



Diary Dates

Wed 17 Dec - Christmas Disco (6.30pm start).
Fri 19 Dec - Dress Down for charity, Staff X Factor in the Hall, half day close ... Merry Christmas!
Mon 5 Jan 2015 - Pupils return to school. Yeargroup Assemblies on "Resolutions".
Thurs 8 Jan - S3 Templehall Community Planning Meeting (pm).
Mon 12 Jan - House Assemblies with Holocaust Memorial theme—led by S6 pupils Kerry Steedman and Chelle Torrens, who recently visited Auschwitz in Poland. Construction Industry Training Board sessions with S1 pupils—teamwork and problem solving.
Wed 14 Jan - Primary Transition Parents Evenings in Valley and Fair Isle Primaries.
Thurs 15 Jan - Friends of Kirkcaldy High School Meeting at 7pm.
Fri 16 Jan - KHS pupils and staff presenting at a national event on Health and Wellbeing good practice at Dunblane Hydro.
Wed 21 Jan - Disability Sport Fife Football Tournament at KHS. Primary Transition Parents Evenings in Torbain and Capshard Primaries.
Mon 26 Jan - Yeargroup Assemblies this week. KHS Burns Supper (after school).
Tues 27 Jan - CITB training sessions—inc. Town Planning with S2 Geography.
Fri 30 Jan - S2 Report issued.
Mon 2 Feb - "Display" survey on smoking with St Andrews University. S3 Parents/Carers Evening.
Tues 3 Feb - KHS Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm. New members always welcome.

The Rector writes ...

It's traditionally at this time of year that we take stock and think ahead - looking back at the year past and forward to the one ahead. For Kirkcaldy High School, it has been a year of significant achievements, on many levels. In 2014, we were presented with a COSLA Excellence Award for our pioneering work in respect of teenage pregnancy prevention. We were also finalists in the "Daily Record" Scottish Education Awards, in the Health and Well-being category and, in August, we were selected as Kingdom FM's "Best School" in Fife. We are rightly proud of these accolades. And, whilst all this was going on, our young people continued to make very good progress in their SQA exams and in their personal achievements. I am sure that you will know this to be the case; you'll have seen our termly newsletters and our Standards and Quality Report, which highlight our strong progress. I could not be more proud of our young people.

I mentioned teenage pregnancy prevention, and I am pleased to report quite dramatic success in reducing the rate of under 16 pregnancy locally. You will be aware that we have introduced a hard hitting sex and relationships education programme, aspects of which are delivered by "peer educators" - young people specially trained to lead discussion groups on difficult subjects. We have also established a weekly "drop-in" clinic with condom distribution, pregnancy testing and referral for longer term contraception or infection screening.

In 2010, before we began our initiative, the rate of

under 16 pregnancy across the KHS catchment was, at 14.2 per thousand, one of the highest in Fife. The latest data shows a big reduction, to 5.2 per thousand—the 4th lowest of any Fife secondary school catchment. I must commend our excellent Guidance Team, led by Mrs Houston and Mrs Ritchie and our terrific School Nurse team, led by Val Reid. This is a very significant achievement.

All parents/carers are invited to attend a special meeting of the KHS Parent Council on Tues 3 Feb. We seek your opinion on recent Fife Council proposals on adjustments to the school day — including the idea to have a shorter Friday for pupils.

May I extend a warm welcome to new teacher, Miss Samfat, in Business Education. Miss Samfat joined us in November after Miss Kelly took up a position in Paisley.

You will know that we make strenuous efforts to keep you informed about the life of KHS. As well as our Newsletter, there is our monthly diary in the Fife Free Press. We also email messages home (including S1/2 homework details) - if you do not receive these, please contact the school and we'll add you to our mailing list. We use "Parentcall" too—this is a text message or email alert and it will be used to notify you of any school closure or other urgent matter. We regularly ask for updates, but if we do not have your current mobile number, please do advise us. Our website is an up to date resource with lots of "live" information and you perhaps know that we are also the leading Fife school in the use of "Twitter" - you can follow us @KirkcaldyHigh. Many of you already do, and we have almost 900 followers.

