



# Keith Grammar School

# Celebration of Success

Term 2 Newsletter | December 2022-2023

## LGBTQ+ Group - Newsletter Welcome

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

We are so excited to be able to share with you this edition of the Celebration of Success newsletter. This edition will bring recognition to the achievements and success of KGS pupils in and out of school. We are happy to present the incredible hard-working individuals who put in so much effort to make the whole of the KGS community so proud.

As the LGBTQ+ group we aim to bring equality and representation for everyone within our school's community. We are so excited to share our progress towards achieving the Silver LGBT Charter Award. Our pupil Champions will have stalls at the upcoming Parent's Nights and will also be presenting at other upcoming events, like Parent Council. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who supported our EqualiTEA Party last week, the event was a huge success!

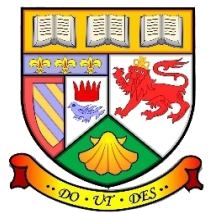
We would also like to offer our support to all pupils who are to be sitting their upcoming prelims in January and hope that they receive the results they are hoping for. Good luck everyone!

Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Best wishes  
Keith Grammar School LGBTQ+ Group



Ready  
Respectful  
Safe



## Dates for the diary

**School reopens**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Senior Phase Prelims Begin**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

**S3 Parents Evening**  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

**Senior Phase Prelims End**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

**Mid Term Break**  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

**S4 Parents Evening**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**S5-S6 Parents Evening**  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Term Ends**  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## Seasons Greetings from KGS



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## Active Schools Update

Ellen Largue, Lauren Innes, Lilly Dunbar and Katie Dunbar at Active Schools have completed their dance leaders course. This included [9.am](#) to [3.pm](#) courses for a week in the summer holidays, and teaching dance sessions for P1s to P3s, P4s, KGS teachers, Brownies and Glenisla Care Home residents. These sessions aim to promote dancing and provide opportunities for these children. These sessions will include a variety of dance such as street and highland dancing for the school children in the Keith area. They are hosting a Dance Leader showcase in December.

Hannah Innes and Katie Dunbar have also done a Child Protection and Wellbeing course which taught the sports coaches how they should keep the children they coach safe. This involved a 3 hour course module, practicing possible scenarios and learnt about children's rights and who they should contact in an emergency.

**Author: Active Schools Young Leader,  
Alfie Rogers**



## Bowls Success

We were delighted to see Ross Dalgano (pictured left) following in the family tradition of competitive bowls with a win in the Under 18s singles at Turriff Bowling Club. Huge congratulations to Ross on his success, this is a phenomenal achievement!

Clearly a rising star in the sport, Ross has been selected to trial for Scotland in December. We are sure Ross will have great success ahead of him and he is one to watch in the future.

## Rugby Trip

Flags flying and faces painted the All Blacks didn't know they'd meet their match when KGS arrived at Murrayfield! Scotland may have been unlucky in what was a great game but the real stars on the day were the pupils and staff of Keith Grammar who were a real credit to our school community. Some of our pupils even made it onto the telly that day!





## ASN Open Afternoon

On the 6th December we welcomed parents to KGS ASN room 3 for a coffee and a blether during the department open afternoon. During the afternoon parents got to see the work our young people have been involved in and hear about their progress.

Thank you to all who attended for your continued support. It was great to see you all and thankfully the room 3 Elf 'Tinsel' was on his best behaviour!



## English Department Star Writers

Our Star Writers this month are Alexis Dark (S1), Rebekah Duffus (S1), Owen Porter (S2) and Kayleigh Maver (S3). Each pupil received a Star Writer certificate, along with a KGS English Department Star pencil for all their hard work. Well done everyone!

## KGS Against Bullying

As part of our ongoing work to tackle bullying and in the build up to Anti-bullying week, a pupil focus group came together to talk about the subject of bullying. We talked about how the staff deals with bullying and how we as a school should handle bullying in the future.

Following our discussions, we made this corridor display of hands to spread positivity and hope around Keith Grammar School. More work will continue on bullying in the New Year.

**Authors: Lucy Bender and Cat Mckerell (S4)**







# KGS Spooktacular!



Beans in a box, party rings on a string, worms in the cakes.....oh fit fun at KGS during Halloween.

There were some excellent costumes as lots of pupils and staff got into the 'spooky spirit' on the day. Euan Stables was first placed, dressed as Dr Doom; Mrs Booth and Ian Espin second place as a fox and chicken, and Callum Stables was third place dressed as a vampire.

