

The GGS Grapevine

News, success and learning from Grantown Grammar School (www.grantowngrammar.highland.sch.uk)

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.

Important diary dates to jot down

- Today (Thursday): S3 modern languages class dinner at Anderson's Bistro in Boat of Garten
- March 9: Senior phase reports to parents.
- March 18: Senior phase consultation evening - presentation and drop in
- March 19: S2 parents night
- March 26: School disco
- April 2: End of term.

Six Nations rugby battle



HERE WE GO: (l to r:) Angela Boyle and Morag MacLeod at the match. It was Angela's first rugby trip.

A TOTAL of 40 pupils and nine members of staff travelled down to Murrayfield to cheer on Scotland in the Six Nations rugby match against fierce rivals Wales. Clad in winter hats and scarves, it was a brisk drive to Edinburgh, where we were greeted by a sea of daffodils and dragons.

However, by the time we were seated in our front row seats in the North stand, the gloves

were being peeled off, as it turned out to be a beautiful spring-like day in Edinburgh ... honestly!

All the pupils and staff enjoyed the game despite the score line, which only pleased acting head Claire McGonigal. However, the atmosphere and great try by Stuart Hogg together with McDonalds on the way home made this a great trip. Thank you to Jo Blair for organising it.

Meet our new pet projects in our Biology Zoo



MEET THE HAMSTER: Louise Blair with the ball of fluff that is Boris.

THE hamster is a female Russian dwarf hamster called Boris who is the rival of Dimiti, the advanced higher biology hamster in Lab 4, which is also home to three Siamese fighting fish for an advanced higher biology project on behaviour, and involves three chickens and one cock in the garden behind the Jannie's house.



SPIKY ATTITUDE: Calum Gordon with Sonic the hedgehog.

THE hedgehog is an albino Southern African Hedgehog whose name is Sonic. He's five years old and nocturnal.

He can get quite grumpy if you wake him up during the day, but forgives you quickly if you treat him with dried grubs.

LAB 3 also hosts six guppies and several hundred genetically mutated fruit flies (*Drosophila Melanogaster*) including ones which contain a jellyfish fluorescence gene to glow under light filters.

And, not to be outdone by Sean Connelly in Lab 3, Dr Jon Goulding in Lab 4 will have several billion genetically-modified organisms in Lab 4 in the next two weeks. In terms of numbers, Lab 4 wins, but overall the pupils are enjoying putting behavioural theory and genetics into practice in our biology labs.

Who would believe it gridlock on Cromdale Road

SCAFFOLDING has reappeared at GGS recently as the administration block is being re-furbished and getting a new roof.

The work is due to finish by the end of April but for the next few weeks the reception is in the library. Please be patient while these essential repairs are carried out.

We would kindly ask parents not to park on Cromdale Road outside the school when they are collecting their children.

The buses and mini-buses have been unable to park to collect pupils and as a result are double parking.

This is illegal, a risk to pupils and is causing gridlock on Cromdale Road.

We never thought we would hear gridlock and Cromdale Road in the same sentence but it is a serious matter!

Those collecting their children from school should wait round the corner on Heathfield Road.

S5/6 Sexual Health workshop

AS PART of the senior PSE programme, Brook Highland will deliver a series of sexual health and relationships workshops on Tuesday, March

31. The purpose of the workshops is to provide up-to-date information about sexual health and relationships. Please contact guidance staff for more information.

It's all smiles at S3 Design and Technology



TEA-TIME: S3 pupils with the finished tea lights

AS PART of their broad general education S3 pupils have been working on a small tea light project. Pupils sketch out a design then produce further sketches of the individual parts. This allows them to make a computer-produced 3D model of it.

From these we can now produce drawings that allow us to make them in the workshops.

After production we go back to the computer and design a sales poster that could be used in a national newspaper.

Metalwork

SENIOR pupils have finished the units part of the new National Metalworking Course. This has involved making a series of small engineering based models to very high standards. Now the boys along with their classmates are on the final projects which are due to be completed before Easter.

METAL FANS (l to r:) Scott Laing and Jamie McGougan

