We have reached the end of a very busy term which has seen a vast amount of effort going in to prepare our senior pupils for the national examination diet in the summer term. I wish to thank all staff for their efforts in gaining the highest possible levels of progress for all of our pupils. They have been using Twitter to keep parents up-to-date with Supported Study sessions on offer or deadlines to be met or have shared successes and motivational quotes relating to growth mindset and the power of positive thinking. This has all been very effective in supporting our pupils to make better progress and keep on track. Yet again we are performing highly against local and national standards and have had notable success in performances in National 4 and in Higher across all subject areas. We have also been far outperforming schools locally and nationally in securing the highest grades for pupils who are at risk of under-achieving. Our leavers’ destinations at 97.4% are the highest they have ever been.

Our strong and constantly evolving partnerships are offering enriched learning experiences for our pupils, particularly in S1-S3 and in this newsletter you will read of many of the exciting opportunities pupils have had. S6 & S1 pupils have had strengthened links this session through our buddy system and we have several examples of improvements we have secured as a direct result of feedback from pupils. For example, senior pupils have expressed the huge impact on their learning and self-belief from the Growth Mindset approaches used by a good number of their teachers. We are now offering training for all teachers across our own school and our primary schools to extend Growth Mindset approaches further. Senior pupils have made our S4 Options’ Information more relevant through very helpful short films they have made of their experiences in courses in S5 & S6.

I am delighted to say that our programme of extra-curricular events and activities continues to offer all pupils exceptional opportunities for increased learning, skills development and confidence-building, many of which are highlighted in this newsletter. 11 of us are travelling to Malta for 3 days next week for an international conference on supporting all learners to achieve highly. Staff, pupils and a parent will showcase some of the work we do to an international audience of delegates from across Europe. This is the final stage of our project with the European Agency.

An excellent IDL learning experience was our production of Goldilocks to a delighted audience of teachers, pupils and parents earlier this week with so many S1 boys and girls showing great teamwork and talent and having their confidence raised significantly – that is what we are all about in Calderglen as well as what you will read in this newsletter.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a lovely, restful and refreshing Spring Break.

Liz White
Head Teacher
A Message from School Captain, Katrina Livingstone

I would like to share some of the recent outstanding achievements of Calderglen pupils.

The buddy system, organised by Mrs Mason is an excellent programme aimed at encouraging S6 and S1 pupils to work together to support S1 pupils in their transition from Primary School. The benefits of a buddy system are invaluable, providing senior pupils with responsibility while younger pupils know that they have a senior pupil they can confidently turn to for support and advice. As S6 near the end of their High School career and our junior pupils near the end of S1, everyone involved has developed their confidence and skills due to their participation in the buddy system. Younger pupils have praised senior pupils for the much needed support and advice they have received throughout the year.

The Calderglen Life Story Book, run in conjunction with the NHS, won the New Intergenerational Project Award for its outstanding contribution to intergenerational work in the local community. The Life Story Book Programme was created this year, in the hope that it would help patients living with dementia remember their past, bringing a smile to their faces. Pupils worked with patients to record their memories in the Story Book. This initiative not only helped patients remember their past, but allowed senior pupils the opportunity to develop their social skills by working with the older generation.

Pupils from S6 have worked tirelessly to produce a range of S4 options videos, to help S4 pupils when they make the crucial decision regarding the subjects they wish to study in S5. The videos, along with a 107 page booklet, detailing each subject and the opportunities it provides for the future, were created entirely by senior pupils.

We are proud to have supported Calderglen’s Got Talent, a fantastic evening of entertainment, on 29th March. This year’s Calderglen’s Got Talent was held in memory of highly talented and much respected former pupil, Gary Watson who tragically lost his life last August at the age of 22. The event was held in Gary’s name and the money raised will go to Nordoff Robbins, a charity chosen by Gary’s mum, Linda. The winner of this year’s show, S5 pupil Kelsey Jones, was given the inaugural ‘Gary Watson Award’ dedicated to Gary, who won the first-ever show, aged just thirteen. All acts displayed outstanding talent and the judges’ task of selecting a winner was an unenviable one! We are so proud of all of our fellow pupils who performed on the evening.
A Message from Paula Callaghan, Chair of our Parent Council

A big thank you to all parents and staff who supported the recent Studio 32 presentation in February organised by the Parent Council. The night was a huge success & thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you especially to parent, Jane Miller, for planning the evening. We raised over 900 pounds for school funds. This money will be used to subsidise the many & varied school trips for pupils during & after school. These trips support the young people’s learning & encourage personal development. The school is constantly looking for ways to provide the best learning experiences for its pupils.

