



East Lothian Pipes & Drums Trust

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Newsletter – March 2012

March has been a tremendously busy and exciting month for ELPDT pupils. Preston Lodge High School Pipe Band has received the first batch of uniforms with kilts in the new Preston Lodge tartan funded by the National Lottery Awards for All and ELPDT. PLHS Pipe Band and ELPDT pupils have enjoyed competitive success both in band competitions and solo events.

4 March – George Watson’s College Annual Mini-band and Solo Competition



PLHS Entered a miniband in the Senior MSR event for the first time and put in a strong performance to finish 10th out of 18 bands. Only bands from 4 other schools finished ahead of PL. Preston Lodge also had strong performance in the solo competitions with Emma Calderhead finishing 4th in the under 18 drumming, Eilidh Alexander finishing 2nd in the 16 and under piping, and Daniel Luby finishing 2nd in the 14 and under drumming.

9 March – Glasgow Highland Club Annual Pipe Band and Solo Competition

Preston Lodge High School were placed 5th out of 12 bands at the annual Glasgow Highland Club Piping and Drumming Competition on in Hutcheson’s Grammar School in Glasgow.

The PL drummers also swept the boards in the solo drumming competitions.

Emma Calderhead won the senior drumming event with Carrie Bain finishing in 2nd place and Daniel Luby won the Junior Drumming event.

This was a fantastic achievement for all pupils concerned against many long established school pipe band. It is the first time the pupils have had to compete without the instructor being allowed to play and Eilidh Alexander, the school’s Pipe Major lead the band through their drill and playing with remarkable maturity.



21 March – ELIMS Showcase Concert – Queen’s Hall, Edinburgh

Piping and Drumming featured for the first time in the annual East Lothian Instrumental Music Services Concert. The concert is an opportunity for pupils taught under the auspices of ELIMS to show of their talents in front of an audience.

The Pipe & Drums opened the concert and brought together pupils taught by ELPDT and East Lothian Council’s piping instructor David Barnes. The evening was a great success and we hope that it is the first of many occasions where ELPDT pupils will be able to collaborate with other pipers and drummers in the County.



24 March – RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch Mini Band and Solo Competition

The annual L & B Branch Mini-Band and Solo Competition was held at the James Young High School in Livingston and featured a large entry of bands and soloists from the Lothian & Borders Branch.

ELPDT Drummers once again featured in the prize list with Emma Calderhead finishing in 5th place in the 15-18 yr category and Charlie Rafferty finishing 1st in the 14 yr and under event.

Local Band, The Pryde of East Lothian had one mini-band finish in second place in the grade 4 competition, winning the Drumming.

Examination Successes

Colin Pryde reports that 5 ELPDT Pupils passed PDQB exams at his piping workshop in February. Dollar Millar of Preston Lodge and Ben Muir of Longniddry Primary passed there PDQB level 2 exam and Theo Maguire, Euan Naismith and Daniel Sked of Kings Meadow Primary passed their Level 1 exam.

Events in April 2012	
ELPDT Easter School 11 – 13 April at Cockenzie and Port Seton RBL	There are still places available for drummers to attend this workshop. Full details and a booking form can be found on the ELPDT website. http://www.eastlothianpipesanddrums.org.uk/event/piping-and-drumming-easter-school/
Scottish Power Workshop 14 April at Cockenzie and Port Seton RBL	Chris Armstrong and several of his band members will be delivering a masterclass in piping and drumming to East Lothian Pupils. Places are still available for pipers and drummers. Email Lee Moore at bagpipetutoring@gmail.com for further details.



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