

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 26 March 2024.

Young Musician of the Year Competition

On Wednesday 20 March, we held our Young Musician of the Year Competition. The performers were outstanding and there was a great variety of instruments and musical choices. Our adjudicators had a very difficult job. Worthy winners were, L Assur (Jnr - violin), C Innes (runner up – electric guitar), M Doolan (snr - clarinet), J Brennan (runner up - piano). It was a lovely evening, organised by our Music department, and well enjoyed by staff, pupils and parents of the performers. Matthew and Lucy will represent the school at the South Ayrshire Final of the Young Musician competition on 26 March.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The DofE Awards Ceremony was held on 6 March in the Town Hall in Troon. Kyle pupils were well represented at the event in all categories. Overall, we had 62 bronze award winner and 2 silver. This is thanks to Mr Gardner and Linda McCandlish who have worked hard to maintain the achievements of our young people despite funding cuts from the centre.

Eco and Fair Trade

Kyle has achieved its sixth Eco-Schools green flag which is an amazing achievement. The Eco group has been nominated for the Eco-Schools awards based on the last 2 years work, which stems from 2 decades of commitment to environmental issues and Fairtrade at Kyle under the leadership of Mrs Rankin.

We have also earned our Fair Achiever School status, which is the highest award level of Fairtrade schools. This month our Fairtrade group held 'Mini Brews' at lunchtimes selling Barista coffee, tea and hot chocolate to raise funds for 'Transform Trade'. This initiative needs £350 (matching the investment of about 30 local families), to start up a new community owned shop in Bangladesh. The self-sufficient enterprise enables women to earn money and the respect of their community.

We are a Social Enterprise School Champion and last year won bronze in the Provost's schools footprint challenge. This year's final will be held in Dumfries House in June.

Work Out Graduation

Eleven of our S4 pupils graduated from the South Ayrshire Work Out programme on 18 March. This is a work experience programme. Young people attend a work placement organised by the council one day a week over the course of the school year. They are supported by staff from Thriving Communities. It is a big commitment and a great learning experience. Many of our young people go on to get apprenticeships from the scheme.

Upcoming Events

Easter Holidays - closed Thurs 28 March reopening on Mon 15 April

S3 YPI Final – Fri 19 April

SQA Exam diet for S4 to S6 – 22 April to 28 May

Theme of the Month – April 2024 – Kyle Recycles

Next Parent Council Meeting - 30 April