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New EDMs

995 **St Bede's Catholic Primary School, British Council International School
Award accreditation**

Tabled: **22/03/23** Signatories: **1**

Kate Osborne

That this House congratulates St Bede's Catholic Primary School for their recent accreditation with the British Council International School Award; and notes that this is a brilliant achievement for all pupils and staff involved and applauds them for all their hard work with this accreditation and in the local community.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

958 Endometriosis Awareness Month 2023

Tabled: 13/03/23 Signatories: 15

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Tim Farron
Carla Lockhart
Stewart Hosie
Christine Jardine

Marion Fellows

That this House celebrates the work of Endometriosis UK in spreading awareness of the impacts of living with endometriosis; notes that endometriosis impacts over 1.5 million people in the UK, accounting for 10 to 15 per cent of reproductive women; further notes that it currently takes an average of eight years to be diagnosed, a statistic that hasn't decreased in over a decade and that the number of women in Northern Ireland waiting for a gynaecology outpatient appointment has more than doubled in seven years, with 28,511 patients waiting as of September 2021 and over 10,000 waiting for more than 52 weeks; highlights that there is no known cause for endometriosis and nearly all women surveyed stated it had affected their mental health, career, relationships and education; further highlights that this has a direct impact on women's fertility and around half of women stated the impacts of this had led to suicidal thoughts; sincerely thanks Endometriosis UK and other charities who do their best to raise awareness on this issue on a daily basis; and urges the Government to allocate ringfenced funding to NHS research to enable those suffering with endometriosis to have access to the help and treatment they deserve.

963 Ian Davis of Dunshalt, Fife

Tabled: 14/03/23 Signatories: 28

Wendy Chamberlain
Peter Grant
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Liz Saville Roberts
Hannah Bardell

Tim Farron

That this House records its great sadness at the sudden death of Ian Holland Davis from Dunshalt, Fife at the age of just 61 years; notes that Ian lost his entire life savings in the London Capital and Finance scandal and that he became increasingly frustrated at the difficulties he then encountered in attempting to ensure that those responsible for the fraud were fully brought to justice and that Government departments and regulatory agencies should be quicker and more open in acknowledging their own failings; places on record a deep concern that these experiences appear to have been significant factors in Ian's tragic decision to end his own life; commends the dedicated work he carried out as a volunteer for the Transparency Task Force to try and make sure other investors were better protected than he was; further commends his courage in speaking publicly about how he became a victim of fraud; calls upon the Government to ensure that all agencies involved in the fight against fraud are properly resourced and held to account for their performance in protecting innocent people from fraud; and send its heartfelt condolences to Ian's family and friends as they come to terms with their loss.

964 An Irish Goodbye at the 95th Academy AwardsTabled: **14/03/23** Signatories: **8**

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates all those involved in An Irish Goodbye on their success in winning Best Live Action Short Film at the 95th Academy Awards; commends directors Tom Berkeley and Ross White for this remarkable achievement; and notes with acclaim the historic achievement of actor James Martin on being the first person with Down's syndrome to win an Academy Award.

966 National Butcher WeekTabled: **15/03/23** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Mike Penning
Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes the conclusion of National Butcher Week and a time to celebrate the wonderful work they do; further notes the craftsmanship and skill it takes to be a butcher, in that they must be able to tell a customer the full traceability of the meat, give assistance and tips on how to cook meat and advise what cuts suit for certain cooking methods; highlights their imperative role in local high streets, city centres and local economy and has for years remained one of the most populated trades for shoppers; further highlights this week as an opportunity to showcase the high-quality products and services that butchers offer, as well as to educate the public on the benefits of buying meat from local, independent butchers; expresses thanks to local butcheries for their dedication to local towns and encourages the public to always consider buying from locally sourced butchers.

967 St. Albert's Primary 50 year anniversaryTabled: **15/03/23** Signatories: **7**

Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Patrick Grady

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of St. Albert's Primary in Pollokshields; understands that celebrations for the young people include an art installation and other activities; notes the fantastic work St. Albert's have done in tackling racism and prejudice through their We Can Be Heroes project, an award-winning series of vibrant short story collections written by pupils at the school; understands the project was undertaken to increase representation of children from diverse

backgrounds in Scotland; particularly appreciates the effort and tireless support for students that teachers Shirley-Anne Brightman and Clare Harker have contributed in recent times; wishes them every success in the future.

