



The Banter

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The Newsletter of Keith Grammar School, School Road, Keith, Moray, AB55 5GS

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Message from the rector...

It has been a busy start to 2020, particularly for our Senior Phase students; many of whom have been sitting prelim exams.

Two reminders for everyone...

School Wear: students are asked to wear black jumpers/ cardigans and trousers/skirts and a white shirt/ t shirt. Please avoid logos and grey clothing. Hoodies are acceptable as 'outer' wear but should be removed in class as well as jackets, scarves and other such outside clothing. Grey bottoms are not school dress code and ripped jeans do not look work ready/ smart.

Valuables: please do not bring valuables to school. Anything of value should not be left on coat pegs or in bags left unsupervised. We are investing in new lockers so that all pupils can use these. This will brighten and modernise our main corridors, whilst also making more usable social space and keeping belongings safe.

And a final announcement...

Mrs Jenkins has joined our Senior Leadership Team as Acting Depute Head Teacher.

We hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend at half term.

Liz Bain

The Bakery Club



Great fun and games were had last term with the after school bakery club. The bakers demonstrated fantastic skills in both baking and decorating their products. Thank you so much to the Parent Council who funds this after school club and helps to make it accessible to all. I can't wait for this term for more cookies, capers and cupcakes. What a great bunch to spend a Wednesday evening with, anyone else interested should come and see Mrs Young and put their name down.

Future Chef Competition

Demi McLeod and Stuart Mackie competed in the Springboard future young chef competition on the 9th of January at the Moray College. They had both been chosen from their school heat by their outstanding raspberry and chocolate tortes and went on to cook two dishes that they had chosen showing their knowledge of flavours, cookery techniques and presentation. Unfortunately they did not progress to the next round in Inverness but both cooked extremely well and the judges said that they had a very hard times choosing between the four finalists. One very proud teacher, well done guys!



S1 Boys Football Tournament



We finished 4th overall missing out on qualification by 1 point. Great performance and victories over Fraserburgh B, Turriff B, Mintlaw B and we drew against Turriff A, and Banchory at Garioch Sports Centre. Well Done!

The Dracula Spectacula

(fangs ain't what they used to be!)

Art Competition

KGS Show this year is the Dracula Spectacula.

It is a melodrama based on the Dracula stories.

We are asking all 10-14 year olds in Keith ASG schools to design a poster for the show.

There will be three winners:

1st Prize:

2 tickets for the show and an artist's case of materials & sketchbook.

This design will be used for the poster advertising.

2nd Prize:

2 tickets for the show and a box of artist's watercolour pencils with drawing tablet.

This design will be used for the cover of the programme .

3rd Prize

2 tickets for the show and a box of artist's crayons with sketchpad.

This design will be used for the tickets.

Rules:

All entries must be submitted to Keith Grammar School on A4 paper.

Entries can be hand drawn or digital images.

Entries can be monochrome or colour.

All entries cost £1.00.

Each individual is limited to 1 entry.

Prizes will be given out at the show by Dracula & Genghis.

Closing date for the competition is 7th May 2010.

For further information, contact Carol Wood, KGS

WoodC5@moray-edunet.gov.uk.

2020 Keith Grammar School Cross Country

Age Group	Position	Name	House	House Points
Junior Boys	1	Tom Palmer	Laidlaw	4
Junior Boys	2	William Morison	Laidlaw	3
Junior Boys	3	Lewie McKenzie	Laidlaw	2
Junior Girls	1	Orla Innes	Laidlaw	4
Junior Girls	2	Catriona Mckerell	Laidlaw	3
Junior Girls	3	Abbie Kellas	Laidlaw	2
Junior Girls	4	Jessica Morrison	Kynoch	1
Junior Girls	5	Abbie McWilliam	Laidlaw	1
Junior Girls	6	Ruby Kellas	Laidlaw	1
Junior Girls	7	Leah McWilliam	Kynoch	1
Junior Girls	8	Beth Wallace	Kynoch	1
Junior Girls	9	Casey Rennie	Laidlaw	1
Junior Girls	10	Lilly Dunbar	Kynoch	1
Junior Girls	11	Lauren Innes	Kynoch	1
Junior Girls	12	Caitlin Brown	Kynoch	1

Age Group	Position	Name	House	House Points
Intermediate Girls	1	Katie Dunbar	Kynoch	4

Age Group	Position	Name	House	House Points
Senior Boys	1	Ali Nicol	Laidlaw	4
Senior Boys	2	Dodie Simmers	Laidlaw	3
Senior Boys	3	Ewan McCready	Laidlaw	2
Senior Boys	4	Jesse Lee	Laidlaw	1



Harry Potter Night Spell Slam

To celebrate Harry Potter Night Keith Grammar School held a Spell Slam on Thursday 6th February! The event, organised by Librarian Mr Leitch and held in the school hall, involved all the S1 pupils at KGS writing a spell in the form of a poem. Each English class then selected the top 5 poems in the class, and these poems were then performed at the final on Thursday 6th February. A panel of judges awarded points to the performers based on the poem and delivery and selected an overall winner and runner up places. Such was the quality of the poems that two winners were selected along with the two runner-up places.

