

5TH OCTOBER | 2022 |

Well done to all our Prize winners!

We were absolutely made up to be celebrating again with our young people at our School Prizegiving, in person this year. We had prizes for 122 of our young people this year, reflecting the wide range of achievement across the whole school. Since the pandemic, this is the first year where we have been able to have examinations in person, and have a sense of normality around the school.

This year the Head Team excelled themselves with thoughtful speeches, a brilliant vocal performance from Alice Heald — 'Rise like a Pheonix' and we also had some great advice from Gale Coates — local Watch Commander for the Fire Service and all-round good egg. She told us to always 'be kind — because why would you not be?' She described something of her journey and experiences and was an encourage to us all to keep perservering. We paid tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth, who said this — "I believe that, young or old, we have as much to look forward to with confidence and hope as we have to look back on with pride." Great words for us to reflect on as we go into the rest of the year.





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School Nurse Drop In

Our school nurse Katrina Fairbairn, offers a fantastic service to our young people. On Thursday lunchtimes she operates a confidential drop in service. She can offer advice and support on the following:

- Emotional and mental wellbeing
- Contraception/C-cards
- Relationships
- Alcohol, smoking, drugs advice
- Health
- Diet/appearance
- Self-esteem
- Home issues

She is also there if a young person just needs someone to talk to





E-Sgoil – are offering a free 45-minute workshop each week, delivered to support your young person in their SQA courses. These are **free** and run on a set timetable on TEAMS. It's a great offer. You can find out more by clicking

<u>here</u>. It's a great way to consolidate your learning from an experienced teacher. Most subjects are covered but not all.

Important – Safety Notice

Please remember that it is **NOT PERMITTED** to **drop off young people on the school grounds** at the

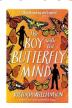
beginning and end of school. The car park is reserved for buses, staff cars, and for disabled young people. It is a busy and dangerous area and cars attempting to turn has already caused a few near misses and is very dangerous. Please use the laybys provided on the road and encourage you're your young person to use the crossing safely.



Inspiring Author Visit!

Author Victoria Williamson visited the school on Thursday 6th October to discuss her books and delivered creative writing workshops with the S1-S3 pupils. She is a Scottish author and school teacher who divides her time between writing and visiting schools and literary festivals. Her previous novels, *The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle* and *The Boy with the Butterfly Mind*, have been shortlisted for a number of awards, and her third book *Hag Storm*, was published in October 2021. The pupils really enjoyed hearing about her books as well as getting some hints and tips on how to write better stories. A highlight of the talks were the science experiments she did with the groups as well as hearing about what makes a good story. This visit was paid for by our generous grant from the SLIC fund.













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