



We are almost at the end of another busy term.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to announce that Mr Stuart has been appointed as Depute Head Teacher. We look forward to working with him in his new role.

STEM

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Week 2020 was a great success this year. Focusing on 'Living Things' pupils covered a variety of science learning experiences including the human body, plants, animals, inheritance and others. Other STEM activities included wind turbines, programming, construction, engineering challenges, outdoor learning and game design as well as applying mathematical skills and knowledge to different areas of the curriculum. Thank you to our parents, volunteers and Elgin Academy staff who supported and greatly enhanced the week. Classes have created an information page on some of the aspects they learnt. These will soon be available to see on the school website.

CAREERS FAYRE

Our recent Career Fayre was run over two days in order to accommodate P4-7 one day, and P1-3 the next. This was a hugely successful and enjoyable event, with both pupils and staff commenting on the wide variety of jobs represented, as well as how well all the presenters engaged with the children. Pupils learned about some of the skills and qualifications required as part of our work on Developing the Young Workforce (DYW).

We were very fortunate to welcome parents as our presenters and would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to those who gave up their time to volunteer to come along. We are already looking forward to next year's!

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 5 March, World Book day, we celebrated our love of reading! Everyone joined in with a fancy dress parade in the playground and we were delighted that so many family and friends joined us. At break time P5/6A and P6GS sold some delicious home bakes and raised nearly £300 to buy books for our school! Each class has £20 to spend on books of their choice for their classrooms. Throughout the day we took part in a variety of book related activities including: paired reading, sharing our favourite stories, telling our friends about our dress up character and illustrating. What a busy day! Thank you so much for all of your support.

WATER BOTTLES

Our water fountains will be out of use for the foreseeable future. Please provide your child with a water bottle. This will be sent home at the end of each day to be refilled.

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ACHIEVEMENT COOPERATION OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR RESPECT NEW BEGINNINGS



GLEE CHOIR

Congratulations to the Glee who were awarded the Esprit de Glee Trophy. This was awarded to the choir for representing the values of the Glee challenge mainly:

- Good Teamwork
- Good Behaviour
- Respectful of other choirs
- Listened attentively
- Applauded others
- Positive Attitude
- Enthusiastic
- Courteous

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

As the COVID-19 virus continues to develop nationally and internationally, please be assured that we are following guidance and direction from the Local Authority Headquarters and Public Health teams. See NHS link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

School Improvement

REPORTS

As a result of feedback from our reporting questionnaire 80% of parents said they would prefer more regular reports rather than one at the end of term. We are currently developing reporting formats that will be issued 4 times per year. Reports will be done collaboratively with pupils to ensure they know their next steps in learning. Reports in the future will not be issued as a class they will be staggered over a 2-3 week period. This will allow the pupils and the teacher to collaborate fully on each report.

The report you will receive this term shares how children are demonstrating our school values and skills for learning, work and life. You will receive another report next term sharing how children are progressing in their learning across curricular areas. Next year the values and skills report will be shared in term 1 and the curricular reports will be shared in terms 2, 3 and 4. Once you have seen the format of both reports we will gather your views.

Elaine Andrew
Head Teacher