This year's Master Spell Caster's 2020 are: Ross W. Dalgarno and Scott Hendry.

Runner up places: Amy Noble and Annie Cameron



Heroes of Tomorrow

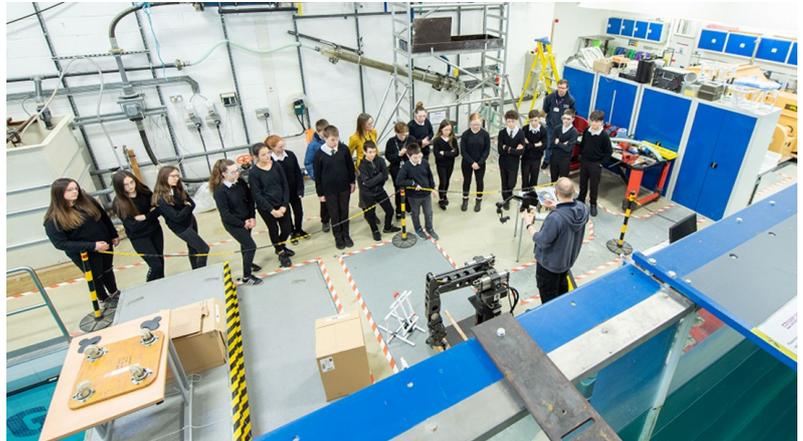
On Wednesday 22nd January a group of 20 S2 pupils and 2 members of staff attended the 'Heroes of Tomorrow' event which is organised by Equinor and Techfest and is held at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. The purposes of the event were: to inspire pupils' interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects; to make them aware of the wide range of careers within the energy industry and to highlight to the opportunities young people will have within their working lives to improve the world in which we live.

Pupils took part in several workshops. The first workshop took place within the Engineering Department which is equipped with the very latest technology. Pupils got hands-on experience by doing 4 experiments (Slice of Ocean, the wave tank, the ROV pool and the wind tunnel). The second workshop, the crystal maze workshop, required team work and lateral thinking to solve mathematical problems.

Pupils then attended the 'Future Fuels' show which was presented by staff from the Glasgow Science Centre. The pupils learned about different types of energy sources and the way that these can be harnessed to create energy and it contained lots of loud noises, bangs and flashes. In the last workshop the pupils learned about different engineering roles and disciplines such as being an Offshore Installation Manager, chemical engineering, renewable engineering and project engineering.

The pupils all enjoyed the day which has further fuelled their interest in STEM careers. Everyone behaved impeccably on the day and were a credit to KGS. Thank you to Mrs Jenkins for organising the trip and to Dr Barclay and Mrs Harrold for taking the pupils to the event. A short video about the event can be viewed using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=115&v=Q33fc3jflHY&feature=emb_logo





We are re-launching the 200 Club which runs from March 2020 through to February 2021. Last year 172 tickets were sold! In our school with around 400 pupils we really think it is achievable to reach 200. **If every family purchased at least one ticket we would reach our target!**

It costs £1 per monthly draw. Each member is given a number. A number is drawn at random and the lucky person wins half of the money raised. The other half is for KGSPC funds. **Therefore, if there are 200 members the monthly prize is £100.**

To join the 200 Club you must be over 16 years old. **It costs £12 per ticket which enters you for 12 monthly draws!**

The easiest way to join is to set up a Direct Debit using the link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/keithgrammar/kgs-parent-council/parent-council-fundraising/>

The last date for purchasing tickets online is Monday 24th February.

If you'd prefer to pay with cash or cheque (made payable to KGS Parent Council) then please send payment to school office with your name, address, email and telephone number in a sealed envelope addressed 'KGSPC 200 CLUB' by Monday 25th February.

Thank you for your support!
Let's get to 200 members this year!



RAG BAG

Ongoing Fundraiser – please donate at any time!

We participate in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising and raises awareness about recycling.

Please bring good quality clean Men’s, Ladies and Children’s clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together) in a securely tied plastic bag to our outdoor textile bank. It is located in the fenced off area in the Community Centre car park where the Community Centre links with KGS.

ALL FUNDS RAISED BY KGS PARENT COUNCIL ARE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL KGS PUPILS

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday	We warmly welcome all parents and carers of KGS pupils, as well as teachers and any interested persons from the Keith area, to attend our meetings. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th March 2019 at 7 p.m. in Staff Lounge. (Please use entrance which faces Keith Primary School.) It would be great to see you!
17th	
March	
7 p.m.	

Day/Date:	Details:
Thursday 13th February	Valentines Disco 7-9pm
Wednesday 19th February	S4-6 Parents Night
Tuesday 17th March	Parent Council Meeting 7-9pm
Friday 27th March	End of Term 3.40pm