

Finalist place for Jedburgh Schools Cluster

The Jedburgh Schools Cluster is delighted to have secured one of three places in the finals of the Community Learning and Development Category of the 2020 Scottish Education Awards.

These are just some of the initiatives that impressed the judges and helped to earn that coveted place in the finals, with more details below about two which have been particularly successful:

- Morning breakfast/nurture club
- Lunchtime wellbeing group
- Active girls' fitness group
- Gardening, arts and craft and woodworking group
- Summer activity programme
- Step up transition program
- Wednesday night youth club
- School residential.

In addition, a successful funding bid has allowed the project to train 10 members of staff to deliver Seasons for Growth grief, change and loss programmes to young people across the cluster while 75 young people have achieved either Dynamic Youth Awards or Hi 5 Awards.

Breakfast nurture club

The breakfast/nurture club offers a good start to young people. It was initially available three mornings a week but thanks to donations from local organisations, is now provided every day during the school term. The aim is to make sure young people are set up for the day and more ready to learn. The club provides a safe, nurturing environment where young people feel confident about speaking within the group and sharing their opinions. The workers create a welcoming atmosphere in a non-classroom setting where young people have adults they can talk to about any concerns they may have, whether that relates to their school or personal lives.

Summer activity programme

An eight day programme delivered over four weeks of last year's summer holidays saw ten P7 and ten S1 pupils participating in a variety of activities and challenges aimed at building their confidence and self-esteem. The sessions were done in partnership with Cheviot Youth and saw young people participating in rock climbing, canoeing, hill walking, art activities, swim sessions, cookery, horse care and riding. They also took part in a rope course, jail break activity and enjoyed a popular and well attended barbecue.

Susan Oliver, Jedburgh Grammar Headteacher

"This nomination highlights the fantastic work that our CLD worker, Donna Wood and PEF Youth Worker Heather Lothian have carried out to support children, young people and families right across our school community. The work has been supported by the Pupil Equity Fund and has focused on initiatives to improve health and wellbeing in a wide variety of innovative, creative and extremely beneficial ways.

"We are incredibly proud to have had national recognition of our efforts"

More information

- The awards ceremony was cancelled this year due to COVID-19.