Thinking ahead ... there remains much to do. We want to be the very best around. Thanks for backing the mission.

Best of luck for 2015, and a very Merry Christmas from everyone at Kirkcaldy High School!

Alan.

Kirkcaldy High School Prefects 2014–2015





Congratulations to our Arkwright Engineering Scholarship Winners 2014

We recently celebrated great success in a national competitive scholarship scheme. The Arkwright Scholarships Trust administers one of the most prestigious scholarship schemes in the UK. Awarded through a rigorous selection process to the highest calibre young people, the Scholarship supports students through their Highers and encourages them to pursue engineering or related areas of design at university or through a high-quality apprenticeship, and to take up careers in the field. They are supported by mentors from leading industrial companies in the engineering field.

The Engineering Scholarships are sponsored by industry, universities, charitable trusts, trade associations, professional engineering institutions, the Armed Services and personal donors. Each scholar receives a £600 support grant and the scholar's school is awarded £400 to support the development

of STEM (Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering) across the school.

This year, Kirkcaldy High School was in the unique position of having 4 successful applicants out of only 150 scholarships on offer across the UK. This is the highest number for any single school in Scotland.

Rector, Mr Allan, said that he was immensely proud of the successful young people and thanked the school's Design and Engineering Dept for its excellent work in supporting technology in Kirkcaldy High School. "We have the best team around, and they are growing the engineers of the future", he said. The Rector added that the uptake and success rate of Engineering Science subjects in the school was the highest in Fife and also thanked FMC Technologies, Dunfermline, for its sponsorship of the application costs associated with the scheme.

The KHS Scholars are pictured left to right at the recent presentation ceremony at the Institute of Engineering in Glasgow; Reece Young, Erin Sandilands, Megan Greer and Megan Craig.

Spanish Tapas and Cinema in Edinburgh

Did you know that over 700,000 Spanish people have left Spain since the economic crisis and at least 20,000 of them are living and working in Edinburgh? On Wednesday 8 October, the S5 Higher Spanish class, along with teacher Mrs Parkin, went to Edinburgh to see *En Tierra Extraña (In a Foreign Land)* at the Filmhouse in Edinburgh. This documentary featured as part of Edinburgh's first ever Spanish Film Festival. It showed interviews with Spanish people who have left Spain to work in Edinburgh, many of whom are highly educated but cannot find suitably paid work in their own country. There were many Spanish native speakers in attendance at the festival and our pupils had a chance to mingle in the café beforehand.



The film was followed by a tapas meal at *La Tasca* where all pupils ordered in Spanish and tried something new. The meal included typical Spanish dishes such as chicken and chorizo paella, meatballs, croquettes, white fish, patatas bravas (potato wedges with spicy tomato sauce) and tortilla (Spanish potato omelette).

Right Behind the Kirkcaldy Foodbank

Once again the pupils in the Personal Development class have organised a collection in support of the Kirkcaldy Foodbank. They have worked hard to organise advertising, distributing of collection boxes, collecting the donations, and will pack everything up ready for distribution.



The donations are mounting up and of course this could not happen without the support of our pupils, staff and the wider community. Thank you if you or your child has already donated but there is still plenty of time to send your child off to school with your donation. Jack, Grant and Liam are pictured with our mounting stockpile of food items and gifts.



With your help, we can make a difference in making the festive season a little easier and happier for people in our community.

Our S6 Active Schools' Ambassadors recently enjoyed coaching primary girls at Fair Isle.





S6 Visit to HMWP Cornton Vale

Advanced Higher Modern Studies pupils visited Cornton Vale Women's Prison in Stirling on Thursday 27 November. Staff and pupils enjoyed the trip and were given a tour of the facility and opportunities to talk to staff as well as inmates about their experiences and what services were offered for women prisoners. They gained a valuable insight into prison life and what the daily experience of this is like. It was an eye-opening and enlightening trip and gave us all a far greater understanding of how the Prison Service is trying to help reform and improve the lives of its prisoners.

