

Holy Rood RC High School Achieves Digital Schools Award

Holy Rood RC High School is proud to announce that it achieved the Digital Schools Award – a milestone several years in the making. Since the introduction of iPads in 2021, staff and pupils have worked together to build a strong digital culture, with momentum increasing after members of the Digital Leadership Team attended the Edinburgh Learns Digital Conference in October 2024. Hearing from accredited schools and receiving a clear roadmap gave us the confidence to begin the process.

Staff across the school collaborated to gather evidence showcasing high-quality digital learning, from creative iMovies in the Technologies Department to fully digital OneNote lessons in Maths. Pupils were central to this journey, offering feedback that shaped teaching approaches and highlighting the skills they have developed - including collaboration, creativity, and following their initiative.

Digital Leaders played a key role by gathering evidence, contributing to the



FTT using iMovie to create pizza adverts

validation, and promoting digital learning throughout the school.

Holy Rood will now introduce new Digital Learner Awards to recognise pupils who demonstrate exceptional digital skills and leadership. The school also acknowledges the support of Christie Whittle from Edinburgh Learns and Malcolm Wilson, our validator. This achievement is a proud moment for the whole community and a foundation for future progress.

Fionnuala Glover, Digital Learning Lead, Holy Rood RC High School

Euroclub and Euroquiz

James Gillespie's Primary recently won the Edinburgh heats of Euroquiz, very narrowly scoring over our friends at Preston Street Primary down the road. This is only the second time that we have got to the final and the team (and teachers!) are hugely excited!

We have been participating in this event for over ten years now and it is a hugely popular club for our primary 6s. Each year, we invite those interested to join our 'Euroclub' which takes place at lunchtime on a weekly basis. The focus is on all things Europe: the geography, history, culture, languages and formation of the European Union. There is an incredible amount to learn. The children really enjoy the engagement and element of competition as we head towards the Easter break and the chance to compete for a place on the team.

This year, we were delighted to score 49 out of a total of 55, but the competition was tough and we'll have to keep on our toes for the final on June 12th when we represent Edinburgh in the Scotland heats. We keep the club running even after the Euroquiz event as so many of the children want to continue the learning. Those who didn't make the school team also tried their hand at the quiz and got the chance to use all their knowledge and experience the reality of the quiz.

This is always a big part of the language learning at JGPS and a chance for many of our children to enjoy learning about the culture and history of our European neighbours as well as the UK.

Whatever the result on June 12th, the children have really enjoyed participating and learned an enormous amount. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the McEwen Hall!

Mrs MacGregor and Mrs Harley
Primary 6 Class Teachers
James Gillespie's Primary School

Lego Spike, Bluebot Coding and STEM Sets

Following local funding from Ineos, Dalmeny Primary recently invested in Lego Spike, Bluebot coding and STEM sets to help develop their Computer Science Curriculum from Nursery through to Primary 7. Pupils had lots of fun showcasing their exciting new equipment to parents and carers during a coding morning event and have thoroughly enjoyed using their coding skills to bring to life a variety of Lego-themed projects. Pupils and staff are really excited to develop this further, in planning further creative and engaging lessons.

Jay Cook, Principal Teacher
Dalmeny Primary School



Franek Jeschke (Nursery), Lewis Johnston (Nursery), Bridget Hayhurst (Nursery), Orla Mullen (Nursery)



Sullivan Crooks (P6), Harrison Brown (P7), Archie Nelson (P7)

STEM Success at Colinton Primary School

Colinton Primary School is celebrating fantastic STEM achievements, with pupils in both P5 and P6 recognised this month in two regional competitions. These successes highlight our commitment to creativity, sustainability and real-world problem solving.

Our Primary 6 team were named winners of the Primary Category in the first ever Edinburgh Airport STEM Champions Competition, an achievement that has brought huge pride to our small school community.

The competition, part of the Airport's expanding STEM Centre programme, challenged young people across the region to 'build an airport for everyone.' Pupils were asked to design an inclusive, accessible and future focused airport that reflect the needs of all travellers.

The Colinton PS winning team impressed judges with a thoughtful, personal approach to accessibility,

sustainability and engineering. Our prize included an exciting behind-the-scenes experience at Edinburgh Airport, visiting security, the airfield, the air traffic control tower and the fire station before a special prize-giving ceremony.

