

Crossford Primary wins Euroquiz Final at the Scottish Parliament

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Congratulations to the Euroquiz team from Crossford Primary school in Dumfermline who won the Scottish European Educational Trust's National Euroquiz Final, which took place in the Debating Chamber of the Scottish Parliament yesterday (12th May 2014).

Team members Lewis Mackintosh, Matthew Twaddle, Ben Knowles and Blair Kerr came out on top with their fingers on the buzzers. They won against Crown Primary School, who were defending last year's Highland title, in a close run final round. Allan's Primary School in Stirling also did excellently, coming in at third place.

The European Parliament is the main sponsor of this year's event, which aims to develop the knowledge of Europe and the European Union amongst Scotland's young people. Thirty one teams of primary six pupils from Shetland to the Scottish Borders attended the final with high hopes of being crowned the Euroquiz winners of 2014. Once again the pupils demonstrated an impressive level of knowledge about European geography, history, culture and the EU.

This year's quiz was particularly relevant as it took place just 10 days before the European elections.

Deputy Presiding Officer John Scott MSP said: *"Each year, the school children from across Scotland put many to shame with just how much they know about our place*

in the world and our increasingly globalised and multicultural society. With the European elections taking place on 22 May, this is an interesting time for all of us to assess what we know about Europe."

Euroquiz is run by the Scottish European Educational Trust. This year over 1700 pupils from 425 schools took part in the local heats which were held between January and April in 31 of Scotland's local authority areas. The winning teams from these local heats came together for yesterday's final.

The finalist 31 teams faced quizmaster and Deputy Presiding Officer John Scott MSP and Struan Stevenson MEP lead them through the European Round. Head of the European Parliament Office in Scotland, Per Johansson, read out the answers.

"The Euroquiz does a great job of encouraging primary school pupils to research and learn about Europe and the European Union. It ticks so many educational and other boxes, not least the opportunity for primary school children to experience the excitement of competing in the Debating Chamber of the Scottish Parliament", John Mulgrew, Chair of the Scottish European Educational Trust.

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