Fife "Energy Hub" Launch at KHS

KHS is proud to be front runners in a very exciting new initiative being trialled by Fife Council. Along with Glenwood High School in Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy High School is now an official Fife "Energy Hub".

We have identified a group of 16 young people who will be mentored by experienced off shore engineers and employers with a view to boosting their employability prospects in a range of engineering fields—especially, but not exclusively within the oil and gas sector.

All of the group members are currently studying Engineering Science in school and they will also have the opportunity to develop high level "hands-on" skills through evening class sessions at Fife College and site visits/work experience—including a trip to Aberdeen, Europe's oil capital.

The programme has been developed by an Aberdeen based agency called "Your Future In Energy" as a response to the serious skills gap in engineering in the UK.

The school is strongly committed to support young people's employability skills and has a great tradition in engineering—we are also a pilot school for the new Foundation Modern Apprenticeship programme in Engineering.

Mr Morrice, Head of CDT and Mr Hamilton, Senior Teacher (Engineering Science) were both involved in the induction and commented on the very high levels of engagement of our "Hub" group. Tom Clark, of "Your Future In Energy" was also impressed by the KHS young engineers and is looking forward to delivering the full programme over the coming months.

Mentor Alex Gauld of Scottish Business in the Community (SBC), is pictured with Jake Carr, Liam Sinclair and Kyle Martin.



Kick Starting ASDA's Christmas

Once again, KHS musicians helped the local ASDA store in Carberry Road kick off its Christmas, playing carols and Christmas tunes in the foyer recently.

The 20 strong group of players, supported by music instructor Mr Adamson and Head of Music Mr Britain, was very well received by shoppers as they played a selection of popular festive tunes. ASDA also collected change to support the Radio Forth Cash for Kids Appeal.



Net Gains - Seafood in Schools



We were delighted to host the Seafood in Schools Transition event at the end of October. Over the course of the two days, almost 250 Primary pupils from Capshard, Fair Isle, Valley and Torbain, and a further 60 KHS pupils, were involved in this fantastic event.

It was great to see so many pupils learning about the benefits of seafood as part of a healthy diet and being so excited about the touch and taste of something new.

We are sure the event has inspired a new generation of young people to include seafood as part of their diet and they can recognise the benefits. Many tried mackerel, prawns, salmon, trout or fresh tuna for the very first time.

The cluster schools are very excited to have an opportunity now to undertake a seafood project of their choosing, and we all look forward to seeing the results.

"STEM" Latest



S2 science enrichment classes have been busy inside and outside the school this term. Whilst one group is working towards a British Heart Foundation "Heart Start" award, others have been working in Dunnikier Park planting trees. Due to their edible nature, these should provide both shelter and habitats along with food for its residents.

At the start of December, we also had the pleasure of a visit from Claire Baker MSP, who was keen to learn more about how KHS boosts "STEM" knowledge and employability. She spoke with young people involved in the Scottish Science Baccalaureate and the Arkwright Engineering Awards, and heard about our Modern Apprenticeship and Energy Hub Programmes.

Supporting the BBC's Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our "Superhero" dress



up daylast month. Our Charities Committee helped to coordinate this and other fund raising.

Our total was £434.12.

Unbelievable Jeff!



Kirkcaldy High School pupils were treated like superstar footballers during a two-day trip to St James' Park, Old Trafford and Villa Park. As well as enjoying matches between Newcastle United and Liverpool and Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspur, they were thrust under the spotlight in mock post-match interviews and their experience was recorded in a Sky Sports-style video.

The footage, by sports tour operator Trans World Soccer, has now been posted online so friends and family can see their moment emulating the likes of Wayne Rooney and Steven Gerrard. CDT teacher, Mr I'Anson, led the group of 39 pupils and four teachers.



He said: "Some of the pupils had never been to a football match or had never been to a big event before, so it gave them the experience of being part of a huge crowd." The video is really good and they all had a really good laugh making it."



