



Celebrating Success at Keith Grammar School

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World Photography Day



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Well done!

European Day/Week of languages

The second last week of term 1 was a very busy week for the Modern Languages Department, as lots of events were organised through the week to celebrate European Day of Languages.



*“The European Day of Languages (EDL) is celebrated across Europe on the 26th of September every year. It **aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone.** It was set up by the Council of Europe and was first celebrated in 2001.”*

We would like to thank everyone who participated in all our events organized to celebrate the European Day of Languages, but special thanks goes to our Wider Achievement Languages Team who organized the events. Special acknowledgement to this fabulous S5 and S6 team: Alexandra Young, Memie Milne, Cassie Findlay, Katie Dunbar, Aria Carr, Dylan Ralph, Catherine McKenzie, Beth Smith, Sophie Riddoch and Ellie Lipphardt.

Our bake-off competition took place on the Monday 27th of September. It was a real success as we had lots of cakes/cupcakes/cheesecakes to judge. Not an easy task! Well done again for everyone who participated – you were really creative, and it has been a pleasure to admire your baking talents.



Our Wider Aspects Team chose Kate Rettie - S4 as the winner. Kate designed an amazing cake decorated with lots of European flags.

Kate Rettie



Very close in second position was Ellen Largue – S2 with a incredible number of flags on cupcakes. Well done Ellen!



And in third place was Rebecca Shylock with her beautiful Italian cake!



We would also like to give a special acknowledgement to Kirsty Simmers who called her cake “French Surprise” having the colours of the French flag on the outside and the ones from the German flag in the inside. It had huge success on our Twitter account @keithmodlangs.



Dress up day: We were really pleased to see our pupils/staff dressed up in the colours of Ukraine, France, Iceland, Sweden, Scotland, Ireland through the day on Monday 27th. Thanks a lot to our staff who participated too.



Library quiz: on Tuesday 28th thanks to our librarian Mr Leitch, we had our **European Day of Languages quiz** at BGE lunchtime where S1 to S3 joined and enjoyed discovering more about Europe, languages and culture. Super proud of Phoebe and Kirsty who won the quiz and thanks again so much to Mr Leitch who organized the quiz. Looking forward for more quizzes coming soon.

All donation received on Monday 27th (about £60) will go to a charity linked to languages that our Wider Achievement chose: the SLCO - Speech Language Communication Company. The charity is based in Dundee and supports the needs of children and young people who experience speech, language and communication problems and make sure that their families get the help and guidance they need. More information below.

<https://speech-language-communication-company.uk/>



Primary live quiz: On top of all the events our Wider Achievement class organized for KGS itself, we also had them taking their leadership skills further, by having a LIVE quiz on Wednesday 29th with four of our primary schools: Keith Primary School, Botriphnie, Newmill and St Thomas.

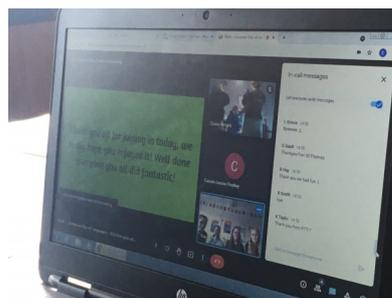
Drum roll for the winning teams:

Position 1 = Botriphnie Primary 2 to 7 - full house = 20 points

Position 2 = Keith Primary School P5 - 17 points

Together with: Keith Primary School P7 - team 3 - 17 points

Position 3 = Newmill Primary School P6-7 - 16 points



Through the Languages week, we also had two events going on. One being a list of challenges linked to languages that pupils would choose to do over the week.

And finally a **Staff Fact Hunt**, where pupils and staff had to find out which member of staff was behind each of the 14 posters displayed across the school. It has been quite challenging and for this reason, we have decided to extend this event until the October holidays. We can't wait to see if maybe one or more of our pupils or a member of staff is able to guess all 14 staff hidden behind their story.

S1 and S2 Language Olympics

All S1 and S2 French and German classes have been taking part in a series of weekly vocabulary tests this term to help build their vocabulary and study skills. Pupils have been encouraged to try different ways to learn their 10 vocabulary items each week from traditional ways, such as writing them out over and over again, getting a friend or family member to test them, to using technology such as Quizlet and Blooket for games based ways to revise vocabulary. Look out for Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates coming home very soon.



We are very proud of our WA team for their engagement, commitment and leadership in this project. We are looking forward to organizing future live quizzes with them as it was a huge success according to our primary schools:

'The children did enjoy the quiz. They especially liked the 'flags' round and they would have liked even more questions to answer'.

'My class really enjoyed the quiz and especially liked how it targeted a range of things so that it was inclusive of all ability groups'.

'We really enjoyed the quiz and the level was just right with some fun facts learned. Tell them it was an enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to more to come!'