969 80th anniversary of HMS Dasher's sinking

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 5

**Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

That this House commemorates the 80th anniversary of the aircraft carrier HMS Dasher's sinking; understands that on 27 March 1943, HMS Dasher suffered an internal explosion whilst sailing between Arran and Ardrossan, causing the vessel to sink with the tragic loss of 379 of her 528 crewmen; recognises that despite rapid response from ships and rescue teams at Brodick, Lamlash, Ardrossan and Greenock, the death toll was amongst the highest of any sinking in British waters; is aware that the wreck is an official War Grave, designated as a controlled site under the Protection of the Military Remains Act; and notes the memorials erected in Ardrossan and Scapa Flow which pay tribute to those who died.

970 90th anniversary of the first air service from Renfrew Airport

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 6

**Gavin Newlands
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss
Patrick Grady**

That this House notes the 90th anniversary of the first sustained scheduled passenger flight out of Renfrew Airport, which departed on 27 April 1933 for Campbeltown in Kintyre; commends the role the former Renfrew Airport played in the development of aviation in Scotland and in particular the links it provided between the west of mainland Scotland and island communities; further notes that the airport served Scotland for 33 years until its closure in 1966 to be replaced by the current Glasgow Airport just two miles away at Abbotsinch, Paisley; acknowledges that thousands of commuters drive over Renfrew's runway every day as part of the M8 motorway; notes the continued presence of the Flying Scotsman public house on the former airport site, the last remaining trace of the airport's existence; and looks forward to Glasgow Airport continuing to serve the people of Scotland as the country's premier airport.

973 Nadia Majid: Brain Tumour Research fundraising

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 7

Ms Anum Qaisar
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Jon Trickett
Christine Jardine

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises Nadia Majid and her son Rayhan who passed away four months after his brain tumour diagnosis aged four years old; congratulates Nadia on completing 10,000 steps per day in February to increase awareness for Brain Tumour Research; commends her for raising over £10,000 to support those suffering from the devastating impacts of a brain tumour diagnosis; notes the vital work of Brain Tumour Research in helping to combat the disease; acknowledges Nadia's longstanding commitment to campaigning in memory of Rayhan; and hopes that Rayhan's legacy will go on to inspire others to join the fight against brain tumour disease.

977 Taylor MacKenzie: Special Olympics World Games 2023

Tabled: 16/03/23 Signatories: 6

Chris Law
Stewart Hosie
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Taylor MacKenzie on being the only Scottish swimmer to be chosen to compete at the 2023 Special Olympic World Games, and at 15 years of age, the youngest person to be selected for Great Britain's team to compete against teams from 190 countries; notes the huge obstacles she has overcome and the barriers she has smashed; sees her as an inspiration to anyone with autism and a sporting desire to succeed; recognises her parents for their unwavering commitment and dedication to Taylor's training; and wishes Taylor the very best of luck at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games and all the best for the future.

979 Ukrainian artists

Tabled: 17/03/23 Signatories: 9

Jamie Stone
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Stewart Hosie
Jim Shannon

Stewart Malcolm McDonald Alison Thewliss

That this House notes the important role artists from Ukraine have played in sustaining morale and winning international hearts and minds during the terrible year of Russian invasion; urges

the Government to set up a fund to enable British arts organisations to continue this work by presenting Ukrainian artists, musicians, dancers and others; and encourages the Government to help artists from Ukraine collaborate with colleagues in the UK.

980 WestFest

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 5

Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Alison Thewliss

That this House welcomes the announcement of a new not-for-profit community and cultural festival, WestFest, which will take place in the West End of Glasgow during June 2023; notes that the proposals set out to deliver a programme of free, accessible cultural events and activities across the local area, and looks to build on the successes of the West End Festival which had taken place in the community over the past 25 years; hope that the events will provide an opportunity for community groups, businesses, artists and residents to create vibrant, quality and inclusive activities that will be open to all to enjoy; and looks forward to this year's programme being the first of many for years to come.