Find the video on "Youtube" - Trans World Soccer Kirkcaldy High School.

Meanwhile, Mr I'Anson and Mr English have run trips to the recent Scotland matches against Georgia, Ireland (left) and England in Glasgow.

Learning Council Gives Pupils a Voice

The Kirkcaldy High School Learning Council is a group of 22 S6 pupils who meet every Thursday lunchtime to discuss a variety of whole-school issues, many of which focus on Learning and Teaching. We were delighted, at the start of this session to be nominated by our Learning Council as the "Best School in Fife" and to win this Kingdom FM award.

This year so far we have spoken about the proposed changes to the school week with the group feeding back on how this would be viewed from a pupil perspective in terms of the pros, such as time for sporting activities, and cons, for example, concerns about exam attainment. We had a general issues meeting where pupils fed back on what was going well and what could be improved in school following a discussion where Mrs Aitken shared the Whole School Improvement Plan. Heather Tait, Kirstin Gourlay and Kerry Steedman met with Mrs Guyan to discuss school lunches and shared ideas on theme days such as Chinese, Mexican, American, Indian and Thai. Following this year's exam results, we discussed some trends in the data and ideas around how these could be improved, such as the differing approaches to learning taken by boys versus girls. There was also a very good discussion around the 4Cs poster, rules and rewards.



We are looking forward to the pre-Christmas S6 event which will take place on Wednesday 10 Dec. This is organised by James Farmer (Depute Head Boy) through the Learning Council, and was sanctioned by Mr Allan, following a letter written by Taylor Springthorpe on behalf of the group and including a detailed plan for the evening, which will involve pizza, a movie and "guitar hero" as well as other games.

Next term we will invite Councillor Crooks to discuss our ideas and input to the Kirkcaldy Community plan. Scott Binnie has suggested that we pilot a community project involving S6 and P6/7 pupils and parents from our cluster primaries.

Shakespeare Schools' Festival 2014 - KHS Presents "As You Like It" at the Rothes Halls, Glenrothes



Mr Parkinson of the RE Department offers a review of our recent performance at the Shakespeare Schools Festival: "Our Shakespearean actors, directed by Elaine Bruce, have yet again done us proud. This year, they tackled an abbreviated version of 'As you like it', a very complicated play at full length which must have been even harder to get to grips with when shortened. There were rival Dukes, exiles, rebellious daughters, rival brothers, four pairs of would-be lovers, cross-dressing, mistaken identity, drunkenness, boxing and wandering in the forest.

With this happening, it must have been a real challenge to get into the characters and make sense of the script but our people were praised for precisely that. They let the text speak, brought out the comedy in the lines and even with such short snapshots of the characters they inhabited their roles convincingly. It's possibly invidious to single out particular people especially when the overall standard was so high but some of the highlights were: Ben Ramsay and Mark Dunsire as the feuding brothers Oliver and Orlando. They wrestled with their characters and each other to great effect. Their first scene was remarked upon by the person sitting next to me, a veteran of performances and parent of another school's di-

rector. "That was brilliant. They're really good" she said, as Ben and Mark exited the stage.

Megan Greer's Rosalind was brilliant. She had probably the biggest part and was required at several points to pretend to be another character pretending to be herself. Given the pace this play was going at, this was dizzying stuff and Megan should be very proud of herself. Rosalind's companion Celia/Aliena, played by Charlotte MacMillan was very well done. The rival Dukes managed to handle comedy, exile, menace, due repentance and the baffling number of comings and goings with aplomb. Well done to Chris Duffy and Rachel Dunlay. Scott Binnie's fool, Touchstone, succeeded in wooing the non-poetical Audrey, Rose Henderson. Clearly no fool at all! It's a very funny little dialogue and they nailed it.

I go to the Shakespeare Schools' Festival every year - it's a great night, with half hour versions of several plays from different schools. Ours is always well worth seeing and is usually repeated at KHS sometime after the main event. If you miss these performances you really are missing out. I haven't mentioned the rest of the cast by name but be assured on the world of this stage they were no mere players".

