



# Preston Lodge High School Pipe Band

Park View, Prestonpans, East Lothian. EH32 9QJ

## Newsletter March 2016



### George Watson's Invitational Solo and Pipe Band Competition

Preston Lodge High School Pipe Bands took part in the George Watson's College Invitational Solo and Pipe Band Competition on Sunday 6 March. The Preston Lodge pupils from both our Novice Juvenile band and our Juvenile band gave their Mum's the best Mother's Day present by performing brilliantly with both bands finishing in the prize-list.

For many of our Novice Juvenile band this was their first ever competition and they put in a fantastic performance to finish 2nd in the Junior competition.

The Juvenile Band finished 3rd in the Senior competition which is our best result ever in this competition.

There were also prizes for Erin Ritchie in the 16yrs and under Solo Piping (5th) and for Blair Logan in the 18 yrs and under solo Drumming (5th).

#### Junior Band's Results

- 1st. George Watson's Junior
- 2nd. Preston Lodge High School
- 3rd. Strathallan School
- 4th. Loretto School
- 5th. Fettes College
- 6th. George Heriot's

#### Senior Band's Results

- 1st. George Watson's College A
- 2nd. Dollar Academy A
- 3rd. Preston Lodge High School
- 4th. George Heriot's A
- 5th. George Watson's B
- 6th. George Heriot's B

### Scottish School's Pipe Band Championships

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The Scottish School's Pipe Band Championships were held in Broughton High School on Sunday 13 March. Preston Lodge Novice Juvenile Pipe Band finished just out of the prizelist in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Novice Juvenile B grade. Our Juvenile Band took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Juvenile Grade. The band also joined other musicians from the school to compete in the freestyle event to play some music arranged by brass instructor Alex Knox which received very favourable crit sheets from the judging panel.

#### **Novice Juvenile B Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lochalsh Juniors
- 2<sup>nd</sup> George Watson's College Juniors
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Knox Academy
- 4<sup>th</sup> Preston Lodge High School

#### **Freestyle Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> The High School of Glasgow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordonstoun School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sgoil Lionacleit

#### **Juvenile Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> George Watson's College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dollar Academy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Preston Lodge High School
- 4<sup>th</sup> George Heriot's School

Full results from all categories are on the Scottish School's Pipe Band Championships website [www.thechampionships.org.uk](http://www.thechampionships.org.uk)

## **Glasgow Highland Club Competition**

The annual competition hosted by Glasgow Highland Club was held at Hutcheson's Grammar School in Glasgow on the evening of Friday 11 March. There were only 2 prizes in the band competition with George Watson's College (1<sup>st</sup>) and Dollar Academy (2<sup>nd</sup>) taking the honours. Preston Lodge pupils picked up some prizes in the solo contests with Ben Muir finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Piping, Erin Ritchie 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saul Sweeney 4<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate Piping and Blair Logan 4<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Drumming.

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## Diary Dates

Sat 16 April 2016	<b>RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch Solos and Full Band Competition</b> – James Young High School - Livingston
Sat 14 May 2016	<b>RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch Full Band Competition</b> - Dunbar
Sat 21 May 2016	<b>RSPBA British Pipe Band Championships</b> - Paisley
Sat 4 June 2016	<b>Cockenzie and Port Seton Gala Day</b>
Sat 11 June 2016	<b>RSPBA United Kingdom Pipe Band Championships</b> - Belfast
Sat 18 June 2016	<b>Prestonpans Gala Day</b>
Sat 25 June 2016	<b>RSPBA European Championships</b> - Forres
Sat 30 July 2016	<b>RSPBA Scottish Championships</b> - Dumbarton
Sat 6 August 2016	<b>RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch Full Band Competition</b> – North Berwick
Sat 13 August 2016	<b>RSPBA World Pipe Band Championships</b> - Glasgow
Sat 3 September 2016	<b>RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch Full Band Competition</b> - Peebles
8 – 14 Sept 2016	<b>Battlefield's trip and Belgian Pipe Band Championships</b>

***Please can all band members check this diary dates and let me know if there are any availability issues. Thanks.***



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