# Wider Acheivement News

The latest news from Lasswade Extra Curricular and achievements



SPOTY 2023 Final 4: Megan, Tilly, Jake and Gregor

# Introduction

### By Kathryn Park

Our young people at Lasswade High School have been very busy this term. This termly Newsletter will share and enlighten you as to what some of our pupils have achieved this term.



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## At last SPOTY returns

On the 30th of March, we celebrated and recognised sporting achievement of the pupils at LHS through our Sports Personality of the Year event.

This was a huge success, recognising pupils for their commitment, dedication and talent in Sport.

The final four, Gregor Allan, Tilly Bee, Megan Fallon and Jake Robb made the vote extremely close- with Tilly being voted at our SPOTY23 winner, Congratulations Tilly.





Pupil Volunteer of the Year

The other mains awards were given to...

Coach of the year: Miss Taylor and Mrs Haynes Staff Volunteer of the Year: Mr Paterson Pupil Volunteer of the Year: Kieran Massey Team of the Year: Senior Girls Football Team SPOTY winner: Tilly Bee



The Four SPOTY Finalists



Coaches of the Year: Miss Taylor & Mrs Haynes



Staff Volunteer of the Year: Mr Paterson



Team of the Year: Senior Girls Football Team

# **The Power of Poetry**

A number of students from S1&S2 have produced excellent pieces of written work.

To start Lewis Murray (1ME1) has been published in the Bonnyrigg Rose FC Programme with a fantastic article about Motherwell inspiring the 'Icelandic clap'. Jessica Price (2ME3) has been selected for publication in The Power of Poetry competition run by Young Writers which is a UK wide competition! Ella Murray (2SA1), Mairi Reid (1MK1) and Ruaridh Laidlaw (2MK2) have won the national Young Writers 'Integers' (short story) competition and will be published in a book, we will be sent a copy to keep in the library.

Amelia Klain (2SL3) won our internal 'Resolutions' competition in January Cecily Scally (2ME3) and Jessica Price (2ME3) won our internal 'Outside of your Comfort Zone' competition in January

Lasswade High School will be publishing a virtual ebook of pieces from our young writers which will be shared virtually with families, thanks to all who have submitted writing for this



# Jupitor Artland

Our New S3 Art cohort have been absolutely brilliant out on the Jupiter Artland trips this term. We took with us 2SA2'S 'Imaginary Plant' sculptures and students have taken some striking photographs of them out in the Jupiter woodland. We had tours of the Jupiter Artland sculpture work and our Lasswade students came up with their own highly creative mini sculpture ideas in the model making workshops. Well done Lasswade!









## **Sporting News**



Pictured: Second Row, first on the left Charlie Sanders

#### Football

S3 pupil Charlie Sanders has been called up to the Scotland U15's training Camp at the Oriam. This is a great achievement, being selected at this level- Good Luck Charlie!

#### Dance

Lexi McQuinny , in S1 dances with Edinburgh Dance Academy (EDA) and she travels to Glasgow weekly to attend the Scottish Ballet associates. She trains 6 days a week and works really hard so this summer is the result of the hard work she puts in.

Lexi is also going to Braga in Portugal at the end of June to represent Scotland and compete as part of Team Scotland in the Dance World Cup. The World Cup runs from 30th June - 8th July.She is competing on multiple days in multiple dance genres including ballet, commercial, lyrical, Jazz and contemporary dance.

She has been put forward for this by her dance school Edinburgh Dance Academy. Selection was made through qualifiers in each participating country. This is an amazing achievement Lexi, Well done!



## Tennis

East of Scotland Terms

## Swimming

Congratulations to Charlotte Thomson, S4 and Eilidh Armstrong S5 who competed at the Scottish Schools Swimming Competition and both finished with Medals. Congratulations girls.

## School of Football

Big well done to the Lasswade S2 boys football team who recently won both the League and League Cup U14's Level



Hanna again has demonstrated her talent and hard work with recent Tennis success. She has recently been in Poland competing in the Tennis Europe International event in Szczecin.

Hanna has also recently been part of an Edinburgh Newspaper which is a great read.

https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/spo rt/other-sport/hot-edinburgh-tennisprospects-who-have-underlined-theirpotential-4140664

## Hockey

Hannah Gordon 1SL3, recently won an award/ Trophy for u14 s player of the year at her hockey club Eskvale which was presented to her on Saturday 20th May.Well done Hannah.



Also a big well done to the S4 football team who recently won the U16's Lothian Cup.

BIG GAMES AHEAD: Congratulations to both U15 and Senior Girls football teams who have reached the Final of the Scottish Cup. U15s play at Alloa FC on Friday 16th June at 7pm and the Senior girls play at Meggetland on Tuesday the 6th of June at 7pm. All support would be weclome!