Megan and Charlotte recently attended a presentation from the Mary Leishman Foundation which took place at East End Park, Dunfermline. The Foundation generously donated £500 towards the school's next drama production—which is likely to be a musical next year. The girls are pictured receiving the cheque from Jim Leishman, Provost of Fife. Meanwhile, auditions are underway for next year's production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest".

InterHouse Sports Round 2

A variety of House events have taken place so far, including Tug Of War, House quizzes, Inter House Sports events (Netball pictured right), Halloween Fancy Dress Disco etc. The KHS Christmas Bake Off will be a real highlight! Total points so far...

**Carlyle 101 points, Oswald 99,
Adam Smith 92, Beveridge 88.**



Primary 7 Open Evening is a Hot Ticket!



Our recent showcase evening was a real success, with over 200 families visiting the school to see classes in action and meet staff and young people.

After introductory talks from the Rector and Miss Diamond (Depute Rector and S1 Yearhead), parents and carers of next session's new First Year intake toured the school, commenting on the quality of the school's facilities, the commitment of the staff and the interesting lessons being delivered as part of "Curriculum for Excellence". For many, Dr Murray's explosive Science experiments were a real highlight!

Mrs Aitken (Senior Depute Rector) thanks the Prefects who were excellent hosts and guides, once again giving great service to the school. Very many of our seniors are well on track to achieve a Gold, Silver or Bronze Saltire Volunteering Award.

Kirkcaldy Youth Forum Latest

The Fife Youth Parliament is a group of young individuals who are eager to share views and opinions on how we can make Fife and our local areas a better and safer place to live. We often attend meetings during lunch-times to discuss opinions on Kirkcaldy and what we need to improve and change. About once a month we meet with other young people from other areas of Fife to expand our opinions further and hear what people have to say.

We recently attended our first big event at Rothes Halls. When we arrived we listened to a live panel, where members of the audience asked four councillors questions about what they are going to do to improve the town. They raised a few concerns that they had. We found this extremely interesting to hear what everybody had to say about it. We then had a buffet and had time to talk to people about what we thought before being escorted into local area groups i.e. Kirkcaldy. We introduced ourselves before being split into smaller groups to discuss what we can add to Kirkcaldy to make it more fun. Some of the ideas included more youth clubs, business and finance experience for young people.

We found it interesting and fun to hear what other individuals who share the same interests have to say about our community. We really enjoy meeting new people and would definitely recommend joining if you would like to have fun and help make Fife a better place. The pupils involved are; Jack Ramsay, Molly Turner, Kelice Peebles, Dylan Clemison and Jamie Lawson (all S2).



KHS Giro d'Italia 2014

by Rose Henderson S6

During the October Holidays, myself and a group of other pupils went on the Italy trip led by Mr Parkinson and other teachers where we stayed in the Hotel Il Faro in the harbour at Sorrento for 6 nights. Every day we were awoken early, fed and watered and sent off on our trip for the day.

During the week we managed to explore the ancient towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum, visit the island of Capri, climb halfway up the famous volcano - Vesuvius, drive along the Amalfi coast, visit various towns along the way and marvel at the magnificent Cathedral of Amalfi. We also visited the live volcano of Solfatara (photo left) and explored the National Archaeological Museum in Naples—while still having plenty of time for gelato (ice -cream) breaks!

Throughout the trip, Mr Parkinson acted as our very own, thoroughly informed tour guide and was able to make the visit even more interesting than it already was. There will be a trip to Rome next year for any pupils interested. Please see Mr. Parkinson.



Kingdom FM's "Kingdom Kids"

Well done to the Charities Committee, who organised a "Daft Shoes" day and a dress-down fund raiser to support Kingdom Kids — the Kingdom FM Charity which supports local families.

The school was invited along to the Kingdom FM studio in Markinch to present a cheque for £469.70.

S6 students Ross Taylor, Chloe Sharp and Lauren Kirkpatrick met DJs Vanessa and Iain who were on hand with "Kingdom Kid".



