



Celebrating Success at Keith Grammar School



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Success at Thainstone

Last week Jayne Mitchell won reserve champion at Thainstone Mart. Jayne is in 4th year and studies Rural skills. She would like to pursue a career in agriculture. During the Easter holidays she is the lambing supervisor for a team of farm workers at a farm near Grange. Well done Jayne!



Spring Crafts

The ASN department library group were a crafty bunch in the library this week, creating flowers and ladybird mini egg holders to finish their spring theme. Great fun and a great group



Easter Hunt

It was the last language club of the term and we had lots of fun eating some chocolate eggs while discovering some fun facts on French & German culture. Thank you to our language ambassador Dylan who organised everything

We were very impressed with the Easter baskets heading home filled with yummy treats!



Keith Greener Grid Park

Statkraft Trip

On Wednesday 16th March we represented KGS at the opening of the Statkraft Keith Greener Grid Park. Statkraft is a renewable energy company who have installed two large turbines in a building located on Westerton Road. These turbines create inertia to provide stability to the national grid without producing harmful carbon emissions. The opening ceremony was carried out by Michael Matheson MSP with Richard Lochhead MSP and members of the local community also in attendance.

We initially met at the Ugie House Hotel, where we were introduced to a person called Seamus, who talked to us about the project and told us what to expect when we arrived on site. High Vis vests were handed out for us to wear before we arrived at the site.

During our tour we were told about how the turbines and the electrics work, which keep the site maintained. After our tour of the site, we then got to ask some questions before taking some quick photos with some of the people there, before getting back on to the bus to return to the Ugie for some refreshments. I enjoyed the trip and found it interesting and helpful, as it has made me think more about what kind of job I want to do when I'm older and what pathways I can take to get into jobs in engineering, as it is one of my favourite subjects.

Ben Kidd – S4



Toilet Twinning Fundraiser

The senior leadership class organised a fundraising day for Toilet Twinning, a charity that enables families living in poverty to have lifesaving loos. The whole school came out at morning interval where we held the damp dash and a bake sale. Pupils were also invited to enter the toilet quiz – the winning team were the Room 3 quiz crew! We raised enough money to twin two toilets and a tap – well done to all those who took part, or donated and congratulations to the senior leadership class!



Donations for Ukraine

Some boxes bound for Ukraine. Thanks to all who donated and to Prefect A Team for sorting, packing, weighing and labelling!



Ukraine donations were delivered to Aberdeen and are already packed on a Ukrainian lorry ready to leave on Friday. Thanks to everyone who helped.

YPI Final

WELL
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you
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It!



On Wednesday 27 March, we had the pleasure to host IN school our YPI finale which was a real success.

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a powerful active citizenship programme, empowering young people to make a difference in their communities while developing a range of skills.

Since it was introduced to Scotland in 2008 by The Wood Foundation, it has engaged more than 230,000 young people who have taken responsibility for £5m of charitable giving.

YPI is the biggest independent initiative being delivered in Scottish education. Each school is responsible for directing a grant of £3000 to a local charity championed by its students through a unique programme of teamwork, research, and competition.

YPI engages a full year-group of students, developing skills and confidence through a contextualised learning experience. The programme raises awareness of social issues and local charities and is a vital means of devolved, locally driven grant-making.

We are really proud of all our S3 who worked since November on their YPI projects & for our class finalists who made it to our school finale today and very grateful to have been able to welcome our judges Sharon Duncan - Loft Keith, Ross Keddie, Ops manager from Chivas, Kelly Cormack, DYW School Co-ordinator and Anne Sim, our YPI coordinator

It was a delight to see how much YPI involved not only our S3 cohort, but all of our KGS prefects, who led the whole finale, the Home Economics Department and the Technology and Design department. We would like to thank also all our S3 UPS teachers who helped our S3 along the year. It is difficult to show in words how much work all our S3 put behind their presentations, because there are so many skills involved and standing in front a panel that they don't know, and presenting their charity. It was not easy at all and we are just amazed & so proud of them

We are proud to announce that our S3 team represented by Abbie McWilliam, Ferre Michielsen, Danielle Spence, Michael Maver, Bruce Main and Ella More who represented MFR CASH FOR KIDS won our 2022 edition of our YPI School Finale & were able to secure a grant of £3000 for their chosen charity MFR CASH FOR KIDS.