Calderglen pupils are very fortunate to have so many opportunities for further development of skills. These experiences are extremely helpful for building confidence & self-esteem. They also encourage the lower school groups to settle into the school community & feel a sense of belonging. In the upper school extra-curricular activities are vital for supporting applications for jobs & further education.

We would be pleased if you would encourage your children to be involved in the school events & to come along yourselves to parent events and see for yourselves the great work that is being done by staff for our young people.

The next parent council meeting is the Tuesday the 9th of May, 6.45 pm in the Conference Room.
Marcus Boyd’s Big Bang!

S6 pupil Marcus Boyd has recently been awarded the “runner up” prize in the UK Science and Technology competition “The Big Bang” where 200 young scientists from around the UK competed for prizes worth over £50,000. This follows on from a successful summer placement at SUERC in East Kilbride, where Marcus was praised for his in-depth research.

Marcus impressed the judges with his investigation into two Iron Age sites in Hampshire, England showing how they were used while active. This included the analysis of bone samples from animals.

Faculty Head of Science at Calderglen High School, Mrs. Casey said: “Having the opportunity to put theory into practice has been a great opportunity for Marcus. To be through to the national final and finish as a runner up has been the icing on the cake”.

Marcus now plans to apply for university courses, where he would like to combine his interests in chemistry and medicine and eventually take up a research position. He has recently featured in the local and national press and was interviewed on Radio Scotland’s Good Morning Scotland Programme. I think that we can all agree that the future is looking bright for Marcus!
Holly Freeman has skated to a fantastic 3rd place in her recent UK NISA board competition in Aberdeen. She completed two complex short and long programmes and impressed the judges with a display beyond her years. This comes after her GB selection and recent competition in Innsbruck, Austria where she was placed 7th. What is even more impressive is that she was competing against full time professional skaters, many much older and more experienced. Holly currently trains at East Kilbride rink and is working towards a number of international and domestic events coming up later this year. She has also secured a sponsorship with Nando’s, which will help to fund her journey towards future success! Well done Holly on this outstanding success.
Charlie Frew

S1 pupil, Charlie Frew won a gold medal award at the South Lanarkshire cross country championships in Biggar last month. She competed against over 100 competitors in her age group and did fantastically well to come out on top. Prior to this event, she came 5th place in the 800m at the Scottish Schools competition where she competed alongside much older competitors at U15 level. Charlie is a member of Whitemoss Athletics Club, where she trains in middle/long distance events. Look out for Charlie’s performances at Calderglen as the PE department embark on their athletics programme next month! Charlie also displayed her excellent musical abilities at our recent Calderglen’s Got Talent Show.

Kyle McCauley's Clean Sweep

S2 pupil, Kyle McCauley, recently won a Silver medal at the National Indoor Pentathlon at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow. Kyle competed in the High Jump, Long Jump, 800m, Shot put and Hurdles, where he achieved a personal best of 9.25. Kyle is a member of Whitemoss Athletics Club, where he trains in the combined events group upwards of five sessions per week. This is quite an undertaking considering he combines this successfully with his school work! Earlier this year, Kyle won Gold when he competed in the National Indoor Athletics championships at the same venue and achieved personal bests in both Long Jump (5.81) and High Jump (1.71). Alongside some of his Whitemoss teammates, he also picked up a bronze medal in Scottish Athletics indoor league final. He also recently won gold to become the NECAA Pentathlon champion 2017 in Gateshead, with another personal best in the shot put. His coach Alan Forbes, commented "This has been a great achievement by Kyle who pulled out his personal best performances when it really mattered. The medals are well deserved after Kyle's hard work during the winter." Kyle now focusses his attention on his next event, which is another challenge for him in what will be a busy athletics calendar this season as he attempts to climb up the rankings. Well done Kyle on these amazing achievements!
Jenna Robertson, S2  Acrobatic Success

