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Road Safety Calendar Competition winners announced

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

Alice Wallace, a Primary 6 pupil at West Coats Primary School in Cambuslang, won the prize for her innovative design: "When you're walking to school, listen for traffic don't be a fool". Alice had to come up with a design around the theme of the journey to school.

Alice will receive £100, an individual trophy and have her painting used as the illustration for the 2012 Road Safety Calendar. West Coats Primary School will hold the Calendar Competition trophy for one year.

Alice said: "When I found out I had won the entire competition I couldn't believe it, what an amazing feeling.

"Taking part in this competition has made me think about crossing the road, staying safe and looking out for danger.

"I thought everyone else's entries were fantastic, there are some really good artists who took part.

"I hope everyone who has been involved has learned a bit more about road safety and feels safer at the roadside."

On the inspiration for her design, Alice said: "I always see a lot of teenagers listening to music on their MP3 players when crossing the road and I wanted to make them aware of the dangers.

"I also used an angry dad driving the car as sometimes dads can be a bit angry when they are driving!

"I hope my design makes people aware that when they are crossing the road they should always be listening for traffic."

The winners of each group in this year's competition were also presented with a trophy, kindly donated by Norbert Detressangle for Argos.

Around 13,000 children from 112 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 3300 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 and representatives from Norbert Detressangle for Argos, who picked the top three in each category.

Primary 1 and 2 pupils' designs had to be based on holding hands, for P3/4 the theme was different types of traffic, for P5/6 it was the journey to school, for P7 it was road safety and distractions and for secondary pupils it was peer pressure and road safety.

The winners are as follows:

Overall Winner

Alice Wallace – West Coats Primary School

Primary 1 and 2 (Theme – holding hands)

1. Ethan Davidson (St Peter's Primary School, Hamilton)
2. Adam Smit (Quarter Primary School)
3. Megan Fyfe (Calderwood Primary School)

Primary 3 and 4 (Theme – different types of traffic)

1. Charlotte Watson (West Coats Primary School)
2. Glenn Adams (West Coats Primary School)
3. Archie Damer (Abington Primary School)

Primary 5 and 6 (Theme – the journey to school)

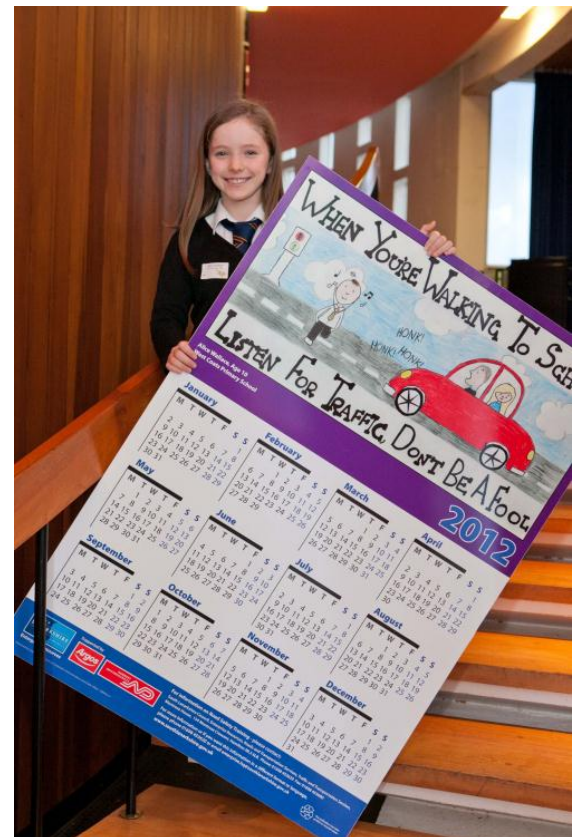
1. Liam Ryan (St Peter's Primary School, Hamilton)
2. Saffron Young (Abington Primary School)
3. Eilidh Nicholson (St John the Baptist Primary School)

Primary 7 (Theme – road safety and distractions)

1. Abbie McGhie (Blacklaw Primary School)
2. Heather McLellan (Woodhead Primary School)
3. Laura Cook (Milton Primary School)

Secondary Schools (Theme – peer pressure and road safety)

1. Kirsty Miller (Larkhall Academy)



Overall winner Alice Wallace with her winning design.

2. Heather Neil (Duncanrig Secondary School)
3. Georgia-May Drennan (Fernhill School)

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 seems to get better each year.

"All the judges commented on how difficult it was to pick an overall winner, but Alice'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 Norbert Detressangle for Argos for their time in helping us judge the competition. Norbert Detressangle for Argos should also be thanked for their help in funding the event."

A film of the Calendar Competition is available on the council's website, www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk



Chair of South Lanarkshire Council's Road Safety Forum, Councillor John Murray, South Lanarkshire Council's Depute Provost, Councillor Beith Forrest, Chair of South Lanarkshire Council's Education Resources Committee, Councillor Mary Smith, Head of South Lanarkshire Council's Roads and Transportation Service, Gordon Mackay, Gerard Friel and Brian Gallagher of Norbert Detressangle for Argos and Inspector Keith Prentice of Strathclyde Police with the Rutherglen/Cambuslang winners. They are Alice Wallace, Charlotte Watson and Glenn Adams of West Coats PS, Megan Fyfe of Calderwood PS and Georgia-May Drennan of Fernhill School