



Largs Academy Newsletter

MAY 2026

Duke of Edinburgh



Our S4 and S5 Duke of Edinburgh participants recently completed their expedition to Arran, enjoying glorious weather for most of the trip and demonstrating outstanding resilience, teamwork and determination throughout. Navigating challenging routes, carrying all their own equipment and supporting one another along the way, our pupils represented the school brilliantly. Completing the expedition is a significant milestone towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Award, and we encourage all participants to ensure they complete the remaining sections of their award in time for recognition at next year's award ceremony. Well done to everyone involved on a fantastic achievement.

P7 Transition Days

We were delighted to welcome our new P7 pupils for their transition days at Largs Academy. Pupils from across our cluster primary schools, along with those joining us from other schools, experienced life as an S1 pupil by following their new timetable, meeting teachers and getting to know their future classmates. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, confidence and excitement as they explored the school and took part in a range of lessons and activities. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new S1 pupils back in August.



S1 Communities Day



Our S1 Communities Day was another tremendous success, with pupils volunteering at a wide range of locations across our local community. From supporting projects at Largs Fire Station, Kelburn Estate, Largs Golf Club and Largs Thistle FC, to taking part in beach cleans and many other community initiatives, pupils made a positive difference while developing valuable skills and strengthening local partnerships. The day perfectly exemplified our school value of Community, demonstrating that everyone has an important role to play in making Largs an even better place. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, maturity and commitment shown by all of our S1 pupils.



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The World's Oldest Football



Largs Academy was delighted to welcome the world's oldest football, a remarkable 500-year-old artefact from the Stirling Smith Art Gallery & Museum. Pupils, including many members of our school football teams, had the unique opportunity to see this historic treasure up close and learn about Scotland's rich footballing heritage. The visit was made possible by Honorary Consul Faroque Hussain KPM and Caroline Mathers, Director of the Stirling Smith Museum. It was a fascinating experience that inspired our young footballers and celebrated the enduring history of the beautiful game. We are grateful to everyone involved in making this memorable visit possible

Footloose

Over four evenings, our pupils wowed audiences with an outstanding production of Footloose. The cast delivered exceptional performances, showcasing months of dedication, talent and hard work, while our backstage crew, technical team and staff ensured every performance ran seamlessly. The production was a true team effort, reflecting the creativity and commitment of everyone involved. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the parents, families and wider community who came along to support the show.



Malawi Partnership Visit



Over two weeks in June, staff and pupils from Largs Academy have had the incredible opportunity to visit Mzambazi, Malawi, as part of our long-standing cultural partnership. During the visit, the group worked alongside our partner school, Mzambazi CDSS, and visited local primary, early years, college and hospital settings. The experience provided invaluable opportunities to learn, share and build lasting friendships, while gaining a deeper understanding of Malawian culture and community. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone in Malawi who welcomed us with such warmth and generosity, and to Mrs Tate, whose dedication and leadership continue to make this life-changing partnership possible.

In memory of Miss O'Hara



This term, we also took time to remember our much-loved colleague, Susan O'Hara, who sadly passed away earlier this month.

Susan joined Largs Academy in September 2002 as a Classroom Assistant before later becoming a Pupil Support Assistant. Over more than 22 years of dedicated service, she became a familiar and reassuring presence in our school, supporting generations of young people with patience, kindness and genuine compassion.

Throughout her career, Susan was known for her unwavering commitment to ensuring every pupil felt valued, included and cared for. She built strong, trusting relationships with young people and their families, working tirelessly behind the scenes to help pupils overcome barriers to learning and achieve success. Her warmth, infectious smile and wonderful sense of humour brightened the days of both colleagues and learners alike, while her humility and willingness to help others made her a cherished member of the Largs Academy family.

Earlier this year, Susan retired due to ill health, and sadly we did not have the opportunity to celebrate her retirement together as a school community. At our end-of-term staff gathering, we reflected on the lasting legacy she leaves behind. Her influence can be seen in the countless lives she touched, the confidence she inspired in so many young people, and the friendships she built with colleagues over more than two decades.

Susan will always be remembered with great affection and gratitude. Our thoughts remain with her family and friends, and her kindness and dedication will continue to be part of the story of Largs Academy for many years to come.

