

The GGS Grapevine



News, success and learning from Grantown Grammar School (grantowngrammar.wordpress.com)

Welcome to this month's news page where we hope to try to keep the whole of our learning community up to date with all of the exciting news and opportunities for young people at Grantown Grammar School.



CHARITY FUN: All our S1-3 pupils took part in the inter-house dodgeball recently for Sport Relief and more than £100 was raised through donations. A big thank you to our young ambassadors who helped run the event. Pictured are: Morgan Anderson, Alex Philip, Alex McAuley-Brand who helped run the fundraiser.



IN THE MEDALS: There was a fantastic 'bluebird' day for downhill racing at Nevis Range by Fort William. The GGS girls' team won silver medals which was a brilliant achievement. Rhona Taylor won an individual bronze medal and the boys' team just missed out on bronze in their category by an agonising one-hundredth of a second. The school had three top ten places with Rhona being joined by Lewis Taylor and Jo Crane in the podium places. This was sadly Seoras Vaughan and Lewis Taylor's last races for GGS. They have been committed ski team members and great ambassadors for the school at every event and we will miss them next season.



'HATS' THE WAY TO DO IT! On the last day of term GGS were supporting Brain Tumour Research by wearing hats to school and paying a donation and there were also wristbands for sale. Well done to staff and pupils who raised more than £300. Pictured are Ruairidh Ross, Jo Blair, Claire McGonigal.

SNOW, SUN AND SMILES!

A great day was had by 2RN at the Loch Skelton Ski Centre as part of their John Muir Award. It really was outdoor learning put in context! It was a wonderful experience for all involved and great to see so much improvement in one day. One week later 2RN were out exploring the Moray coast from Cummingston to Burghead. They were checking out the Sandstone cliffs and caves, and sampling the biodiversity of the rock pools. They found a large numbers of hermit crabs, sea anemones and limpets. It was great to see the pupils working hard to support each other and challenging their perceptions of global issues. Our picture shows pupils on the look out at Cummingston.



the school news

SQA update - The first SQA exams for Grantown Grammar school pupils take place on Wednesday, 4 May and they finish on Friday, 3 June. The new school timetable starts on Tuesday, 7 June.
Social education - Stephen Jones from the Teenage Cancer Trust will be visiting the school on Thursday, 28 April and talking to S1 and S2 pupils in the hall. Anyone with

cancer issues may speak to the guidance team.

Tesco bags - The school were third place for the Tesco Bags of Help funding and will receive £8000 - all raised from the 5p bag charge.

Work on our repair to the school field will start at the end of the summer term meaning we will have a lush surface for the start of the 2016-17 school session. Thank you to everyone

who voted for us in the Tesco store in Aviemore.

Our National 4 hospitality class hosted a lunch for more than 30 members of the local community in the school which was a great success and enjoyed by all.

They did a first class job making and serving a range of foods such as soups, savoury scones and tea sandwiches. Also available on the day

was a selection of sweet treats including cupcakes, cheesecakes, chocolate nemesis and meringues.

Everyone had a great time and we as a school plan lots of these types of events in the future.

Congratulations to all who took part in the Badenoch and Strathspey Music Festival. There were lots of fantastic performances and GGS pupils

and staff should feel very proud. Special mention should be made to the following for taking home some silverware:

Adam Forsythe (piano and cello); Laurie Talbot-Heigh (voice); school choir; Erinne Bird (piano); Wayde Buley (trombone); Georgie Smith (fiddle); Hebe Boyd Wallis (clarsach); Fin Bremner (pipes) and Lucy Edmondson (voice).

Dates for your diaries

- Monday 11 April - Summer term starts
- Wednesday 3 May - Exam leave starts