London Calling!

Social Studies Trip, October 2014

Reach for the Stars!

The KHS Astronomy Club attended the St. Andrews University Observatory open night on Saturday 29th November. The Observatory has a number of telescopes, with the most famous being the James Gregory Telescope (JGT), which is the largest of its type in Scotland.

We saw three on the night, one with a ten inch mirror, another at 16 inches, whilst the JGT has a massive 38 inch mirror. There were various talks and demonstrations, including one on exoplanets - planets that have been discovered orbiting distant stars far away from our Solar System.

The number of planets being discovered is rising all the time and currently stands at over 1,500. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side and the clouds only offered fleeting glimpses of the Moon. Hopefully, the next time we go it will be a clear night and all those telescopes can be put to good use!

Many thanks to Mr Malinen, who runs the club, and to Mr Davidson, who helped with this trip.



Geography, History and Modern Studies pupils enjoyed three days in London last month where they got a chance to learn more about some of the topics they had been studying in class. A visit to the BBC's Broadcasting House gave pupils the chance to find out how the news is gathered, edited and presented and also information on the history of the BBC itself.

There was an opportunity to make the news themselves and to create some brilliant sound effects in a Special Effects radio studio. A trip to the Imperial War Museum provided a wealth of information on WWI and a real insight into the Holocaust. Outside Parliament, students had a chance to see democracy in action as police monitored protesters who were demanding the UK Government intervene in the fight against ISIS. However there was also some time for a bit of sightseeing with a boat ride and walking tour managing to take in most of the sights, while a flight on the London Eye gave wonderful views of the city and a visit the London Dungeon drew a few screams from some of the group.



Pupils finished off their trip with a fabulous night in the West End, taking in Billy Elliot, before heading back home. Many thanks to Key Tech Electronic Systems for sponsoring hoodies for all pupils – a nice reminder of their trip.

KH-Press ... Out Now!

KH-PRESS
ISSUE 1 -

Welcome! The first issue of the KH Press is here! Kirkcaldy High School's very own online newspaper or e-zine! When we set out to create an online newspaper, we wanted something that would promote the school from the pupils' angle and perspective.

We are very excited to upload the first issue covering the custom team and look forward to hearing what you think. So let's meet the team!

Myself and Grace Pierce will collaborate to write a featured article covering the hottest topic at KH each term. Charlotte Louise MacMillan is the writer for the Health and Wellbeing section, whereby each term she will be talking to members from professional agencies who work with the school to support young people. We hope, in a small way, this will allow all our audience to access helpful information and to encourage a positive lifestyle. What's more, for all you bookworms out there, Charlotte-Louise will be writing some fantastic book reviews. Movie buffs are listed up, as April Jones will be reviewing films that everyone should stop talking about. One of the reviews will be of a real jacking trip to Aberdeen, I wonder what it will be like? Charlotte can have a look at our Sports column, where Lauren Ferriday will be reporting from the interhouse sports competitions each term. Don't see, Jones, will also be interviewing a teacher for every issue, so you, the reader, can have a sneak peek into their funny habits and life outside the walls of KH. We also have a Nelson's Wall, a chance for budding writers, to publish their short stories, poems, lyrics and so forth. This term we have some fantastic Annual poetry from 21 pupils, diary entries from 22 writers and a short story from our very own Editor Charlotte Louise. Finally, Sophie Murray our Photo Editor, will be gathering all the photos for the KH Press each term, so keep an eye out for her snapping away and what's more, if you want to publish your own work and or achievements remember to smile for the camera. We meet in B2B every Wednesday lunchtime with Miss T-P, so please bring your work along.

Just time to say, watch out for our Christmas issue, to find out who our next teacher of the term will be and who has been most embarrassing moment to under the microscope!

Keep reading.

Megan Greer, Editor

KH Press is here; Kirkcaldy High School's very own online newspaper or e-zine! When a group of S5 pupils set out to create an online newspaper, they wanted something that would promote the school from the pupils' angle and perspective. You can check it out on the school website under "News".