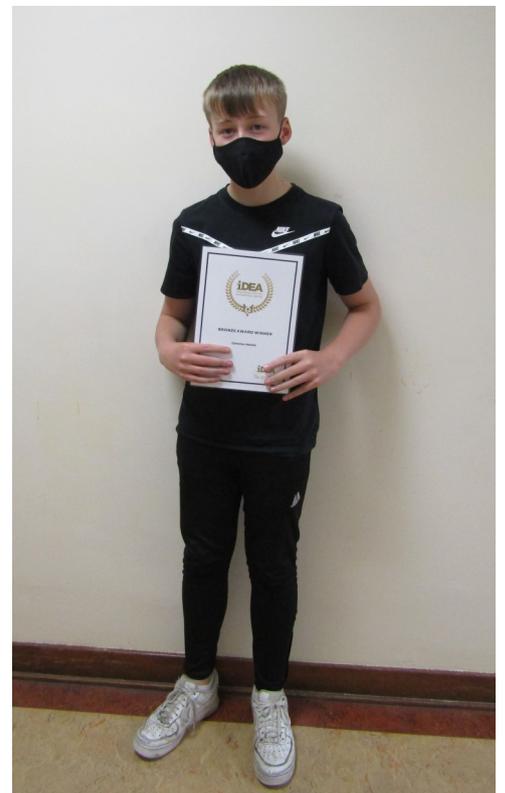
Digital Learning Department

Cameron Mackie, Orla Innes and Harry Green have been the first in Mrs George's S3 Business class to be awarded a Bronze iDEA certificate. They have done amazingly well to work so hard and gain their Bronze award so quickly.

Fynn Chapman has done very well and not only got his Bronze award but Silver too! He achieved this earlier in the year during lockdown but is working in class to hopefully achieve his Gold. We are waiting patiently for iDEA to release the Gold award.

The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international award winning programme that helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills.

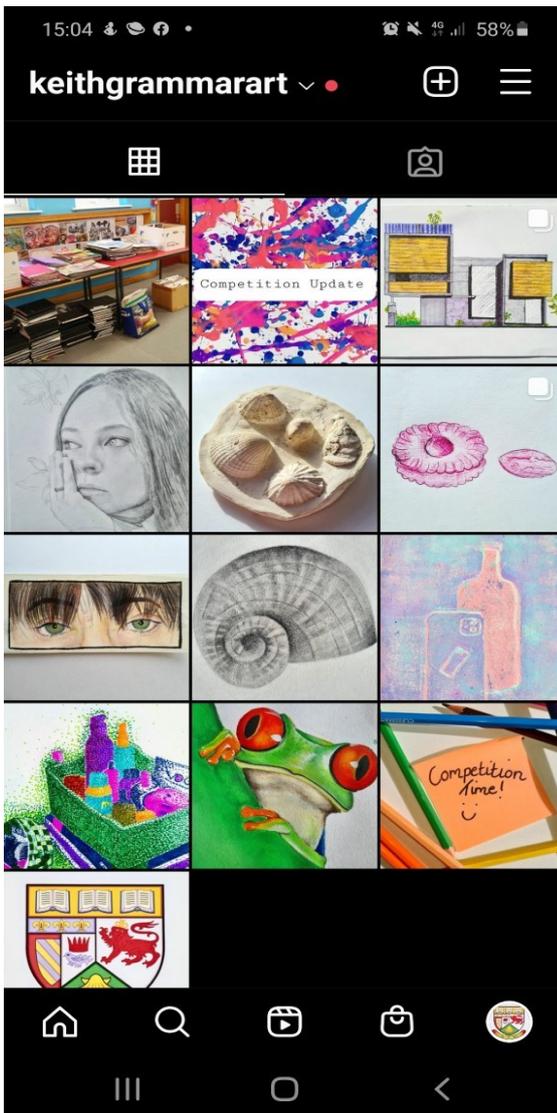
A great achievement that you will be able to tell future employers about! Well done!



Respecting Schools – Silver Award

This year we are aiming to achieve our Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. In 2020/21 our pupil steering group worked on a variety of projects including work on the school charter, delivering assemblies on rights, interviewing peers to identify any issues being faced by our young people during the first lockdown and organising the Clark's Shoe Share. As a result of this we were re-accredited with the Bronze Award: Rights Committed.

Our young people can look forward to learning, through and for rights as part of our journey. Please follow our new twitter account @KeithGrammarRRS and keep an eye out for updates in our school newsletter.



The Art Department is now on instagram @keithgrammarart and are currently running a competition for an Instagram Logo. The deadline is the 28th of October. Like and follow for more competitions, challenges and updates!