Jenna Robertson’s acrobatic gymnastics team achieved a first place in the Scottish Gymnastics championships at Ravenscraig regional sports facility earlier this month. Jenna and her trio, Hanna Dalziel (St Andrews and St Brides) and Aimee Robertson (Greenhills Primary) won Gold at Grade 4, competing against much older competitors performing at that level. The trio had to complete a choreographed two minute routine, compiling five different partner moves, three solo and a combined dance performance to music. Jenna is a member of East Kilbride Gymnastics Club and trains upwards of 17 hours a week, in order to produce these fantastic performances. Her recent success proves that practice does indeed make perfect!
Royal Society Visit

Calderglen’s STEM team made the trip to London to present at the Royal Society on their car of the future project. This project has been a mainstay of Calderglen’s annual IDL programme. In partnership with NXP Semiconductors, Calderglen staff and pupils worked in a variety of science, technical and maths labs to design, manufacture and test flying cars and rocket cars. The Royal Society awarded Calderglen a grant of just under £3,000 last year, so this visit was a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate the design and research that has gone into creating a wonderful concept. MP Lisa Cameron was in attendance and said “Great to meet up with Calderglen Students and see their presentation- immensely proud!” Well done to all pupils and staff who took part in this project and were excellent ambassadors for our school in London.
Go4SET – Schools Science and Engineering Competition

Calderglen pupils were among the brightest and best budding scientists and engineers from secondary schools from across South Lanarkshire, to contest the final of the area Go4SET competition. Pupils from Calderglen showcased their innovative ideas in creating an ecological and sustainable project. Over the last ten weeks, pupils have been engaged in an intensive 10-week programme of outbound visits, expert presentations, practical modelling and desk research, before having their work assessed by a panel of experts. Through this they have also had the expert advice of an assigned mentor from Rolls Royce.

Sponsored by Viridor, the Go4SET competition is focused on inspiring young people into science, technology engineering and maths careers. Calderglen pupils narrowly missed out on the overall win, but came out top on the science quiz!

Meg Wright, Director of EDT Scotland, said “The GO4SET programme not only challenges the pupils in the STEM subjects but also helps develop team working, project management and presentations skills. It is heart-warming to see the growth in confidence and esteem when the teams present their work at the celebration day. We are delighted to be working with a variety of companies as well as Viridor who sponsor the event.” Well done to our Go4SET team!
Training Partners Visit

Local training providers visited Calderglen High School this month to offer advice and guidance to our S4, 5 and 6 students, on the opportunities available to them should they wish to pursue further training on leaving school. Seven training providers were in attendance and offered a carousel experience to pupils, giving them an insight into the different training pathways available to them and answering questions. Calderglen partners EKGT and Multi Sector Training and Consultancy were just some of whom were in attendance. Pupils clearly enjoyed the experience and it has given them clear direction. Alongside our careers advisors, we are now supporting a number of pupils through the application process.
First Senior Team Debut for Michael

East Kilbride FC handed senior Calderglen Pupil, Michael Anderson his first team debut in earlier this month in their 5-1 win over Threave. The S6 pupil came on as a 50th minute substitute in the South Challenge Cup quarter-final clash. After making his introduction, Michael said: “I really enjoyed it and hopefully there’s more games to come”. “I was a bit nervous when I first came on, but the players got me involved quickly. It went well after that, I felt I had a good game and it was great to get the win”

Michael trains with the under 20s but his recent performances have helped him to force his way into Martin Laughlin’s first team plans. The East Kilbride manager said “Michael shows if you are good enough, you are old enough. He is a positive role model and it’s great we have top talent like him making the step up to the first team”.