Our Primary 5 pupils took part in the Climate Smarter School Challenge delivered by 'STEMOVATORS' and with a celebration day hosted at Heriot Watt University.

The Climate Smarter programme allowed our P5 pupils to investigate renewable energy, eco materials, water systems and climate resilient design before creating detailed models of their own 'Climate Smarter' Schools. Our team presented their model to a panel of STEM professionals and were awarded Runners Up in the STEM Challenge Category.

Huge Congratulations to everyone involved!

Louise Hill, Learning for Sustainability Lead Teacher, Colinton Primary school



McKinlay, Lawrie, Aiza, Connie, Tilly, Aria, Ava & Eva

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Mila, Kalsom, Binali, Harriet, Anna & Amelie



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Pilrig Park School – Sportscotland Gold School Sport Award for 2026–2028

Gold School Sport Award – Re-accreditation

In May, we were delighted to be informed that we have been awarded for the second time the Sportscotland Gold School Sport Award. The Gold School Sport Award is recognition of our achievements in putting sport at the heart of our school's planning, practice and ethos.

Over the past two years, since proudly achieving the Sports Gold Award in 2024, we have continued to build on this success by delivering an ambitious, inclusive and inspiring programme of sport, health and fitness opportunities for every pupil across our school community. Our unwavering commitment to promoting active, healthy lifestyles remains central to our ethos, and were delighted to showcase the breadth and impact of the activities we now offer, in our recent application.

As stated in our accreditation report by Sportscotland: 'The Gold Award highlights that your school has shown excellent practice across the core areas of the Award and demonstrated an on-going commitment to increase young people's opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership and provide clear pathways to life-long participation in sport'.

At Pilrig Park School, we remain fully committed to providing high quality sporting experiences and promoting healthy, active lifestyles for every pupil. It is a joy to see how these opportunities enrich wellbeing and contribute to the positive ethos that permeates throughout Pilrig Park School.

Sincere thanks to our Active School Coordinator, our friends at Edinburgh Leisure and all the sporting partnerships that have helped us on our journey to Gold. We can't wait to receive our new Gold flag!

Slawomir Trzaska, PE Teacher
Keith Mackay, Depute Head Teacher
Pilrig Park School



Basketball club at breaktime



Football training with Spartans Community Football Club every Thursday afternoon

Pilrig Park School – Sportscotland Gold School
Sport Award for 2026–2028



Young Ambassadors Damien and Peter



Come alive – whole school every Monday P1



GEYC preparing vegetables for soup

Nourishing Nurseries Project

Granton Primary ELC and Granton EYC participated in the Nourishing Nurseries project, promoting exposure to familiar and less known vegetables for families in partnership with Edinburgh Community Food and Nourish Scotland. The project ran for 6 months, weekly deliveries of 2 vegetables which were used in nursery to explore through cooking and sensory experiences and mealtimes. The vegetables were given home at the start of the week with recipes and ideas for families to use. There was a great uptake on most vegetables delivered with lots of excitement around the nursery on delivery day; staff were keen to think of different ways to use the vegetables within the setting.

Families feedback

'very good incentive'

'loved the project, came up with lots of new recipes'

'it's a fab idea to encourage kids trying what they never tasted'

'looks very colourful, delicious yum'

The project ended with a community event inviting families to celebrate the success with opportunities for cooking, planting, games and freebies for families.

On occasions when vegetables were less popular both nurseries donated to local food banks and Empty Kitchens initiative.

The project was a positive experience to support healthy eating, vegetable exposure, tasting new foods/recipes and parental engagement.

Kelly Ross
Senior Early Years Officer
Granton Primary Early Learning and Childcare

Nourishing Nurseries Project



GELC mixing coleslaw using red cabbage and carrots

Nourishing Nurseries Project



GEYC exploring new vegetables



GELC collecting spring onions

Nourishing Nurseries Project



Nourishing Nurseries event

We Did It!