The senior House Captains and Prefects also raised approximately £100 pounds from the bake sale for the school Christmas dances! A great effort all round and some fantastic fun!





# EqualiTEA Party

As of the start of Term 2, The LGBT+ club champion leaders have been meeting every month to discuss and organise campaigns around the school. We are working towards the LGBT+ School Charter Silver Award to help make the school more LGBT+ aware. As a part of that we have organised talks to classes as well as carried our staff training.

As a part of our work for the Charter Award we had to host a fundraiser to spread awareness and raise some money for the group. On Friday 9th December our LGBTQ+ group organised an EqualiTEA party to support and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in our school. As well as lots of cake, there were learning activities to help educate staff and pupils on many aspects of LGBTQ+.

Bright colours were worn on the day with everyone looking incredible! Well done to the group for organising a great event and all staff who supported the team. Thank you also to all pupils and staff who came along and took part in our event, the first of many more to come!

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## Football Club Signing

A talented young woman (amongst other things, she bakes a mean Victoria sponge!) - we would like to congratulate Keryn Stronach, 6K, who has just signed a contract to play for Huntly FC in a semi professional capacity.

This is a great opportunity and it's amazing that her skills on the pitch have been recognised. We're sure the Scotland Squad will be calling soon! All the best, Keryn!



## Boccia Stars

Who knew KGS had so many Boccia stars? Held on the 29th November our pupils were able to showcase their co-ordination and precision in this game of skill and strategy very much like the game Pétanque.

Well done to Mrs Campbell and Amanda, Active Schools Coordinator at KGS for facilitating this event. It certainly looks like everyone had a great time.



## Ukraine Shoe Box Appeal

And they're off! 40 boxes along with spare items were boxed up, labelled and collected by Lossiemouth Community Council to join up with the Moray appeal.

Thanks to all who have supported us and to Tesco for the last minute Christmas bits and bobs and to the community centre for storing these.

Its great to think we are hopefully bringing a little bit of joy from Keith Grammar School to communities in Ukraine who are facing challenges at this time.

Thank you to all willing helpers for their hard work to make it all happen, what a great team!







## English Lexia Certificates

In English, we are using a programme called Lexia to support our young people with their literacy. Our S1 cohort are currently using the programme, and some have been given certificates to celebrate their progression.

Well done to Chloe Riddell, Anaya Holmes, Phoebe George and Ethan Milne who have all completed several units, and have progressed onto the next level!

## Rural Skills Trip

The Rural Skills class have been on the road again, this time to experience the Christmas Classic at Thainstone Mart. Funded by NFU Keith, our pupils got to see a show of prime cattle and sheep, showing their keen interest in livestock at this agricultural event.

To top off the day, our current pupils got to see former pupil Rachael Davidson showing cattle in the ring. Rachael was a former Rural Skills pupil who has gone on to achieve great things in the farming industry.



## Rugby Success

Recently our S1-S2 boys, S3 boys and our girls team competed in a rugby tournament at Moray Rugby Club.

Both boys teams worked extremely hard, showing a lot of determination especially when playing against more experienced opponents, and clearly showing they have more to give as their experience develops.

The Girls team played some excellent rugby and won all of their games scoring many tries without conceding. Well done to all players!



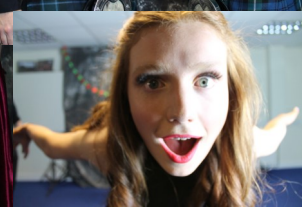


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# Christmas Dances

After a two year absence we have finally been able to celebrate the festive period with our KGS Christmas Dances. Pupils in S1-S3 kicked off the events with their dance on Monday 19th December showing the Seniors how its done. With a lot to live up to, pupils in S4-S6 matched the energy on Wednesday 21st December with a night full of dancing, singing and sore feet at the end!

One thing is clear nobody parties like the pupils and staff at KGS!





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# Christmas Concert



Another welcome return was our Christmas Concert showcasing the wide range of musical talent here at KGS. A packed audience, it was incredible to see our young people and staff perform so confidently to parents and members of the community.

Congratulations to all performers and a big shout out to the Music Department and everyone involved in making it a special evening!

We'd also like to thank our generous audience who brought along donations for the Moray Food Bank as the entry fee.