The editorial board comprises; Megan Greer, Charlotte MacMillan, Grace Pierce, April Reza and Sophie Murray.

Print copies were also issued to senior pupils. Look out for the Christmas edition!

Peer Educators Lead "Boozebusters" and "Sexperts"

The school has rightly been recognised as being highly effective in involving young people in their learning in the widest sense. One way in which we do this is through peer education, which involves more mature and confident young people being selected and trained to lead lessons and facilitate discussion. This is a feature in several areas of the curriculum.

One such area is in Personal and Social Education, where NHS and school staff have trained over 20 S5 pupils to deliver sessions on alcohol and relationships to S2 pupils. The most recent groupwork based sessions took place in the assembly hall with support staff on hand if required. Our peer educators led the groups and many young people noted that it was easier to talk freely in situations like this.

Peer educators were recently asked to give talks to NHS Grampian staff in Aberdeen and teachers in Dundee about this approach. Many thanks to Erin Sandilands, Brogan Wilkie, Mariama Penman and Morgan Stupart, who were outstanding ambassadors for the school. Another such event takes place in Dunblane in the new year.



Remembered for What They Have Done

On Tuesday 11 November, we held a two minute silence and a very special ceremony at our War Memorial as a mark of respect for those who have fallen in war. With well over 108 names from the First World War, our memorial is thought to be one of the largest school memorials in Scotland. We were honoured to be joined by Chief Petty Officer Tam King of the Royal Navy and John Beck, who has written a remarkable book about the KHS Great War dead. Af-



ter a few words from the Rector and a reading by Mark Dunsire, Head Boy, wreaths were laid by CPO King and our pupils. Head Girl Abigail James played the Last Post on cornet and John Beck told the large audience about his research and new book "The Memorial in the School".



Over the period, we held special assemblies which included moving monologues from Scott Binnie, Adam Campbell and Ben Ramsay, as well as a musical input from Dr Murray of the Chemistry Department, who sang "Willie McBride" by Eric Bogle and played "Flo'ers o' the Forest" on fiddle. On Sunday 9 November, Mark and Abigail laid a wreath at the Kirkcaldy War Memorial and KHS played a major part in the reception afterwards at the Adam Smith Theatre. The Rector spoke about the impact of the Great War on Kirkcaldy High School and Scott, Adam and Ben delivered monologues as ghost voices of ex KHS pupils killed in 1914-1918. Dr Murray sang and played. The school was highly commended by many of those present for a moving and fitting tribute to the casualties of war.

Kirkcaldy High Rotary Interact Club Updates

Our annual Rotary Hi5 Event this year involved Kirkcaldy Rotary, Kirkcaldy Raith Rotary and Glenrothes Rotary, as well as the Interact Clubs of Kirkcaldy High School, and St Andrew's and Auchmuty High Schools.



A great night of fun games and friendship was had (see photo left). Thanks to the Rotary clubs for supporting our Interact clubs in schools.

Our club has also recently supported ASDA's Forth One Appeal (above) and the Rotary shoebox Christmas appeal—see the "selfie" on the right! They will also be hand delivering Christmas candy canes in support of Kirkcaldy Foodbank.



S3 Employability Week is Just the Job!



In November, we had a very successful week where all S3 pupils experienced a variety of talks/practical exercises focusing on Employability Skills. Some pupils also visited local places of work and the remaining pupils will have a visit next year.

Employability is a key area for schools and we recognise the importance of developing skills and preparing pupils for the world of work.

Thanks to many partners who assisted on the day to deliver the programme including STEM Ambassadors, Fife Council, Skills Development Scotland, Pay Wizard, Bank Of Scotland, Tullis Russell, ASDA, Chapel Level Care Home, Sainsburys and



Qinetiq. KHS staff also delivered sessions and facilitated practical exercises including Dragon's Den and The Enterprise Game. Also many thanks to organiser Mrs Davidson (Depute Rector).