A massive thank you to the digital leaders and staff in helping our school to attain the Digital Wellbeing Award. After achieving our Digital Schools Award last year, we realised that the second award was within reach and thought why not go for it! My digital leaders worked very hard to ensure that everyone at Clovenstone Primary was up-to-date and understood CRIS. Delivering workshops to parents and carers, presenting whole school assemblies and supporting teachers in class, they exceeded expectations and did so with maturity, resilience and passion. As DLC, I gathered support from parents/carers during Parents Evening, as well as evidence of learning and

teaching from teachers which included photos of pupils hard at work. From this, I was able to create presentations for each of the sections required and submitted it to DSAS. After a successful validation meeting earlier this week, we were told we had been successful in our bid for the award and were the first Primary school in Edinburgh to do so! Next step, for our school is to gain the Equitable Creative Coding Award!

Melanie Salter
NCCT Teacher
Clovenstone Primary School



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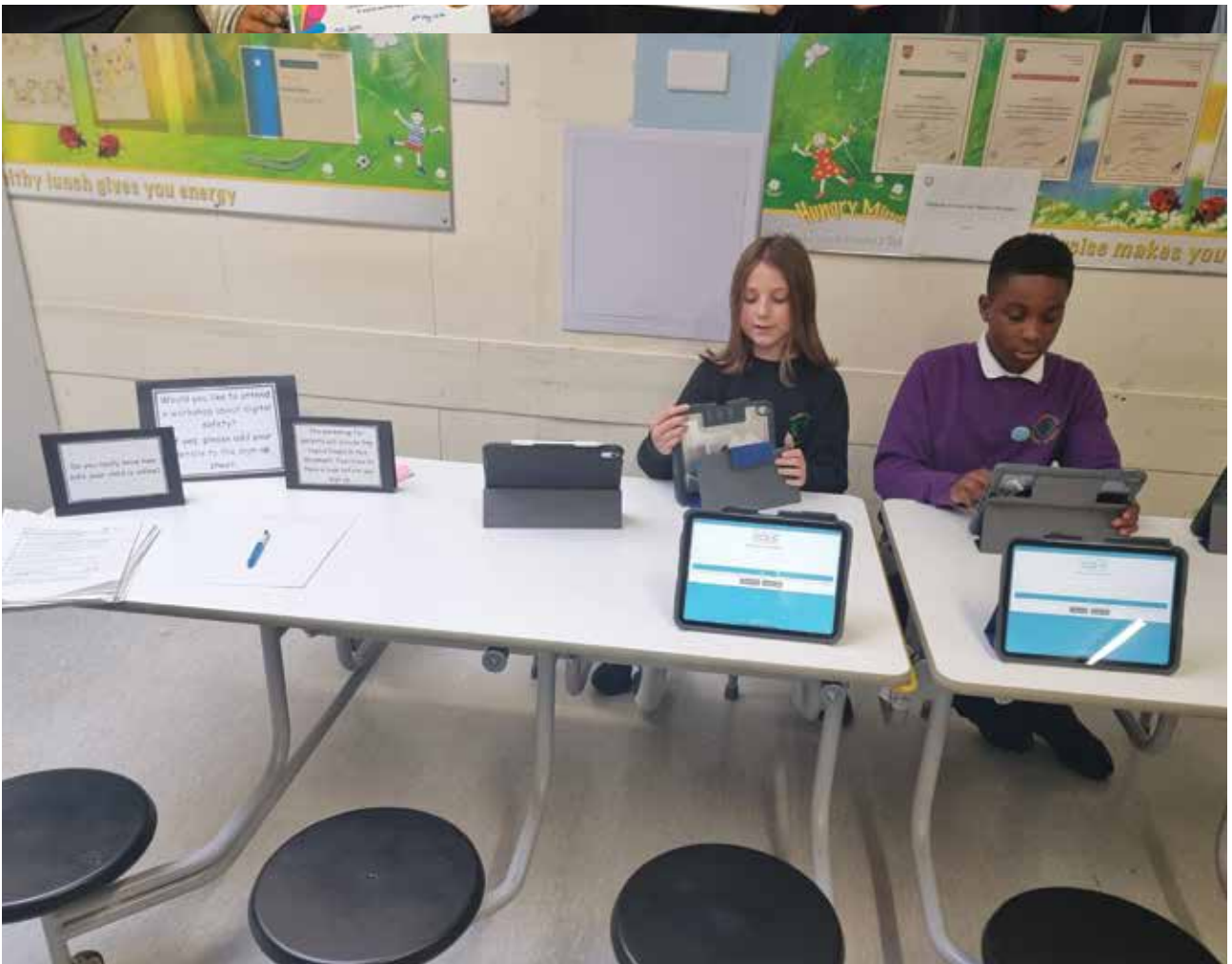