Active Schools Opportunities - Sports

- Active Schools supports volunteers to provide sports activities for primary and secondary school children out with school time.
- Sports opportunities for Keith Grammar Pupils currently include Rugby, Hockey and Netball.
- Our schedule for next term will be available to view at the start of term. They can be found at the link in the next bullet point.
- For those of you with primary school children, we have some activities happening in the October holidays. To find out more, visit this page:
 - <http://sportinmoray.co.uk/mcsh/active-schools/active-schools-moray/keith-asg/>
- Active Schools Opportunities – Young Leader Programme
- Our Young Leader Programme includes the offer of volunteering experience as well as training/qualification opportunities for children and young people aged 11-25 in the Moray area.
- Great for personal development, gaining confidence, Saltire Awards, CVs – and fun too!
- Young Leaders can be involved in many things including coaching, events planning, photography, and school sport council to name a few.
- We have a hoodie scheme, where participants earn different coloured hoodies when they have completed a certain number of volunteer hours.
- To find out more, visit this page:
 - <http://sportinmoray.co.uk/mcsh/young-leaders/>
- Please feel free to contact the Keith Active Schools Co-ordinator:

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Keith ASG October Holiday Programme						
Week 11 th – 15 th October						
Cost	Day	Activities	Venue	Age group	Start Time	End Time
Free	Mon 11 Oct	Street Dance	Keith Community Centre	P1-P3	10.30am	11.15am
Free	Mon 11 Oct	Street Dance	Keith Community Centre	P4-P7	11.30am	12.30pm
Free	Tue 12 Oct	Mixed Sports	Keith Community Centre	P1-P3	11am	11.50am
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Free	Wed 13 Oct	Mixed Sports	Keith Community Centre	P1-P3	11am	11.50am
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Moray Active Schools



sportscotland
the national agency for sport





YOUNG AMBASSADORS

2021/22

Names: Beth Wallace and Caitlin Brown

School: Keith Grammar School

Looking forward to taking part in this year's virtual conference.

Already working on plans for Active Girls' Month along with last year's Young Ambassadors.



CHALLENGE POVERTY IN SCOTLAND? AYE, WE CAN!

Anti-poverty groups from across Moray are coming together during Challenge Poverty Week to highlight and break the grip of poverty on people's lives.

WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER

7PM – 9PM
Poverty and domestic abuse: An online seminar on RADAR, and how it works to challenge poverty.
Register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poverty-domestic-abuse-tickets-180355336667?ref=elos>

GET INVOLVED

MONDAY 4 OCTOBER

9:30AM – 11:30AM
Bee Well Café (Moray Wellbeing Hub): drop-in session at Calum's Café, Moray Sports Centre, Elgin. Come along for wellbeing-related peer support, with champions from the Moray Wellbeing Hub. No pre-booking required, tea and coffee provided.

THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER

2PM – 4PM
Fairer Moray Forum Action Group open meeting. Join us as we stream a film by Revolution for Good on the Real Living Wage, followed by a topical discussion.
Register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fairer-moray-forum-action-group-tickets-135831392351>

SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER

Real Living Wage roadshow: The Fairer Moray Forum Action Group will be on high streets:

- Forres (9am – 10:30am),
- Elgin (11am – 12:30pm),
- Buckie (1pm – 2:30pm), and
- Keith (3pm – 4pm)

To raise awareness of Challenge Poverty Week. Come and ask advice, and the team will have information on which agencies can support you if you have money worries. Details to follow on [tsiMoray's Facebook page](#).

KEEP AN EYE ON TSI MORAY'S FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE EVENTS:

- Cost of a School Day presentation from the Child Poverty Action Group.
- Moray Food Plus' presentation on food responses during the pandemic, featuring a report by Sheffield University and Sustain.
- Support for children and families, presentation from Step by Step Moray.
- Presentation on support available from Moray Citizens Advice Bureau.
- Moray School Bank's presentation on workforce development.
- Progress for Parents, presentation by Moray Pathways, Money Advice Moray and Child Poverty Action Group
- Current benefits available, presentation by Social Security Scotland.
- Child Disability Payment and Local Delivery Service Launch, presentation by Social Security Scotland.
- Support to Families, film by Moray Baby Bank.

TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER

10:30AM – NOON
Community wealth-building: tackling poverty with resilience.
Join Fi Thomson from Outside the Box in conversation about how community wealth building can build community resilience and reframe poverty.
Register: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-wealth-building-tackling-poverty-with-resilience-tickets-179913053787

1PM – 3PM
Moray's Health & Wellbeing forum: an open meeting to raise awareness of Challenge Poverty Week events, and we're joined by Louise McBride from the Lossie 2-3 Group.
Register: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-and-wellbeing-forum-tickets-135518927761

QUESTIONS?

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#MorayChallengesPoverty



Do you need a safe space for a chat and a cuppa? Then join Children 1st for

Daily Drop in sessions

Monday to Friday

9am to 5pm



The building behind Highfield House
on Northfield Terrace, Elgin

Everyone could use some time to talk and relax. Whether you just need to see a friendly face or want someone to listen to your worries, we are here.

Chill time just for young people

Fridays at 1pm to 5pm

If you can't join us in person you can still call us for a chat on 01343 564170 any day of the week.