981 Ministry of Defence staff pay

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 18

Rebecca Long Bailey
Jon Trickett
Jim Shannon
Kate Osborne
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Grahame Morris

John McDonnell
 Andy McDonald
 Richard Burgon
 Beth Winter

Ms Diane Abbott
 Nadia Whittome
 Olivia Blake
 Martin Docherty-Hughes

Ian Lavery
 Ian Byrne
 Mick Whitley
 Gavin Robinson

This House notes that, due to the cost of living crisis, the increase to the National Living Wage in April 2023 will be welcomed by many low waged families; expresses regret that it will also result in unwelcome consequences for many workers in the Ministry of Defence; notes that these workers include Ministry of Defence guards, cleaners, workers in stores areas and workers maintaining and refuelling military aircrafts; further notes the uplift means that Ministry of Defence workers on skill zone 1 will automatically be upgraded to a higher rate of pay, unlike skill zone 2 workers; acknowledges this means that both skill zone 1 and 2 will receive a new rate of £10.42 per hour; is concerned that this will result in the immediate erosion of the skill zone pay differential; rejects any proposals by the Ministry of Defence to arbitrarily change gross hours to net hours in an effort to deflect these pay implications; calls on the Ministry of Defence to urgently compensate all affected workers; is concerned to learn that many hardworking Ministry of Defence staff are forced to rely on foodbanks to make ends meet whilst diligently supporting and defending our country; recognises the important work Unite the Union is doing to fight for their members on this issue; and calls on the Government to pay Ministry of Defence workers fairly.

982 Sweetie Brae Nursery 25th anniversary

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Sweetie Brae Nursery on its 25th year of supporting local families in Strathaven and surrounding areas; commends the work of Moira Fell, Director, and her parents who first built Sweetie Brae between 1996 and 1998, opening for business on Monday 9 February 1998; recognises the crucial emphasis on partnership with and support for parents at the nursery, with learning journals bridging home-learning and the nursery; understands the importance of such childcare services for the working parent community; notes the commitment, enthusiasm and hard-work of the whole team at Sweetie Brae; further notes the secure, safe and stimulating environment that the nursery provides; and wishes Sweetie Brae all the very best for the future.

985 Peabody Housing Association

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 3

Daisy Cooper
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

That this House notes with concern the standard of customer service and engagement provided by Peabody Housing Association; expresses its disappointment that responses to enquiries to the association are not forthcoming to either its customers or their Members of Parliament; agrees with tenants and leaseholders of the association that it is unacceptable that they continue to find themselves having no method of recourse to challenge irregularly large service charge increases; regrets that the Chief Executive Ian McDermott has repeatedly ignored correspondence asking for justification for above inflation increases to service charges; further notes with alarm the reports in the Financial Times that The Residents Scrutiny Panel for Peabody revealed in June 2022, that 87 per cent of respondents viewed increases as unreasonable, and that two-thirds of residents who queried service charge levels were found to have been overcharged; calls on the Peabody Housing Association to respond promptly to enquiries from its customers and their Members of Parliament; and calls on the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to invite Peabody Housing Association to answer for its failures in customer service and engagement.

986 Renfrew YMCA Youth Social Action Group

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 6

Gavin Newlands
Alan Brown
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Renfrew YMCA's Youth Social Action Group on winning the Environmental Award at YMCA Scotland's award dinner held in Stirling in February; notes that the group have been working to raise awareness and educate the wider community about the impacts of climate change and the action needed to help tackle it; commends the practical work undertaken by the group to involve the community, which includes litter picking, promoting growing your own food and organising a sustainable afternoon tea for members of the local community; highlights

the hard work and dedication of YMCA members across Scotland in doing their bit to fight climate change; and looks forward to much more recognition for the young people of Renfrew YMCA for the valuable and inspirational work they do in making Renfrewshire a better place to live.

