

West Lothian win at Euroquiz final: Carmondean Primary team named Euroquiz Champions at the Scottish Parliament

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Congratulations to the P6 team from Carmondean Primary school from Livingston who won the Scottish European Educational Trust's National Euroquiz Final 2015, which took place in the Debating Chamber of the Scottish Parliament yesterday (11th May 2015).



Team members Sam Tischler, Claire Reilly, Andrew Danskin and Joy Koay came out on top against the St Mary's Duntocher Primary School team from Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire with their fingers on the buzzer in a close run final round. Alloway Primary School from South Ayrshire also did excellently, coming in at third place.

The event aims to develop foreign language skills, the knowledge of Europe and the European Union amongst Scotland's young people. Thirty teams of primary six pupils came from all across Scotland to attend the final with high hopes of being crowned the Euroquiz winners of 2015. The students demonstrated an impressive level of knowledge about European countries, culture, history, current affairs and the EU. The finalist 30 teams faced quizmaster and Deputy Presiding Officer Elaine Smith MSP and Head of the European Parliament Office in Scotland, Per Johansson, who read out the answers.

Elaine Smith MSP, Deputy Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament said:

"My congratulations go to today's worthy winners, Carmondean Primary School, West Lothian, and runners up, St Mary's Primary School, Duntocher. It has been another exciting and action-packed Euroquiz Final. All of the teams from right across Scotland who have taken part in Euroquiz 2015, should feel proud of their achievements. It's wonderful that Scotland's children are growing up with such incredible knowledge of Europe and the wider world."

Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, sent his congratulations in a good luck message to finalists in this year's Euroquiz: *"I am delighted that you, the citizens of the future are learning so actively about your European neighbours and how the European Union is governed. The European Parliament is always interested to hear the viewpoints of younger citizens and it is here to represent every European citizen, especially you, who will be responsible for shaping the future of Europe."*

Euroquiz is run by the Scottish European Educational Trust with heats, taking place between January and April. This year 442 teams, from primary schools all across Scotland took part in their regional heats. The winning teams from these heats came together for yesterday's final.

John Mulgrew, Chair of the Scottish European Educational Trust, commented:

"The level of knowledge and understanding about Europe and the European Union demonstrated by primary school pupils participating in Euroquiz today was incredibly high. The European languages round has been developed over the last few years and I was impressed to watch these young people answer questions in German, Spanish, Italian and French. Euroquiz also encourages the development of a host of other important skills and it was a delight to see them working so well together in their teams."

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