a visit from pupils of Auchenhavrie Academy, providing an in-depth look at life in Largs Academy. The visiting pupils spent the day observing lessons, exploring the school environment, and engaging with staff and students. At the end of their visit, they shared valuable feedback, offering fresh perspectives and insights on how we can continue to enhance the learning experience.

Next term, our Young Leaders of Learning will visit the partner schools – Arran and Auchenhavrie – to complete the second part of the exchange. This visit will allow them to see other school practices, gather ideas, and consider how these can be integrated into our ongoing improvement plans.



Key Dates – Dec/Jan

- Dec 17th:
Christmas Concert (7pm-8pm)
- Dec 18th:
Strictly Come Dancing (4pm-5pm)
- Dec 20th:
Last day of term 2 (school closes at 2:30pm for pupils)
- Jan 6th:
School reopens for pupils and staff for term 3
- Jan 13th – Jan 28th:
Higher and Advanced Higher Prelims
- Jan 14th:
S4 tracking report 3 with prelim component marks
- Jan 22nd:
S2 Parents' Meeting



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

The festive period can be an expensive time, if you are worrying about money. **Silvia, our Welfare Rights Officer** can ensure you and your family are receiving everything you are entitled to.

Silvia can assist with benefit claims, including Universal Credit, disability benefits, Carers Support Payment, Council Tax Reduction, Free School Meals, School Clothing Grants to name a few!

Silvia can also support with food vouchers, fuel vouchers and debt advice referrals etc.

It's free, confidential and impartial advice.

We encourage everyone to have a benefit check to ensure you are not missing out!



Contact our schools Welfare Rights Officer **Silvia Campbell** direct on **07385685092** or scan QR code to complete the contact us form

We wish all of our families a lovely festive break. Thank you for all of your support in 2024 and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025!