988 Epilepsy Scotland and Purple Day

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 10

Kirsten Oswald
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Dave Doogan
Ronnie Cowan
Dr Philippa Whitford

Christine Jardine
Patrick Grady

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises and is grateful for the important work carried out by Epilepsy Scotland, who fight to reduce the stigma experienced by people living with epilepsy, and to influence public policy to ensure appropriate support is available for those living with the condition; notes epilepsy is the most common neurological condition with an estimated 55,000 people living with the condition in Scotland; further notes that Epilepsy Scotland provides a range of services including a helpline, a check-in service, a youth service, a well-being service and online support groups; understands that Epilepsy Scotland is currently conducting a survey to investigate the links between mental health issues and epilepsy; further recognises that Sunday 26 March 2023 is Purple Day, a time where thousands of people across the globe will come together to start conversations about epilepsy, raise awareness of the condition and to fundraise; acknowledges that Epilepsy Scotland is encouraging people to wear the colour purple and lighting buildings purple to mark the occasion; and wishes Epilepsy Scotland all the very best in continuing their important work.

990 40th anniversary of East Kilbride Credit Union

Tabled: 21/03/23 Signatories: 3

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates East Kilbride Credit Union on their 40th anniversary; commends their success in increasing accessible savings and credit facilities for people across East Kilbride; notes their expansion with a recent digital drive to improve inclusion and accessibility; recognises East Kilbride Credit Union's ethos and dedication to serving the public, including those most vulnerable, thereby setting an example to other financial service providers; and wishes East Kilbride Credit Union every success for the future.

991 50th anniversary of Ballywalter Girls BrigadeTabled: **21/03/23** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Gavin Robinson

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of Ballywalter Girls Brigade; highlights its 50th year of service to the local community in the Ards Peninsula; notes the rural nature of the village of Ballywalter and surrounding areas and that the church gives the families of the peninsula a place to send their children closer to home for Girls Brigade; further highlights the demand, given the group has been running successfully for five decades and the connections and fun that this club provides for those children who may be socially isolated; further notes the outstanding work undertaken by the leaders of the local Girls Brigade groups; and thanks them for their dedication to giving children a safe haven to be themselves and grow with confidence and enthusiasm.

992 50th anniversary of I Will Always Love YouTabled: **21/03/23** Signatories: **33**

Jim Shannon
Kirsten Oswald
Olivia Blake
Nadia Whittome
Cat Smith
Tim Farron

Christine Jardine
 Marion Fellows
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Kate Osborne
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Ian Byrne
 Charlotte Nichols
 Grahame Morris
 Mike Amesbury

Richard Foord
 Rosie Duffield
 Hywel Williams
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Alison Thewliss
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Carol Monaghan
 Dave Doogan
 Dr Lisa Cameron

Mick Whitley
 Ben Lake
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Margaret Ferrier
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Stewart Hosie
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Angela Crawley
 Patrick Grady

That this House celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Dolly Parton's hit song I Will Always Love You; notes the sentiment behind this song and what it means to so many, including the wife of the hon. Member for Strangford; highlights the contribution this song and her music in general to the industry, especially in the late 1960s, early 1970s and over the last 50 years; further notes the large scale event held at the weekend in Dolly Parton's multi-million dollar theme park at Pigeon Forge in East Tennessee as part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the song, that was written as a farewell to her business partner and mentor Peter Wagoner; and wishes Dolly continued success as she entertains and encourages so many through her music and inspirational character.

993 20th anniversary of the Iraq warTabled: **21/03/23** Signatories: **3**

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Gavin Robinson

That this House notes the 20th anniversary of American missiles landing in Baghdad on the morning of 20 March 2003, which signalled the start of the US-led campaign to topple Saddam Hussein; notes the television address shortly after the bombings by President George Bush, vowing to disarm Iraq and free its people and the subsequent televised address by former Prime Minister Tony Blair confirming British troops were in action in Iraq to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction; highlights that the attack was ordered two hours after a final 48-hour deadline expired for Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq due to crimes against humanity related to the 1982 killing of 148 Iraqi Shi'a; further highlights and condemns the atrocities committed by Hussein and that these shall not be forgotten; and reaffirms our gratitude and support for our veterans who continue to live with the legacy of their service in their physical and mental health.

994 Lieutenant Colonel Ant MaherTabled: **21/03/23** Signatories: **3**

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson

That this House congratulates Lieutenant Colonel Ant Maher on his recent admission to the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem; recognises the contribution of Lieutenant Colonel Maher to a range of charitable organisations, including those focused on health and wellbeing; and thanks him for his service in a range of roles to deliver a better community for all.