



# Largs Academy Newsletter

## MAY 2024

### Young Photographer of the Year



Recently, Skelmorlie Camera Club partnered with the Expressive Arts Faculty of Largs Academy to present the awards for The Young Photographer of the Year competition. The theme of this year's competition was 'autumn' and the organisers said the standards of entries were very high. Each prize winner received a canvas print of their winning photograph and this year's champion also received a £50 voucher. The winners of the Young Photographer of the Year competition were as follows: 1st: Hannah Turner 2nd: Rosannah McKane 3rd(equal): MacEwan Buckland and Tristan McNair. There were also highly commended images from Malin Hardy, Hannah Brobyn, Murray Arneil, Millie Edwards, Enzo Gibb and Conor McCrimmond.

### Pupil of the Year – Edinburgh College

We recently received news from Edinburgh College, who delivered the Advanced Higher French and Spanish courses for our pupils this year, that Isla Archbold in S6 received the College award for the school pupil of the year for Modern Languages.

Isla has also dedicated lots of time and energy into her role as Largs Academy's Language Ambassador this year. Well done, Isla!



### Health and Wellbeing Round Up



Congratulations to a number of staff and pupils on wellbeing achievements this month. As a staff, we wore green for Mental Health Awareness and participated in a Clearer Minds workshop on thinking traps. Furthermore, Mr Wilson (DHT and Year Head) completed the Edinburgh Marathon. Our pupils competed and excelled in the North Ayrshire Athletics qualifiers and our S2 Boys Football Team are now in the finals of the Ayrshire League Cup after beating Robert Burns Academy. Lastly, Rachel Cameron in S2 completed the KiltWalk (The Big Stroll 14.2 miles) raising money for charity in the process. If your child has participated in something you would like to see featured in a future Newsletter please email Mr Doherty.

## Spotlight on... Welfare Rights Officer

North Ayrshire Council's Money Matters have a dedicated service to support the families of Largs Academy with financial support. Audrey Ritchie - our Welfare Rights Officer (WRO) - is on call to give free and confidential advice to all parents and carers in our school community. The key objective of the WRO is to mitigate the effects of poverty faced by children and young people living in North Ayrshire through ensuring the parents / carers and pupils receive their legal entitlement to state benefits.

In session 2023/24 alone, Audrey has helped parents and carers of Largs Academy to receive £108,972 in unclaimed benefits. Across North Ayrshire, the total for this year is £506,509. The service is dedicated to getting the very most for our families. Audrey will be able to help our parents and carers with any Qs or concerns they may have. You do not need to inform the school if you make contact - the service is completely confidential. Below is a project graphic that makes clear how to make contact.

**If you are on low income with children at secondary school, you may be entitled to financial support.**

Even if you haven't claimed before or if you think you won't qualify, you can get in touch for free, confidential advice from North Ayrshire Money Matters Welfare Rights Officer, Audrey Ritchie:

- Phone 01294 310498
- Text 0779 907 5426
- Email [moneymatters@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:moneymatters@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can ask your school to make a referral on your behalf.

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## Key Dates - May/June

May 28th:  
Change of Timetable (S4-S5)

May 30th:  
Smith's of Greenock Uniform Shop and  
P7 Parent and Pupil Open Evening (6pm-7:30pm)

May 31st:  
Fundraising Friday and non-uniform day

June 4th:  
Sports Awards

June 5th and 6th:  
S6 Pupil and Parent Graduation and Leavers Day / Prom

June 6th and 7th:  
P7 Transition Days

June 14th:  
Community Sponsored Walk (p5 and p6)

June 16th - June 19th:  
"Grease" - School Show

June 18th and 19th:  
Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

June 21st:  
S2 Communities Day (rescheduled)

June 24th:  
BGE Prizegiving

June 27th:  
New S5 and New S6 Reward Trip to Blackpool

June 28th:  
Last Day of Term



**Book, Music & Lyrics By  
Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey**

"Hopelessly Devoted to You", "You're The One That I Want", "Sandy" & "Grease" songs used by arrangement with Robert Stigwood.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Tickets - £10** Group Discounts available

| Performances           | Sunday<br>Evening                                                                   | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                           |
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| SCAN ME<br>for Tickets |  |  |  |  |

"GREASE" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), [www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.uk)

