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Road Safety Calendar Competition winners announced

ABOVE PHOTO: Chair of South Lanarkshire Council's Education Resources Committee, Councillor Mary Smith, the Council's Deputy Provost, Councillor Beith Forrest, Chair of the Council's Road Safety Forum, Councillor John Murray, the Council's Head of Roads and Transportation Services, Gordon MacKay and Ruth Semple of SSE Renewables with Beth Damer of Abington PS, Anna McDiarmid of Biggar PS and Victoria Drain of St Athanasius PS.

THE winner of South Lanarkshire Council's annual Road Safety Calendar Competition has been announced.

Beth Damer, a Primary 6 pupil at Abington Primary School in Clydesdale, won the prize for her innovative design: "Take the People Train". Beth had to come up with a design around the theme of Road Safety and Sustainable Energy.

Beth will receive £100, an individual trophy and have her painting used as the illustration for the 2011 Road Safety Calendar. Abington Primary School will hold the Calendar Competition trophy for one year.

Around 15,000 children from 111 schools throughout South Lanarkshire took part in this year's competition. Teachers were asked to send in the best five entries in each year category from their school, resulting in over 3000 entries to South Lanarkshire Council's Road Safety Team.

These entries were whittled down by the Road Safety Team and a judging panel of Councillors, council officials, police representatives and Ruth Semple from SSE Renewables, who picked the top three in each category.

Primary 1 and 2 pupils' designs had to be based on Safe Places to Play, for P3/4 the theme was Safe Places to Cross, for P5/6 it was Road Safety and Sustainable Energy, for P7 it was Seatbelts and for secondary pupils it was Safe Bus Travel.

The winners are as follows:

Overall Winner

Beth Damer – Abington Primary School, P6 (Theme - Road Safety and Sustainable Energy)

Primary 1 and 2 (Theme – Safe Places to Play)

1. Finlay Davison – West Coats PS (P2)
2. Rebekah Cameron – St Peter's PS (P2)
3. Erin Crawford – West Coats PS (P2)

Primary 3 and 4 (Theme – Safe Places to Cross)

1. Peter Harrison – West Coats PS (P4)
2. Hannah Pate – Quarter PS (P4)
3. Anna McDiarmid – Biggar PS (P4)

Primary 5 and 6 (Theme – Road Safety and Sustainable Energy)

1. Victoria Drain – St Athanasius PS (P6)
2. Paul Karnejenko – Beckford PS (P6)
3. Katie Logan – Halfmerke PS (P6)

Primary 7 (Theme – Seatbelts)

1. Katie Scott – Townhill PS
2. Rachel Thomson – Our Lady of Lourdes PS
3. Catherine Davidson – St Peter’s PS

Secondary Schools (Theme – Safe Bus Travel)

1. Kirsty Miller – Larkhall Academy (S1)
2. Holly Kerr – Duncanrig Secondary School (S1)
3. Laura Docherty – Fernhill School (S2)

Chair of South Lanarkshire Council’s Roads Safety Forum, Councillor John Murray, said: “Once again, the standard of entries this year was absolutely first-class and the standard seems to get better each year.

“All the judges commented on how difficult it was to pick an overall winner, but Beth’s design was well deserving of this year’s prize.

“During the judging process all the names are kept confidential so there is no way of knowing who has produced what design.

“I would like to thank every pupil in each school who took part in this year’s Calendar Competition.

“Their support and help ensures that the Road Safety Calendar Competition remains such a success.

“I would also like to thank the police and SSE Renewables for their time in helping us judge the competition. SSE Renewables should also be thanked for their help in funding the event.”



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