## Rugby

The start of 2023 was a very busy period for our players at Lasswade Rugby. All teams have had great performances all over the county including trips to St Andrews, Peebles and Berwick. This March also saw a historical event for Lasswade Rugby, with our under 14's girls team hosting their very first home game at Hawthornden against Leith Hawks.



Within representative teams, some of our under 15's squad took their first step on the development pathway this March/April and attended the East region's Player Development Hubs at Peffermill and Musselburgh. Players acquitted themselves well over the 5 weeks of training and 3 game play opportunities and will wait keenly to hear about the next stage of the program over the summer.

At under 16's level, four of our pupils represented Edinburgh on multiple occasions over the last term competing for the Inter district championship. With two, Harry Jackaman and Henno Bowe going on to represent Edinburgh vs. Glasgow Warriors in the 16's 1872 Cup.

Well done to all players who were involved in the rugby program over the last term and thank you to all parents and coaches for all your continued support.





Mr Graham.

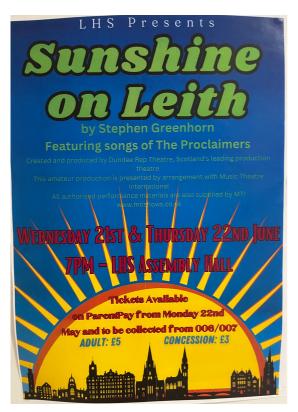
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The rivalry between S6 and the staff returned, with volleyballand football games. The staff were victorious in the Volleyball winning 4 games to 1. The tables then turned when the football game came to play. The Staff started strong, getting the first Goal however the by the of the second half the pupils won 2-1. On both events, there was a great turn out of pupils and staff to spectate.



# **Sunshine on Leith**



Lasswade High School presents Sunshine on Leith.

Come along to see the production on Wednesday the 21st and Thursday the 22nd of June in the Assembly Hall.

Curtains go up at 7pm, Tickets are available now on Parent Pay and can be collected from room 006/007.

## **Fair Trade Awards**

S3 Geography students have been working towards the school achieving the FairActive Award from the Fairtrade Foundation charity. They have been learning about how Fairtrade is a solution to food insecurity and have planned and organised a variety of activities including designing posters for around the school, a Fairtrade hamper raffle and a Fairtrade games lesson with S1. They have all worked extremely well in friendship groups and have shown the school values of creativity and effort on numerous occasions.



## **Outdoor Learning Awards**

A number of pupils have been successful this year with the outdoor learning curriculum. A number of pupils have been working towards Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards and the John Muir awards. A huge well done to the following pupils who have been successful with this:



## S3 &S4 Bronze DofE

Kane Cruickshank Owen Haldane Zara Macintosh Lewis Mackay Hollie McCann Reece McKay Callum Paterson Iona Scott Zoe Taylor Cameron Watson Holly Wright Kelly Young

Maya Downie1 Jack McDougall2 Luke Teasdale Cadence Wood

## S4 Silver DofE

Ethan Allan Maximilian Budziosz Keir Clark Rebecca Da Costa Kalvin Deighan Padraig Shiell Katie Traill

## John Muir Award

Alex Symeonides 2ME4 Cameron Carroll 2SA2 Sammy-Lee Miliken 2ME2 Lewis McFarlane 2SL2 Lily Burrows 2ME4 Allannah Boyne 2SA2 Hollie Wilson 2SA2

# **Bluebell Run**

On Sunday the 14th of May, 8 member of Staff from across Lasswade High School took part in the Bluebell Run in Dalkeith Country Park. Congratulations to all runners taking part over the distance of 10 kilometres.



# S3 volunteering

On the 24th, 25 and 31st of May, 16 S3 pupils went along to Lasswade Primary School and Bonnyrigg Primary School to help with their Sports Day. The feedback received from both Primary Schools was extremely positive. All pupils were great role models to the Primary students, well done to all!



## **French Essay Competition**

Well done to Gemma Sawyer for participating in the 'Jacqueline Munro-Lafon French essay competition' although she did not win she received a certificate for her efforts in what was a tough competition.

# Lasswade High School get GOLD



Over the past few months, Miss Park, the Sports council and Judith the Active Schools Co-ordinator were applying for the Sport Scotland School Sport Award. From our application we were awarded Gold. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributes to sport within Lasswade High School.

Thank you to all pupils and staff for sharing their own and other pupil achievement across LHS, it is brilliant to recognise such a large amount of wider achievement across the school.

If anyone would like to share news of recent achievement, please let Miss Park know, or email on k.park@midlothian.education.