Senior Football Team – U18’s Football

Hot off the press, I am delighted to report that our under 18 football team is through to the final of the South Lanarkshire Cup, thanks to a 2 – 0 win against local rivals Cathkin.

The first half of the game was a tight affair, although filled with numerous opportunities for Calderglen but these were not converted. After a change of formation at half time from Mr Murray, Calderglen started the second half brightly and after another few missed chances, the deadlock was broken. Kyle MacDonald was released through one on one with the goalkeeper in which he calmly rounded him and slotted the ball home to go 1 - 0 up. Shortly after the opener, the tie was wrapped up as Jack McKenna was given a penalty after a clear push on his back. Kyle MacDonald kept a cool head and scored his penalty into the bottom right corner to send Calderglen’s u 18s through to the regional cup final. Thanks must go to Mr Murray and Mr Scott, who stepped in to deputise for the absent Mr Edgar and Mr McLean. Watch out for details of the Final!
Journalism Class Designs Match Programmes for East Kilbride FC

S3 students from Calderglen's Sports Journalism and Football Studies course have been designing the match programme for East Kilbride FC’s league match against Hawick Royal Albert FC. For the first time ever, East Kilbride FC have gone out of house for help producing their latest issue and lucky pupils at Calderglen High School have designed and produced all the content. The new-look and revamped edition was made available to fans ahead of the evening game, which saw East Kilbride run out 2:1 winners. The Masterclass, which is run by English teacher Mrs Healy and East Kilbride manager Martin Lauchlan, have been working in successful partnership for the last few months and have really captured pupil's attention with exciting and interesting content.

Mrs Healy said: “The East Kilbride FC partnership has been a really exciting part of the Sports Journalism Masterclass “To be able to work with such a fantastic team and continue the links that Calderglen already has with EKFC has been great.” “Being invited to produce the program was such a privilege and the pupils loved seeing their work published”. “This has been such a positive experience for our pupils and they have really engaged with all lessons.

“It would not have been possible without all of Martin’s hard work. He has been such a good role model to both the boys and girls in the class and they have looked forward to each Monday afternoon in English.” Martin added: “All the kids have worked so hard on it and I’m sure people will be impressed with the final product. “Hopefully, they will be involved in future editions of the programme as well.
IMS Showcase

Some of Calderglen’s most talented musicians took to the stage at the annual Instrumental Music Service Showcase concert at Hamilton Town House. Many of the pupils who performed are supported by South Lanarkshire schools. Instrumental Music Service which co-ordinates and delivers musical tuition. Calderglen High’s Jazz band opened the second half of the concert with their performance of ‘In the Mood’. Three of our pupils, Harry Scott, Beth Millikin, Scott McCallum also took part in South Lanarkshire’s Jazz band performance.

Tony McDaid, the council’s Executive Director said "Over and above their regular studies our young musicians are regularly called on to perform at their schools and indeed to represent their school communities and South Lanarkshire on a larger stage at events and competitions nationally and even internationally. They are great ambassadors for our area."
Get #ReadyToVote

This month we are promoting awareness among our 16 and 17 year olds, so that they can register to vote in the 2017 Scottish council elections. All pupils who are 16 or over on 4 May 2017, are eligible to vote. We held a well-attended registration event in the school library over lunchtime and this gave pupils the opportunity to get online and register their details, joining the 80,000 16 and 17 year olds who voted in the last election. Pictured are pupils getting in on the action through a number of classroom activities!
Goldilocks

S1 pupils have been working hard in the performing arts faculty over the last few weeks, learning songs from “Goldilocks”. They have also combined this experience with the Art department, in order to create an inter-disciplinary learning project and have been putting their artistic skills to good effect in the design of the set.

Feedback was really positive and parents commented on the success of the show, noting that they

“Really enjoyed the show! Especially liked that all the ‘chorus’ children moved with each song enabling all children to have a turn at being in the front row. Well done everyone! A lot achieved in a short time” and “Whole performance was amazing. My daughter never would’ve put herself up to do this in the past. Truly lovely to see her enthusiasm and confidence – well done.”

Well done to pupils and staff involved for their hard work.
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