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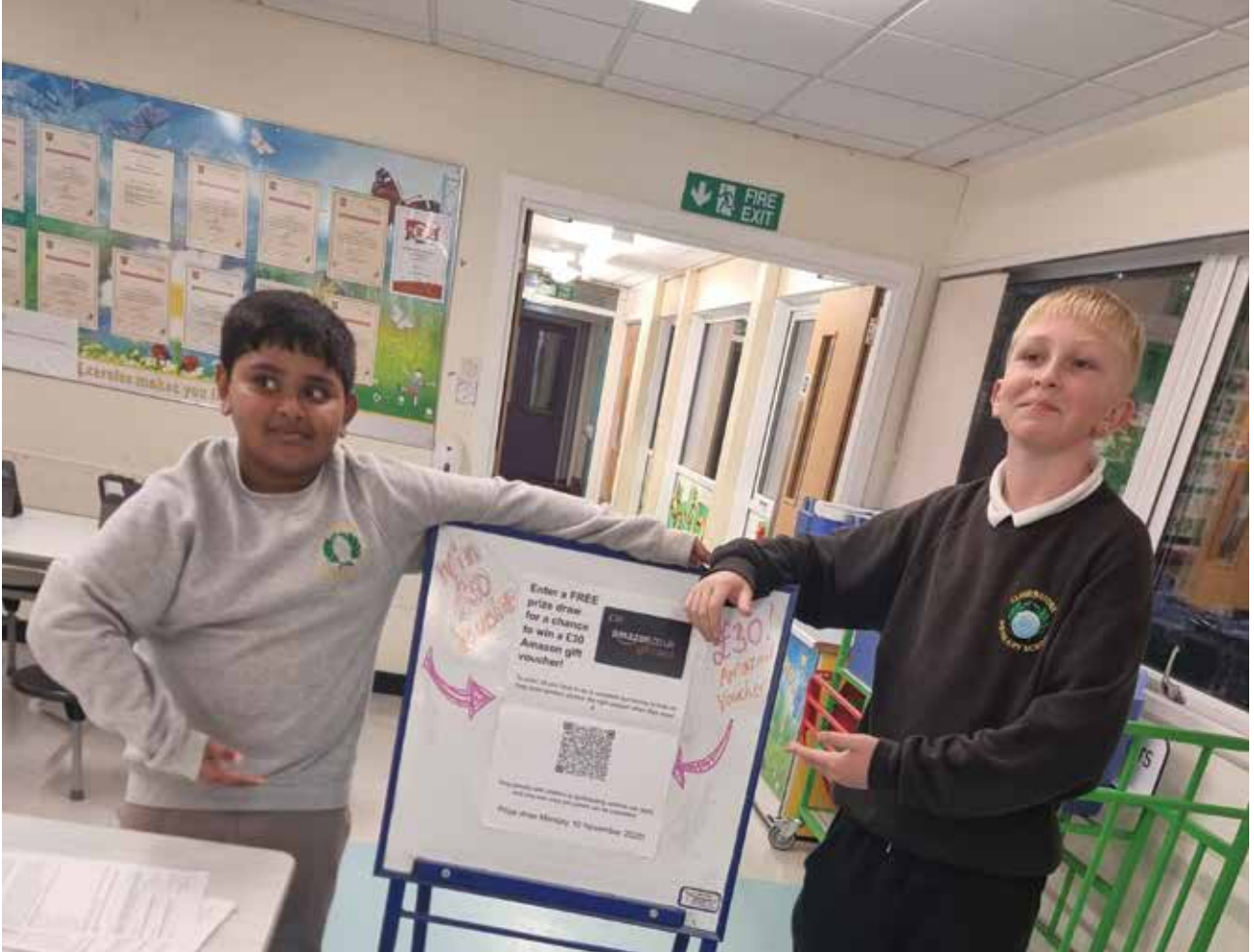


Mussa, Zuzia, Micheal, Aad, Nikodem, Adam, Aser, Maja, Stephen and Melanie Salter, NCCT Teacher



Zuzia and Micheal

We Did It!



Saad and T-Jay

