

# The GGS Grapevine



News, success and learning from Grantown Grammar School ([grantowngrammar.wordpress.com](http://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.



**DUMMY RUN:** Aran Lawson and Ben Balkie working with the resuscitation dolls.

## Emergency first aid – use of equipment

THE school was very lucky to be donated first aid equipment by the British Heart Foundation to support the school in delivering emergency first aid to pupils.

These are the latest models and are a great asset for the school to support the pupils. They are being used for DoB and the emergency first aid elective which is running as part of the Flexible-Tuesday programme.



**MONEY FOR SOMETHING:** YPI winners Seoras Alliod, Caroline Wilson and Alex Tulloch.

impression of final tower), science and maths (calculate CO2 footprint and payback period) and some geography (using a map locate their wind farm.)

The tasks needed to be completed within a strict time constraint with each team member playing a part.

The S3s also had a talk by Claire Feubister, an engineer from Engle (a French renewable energy company), whose speciality is locating and proposing new sites for extracting wind energy. She also assisted with judging the tasks.

In their next afternoon the pupils will build on those skills and start to debate some of the issues around siting of wind farms and use their presentation skills to put those ideas over to their classmates.

literacy skills through contacting their charities in a professional manner and by preparing and giving presentations.

Six groups made it through to the final on Thursday, March 3. After a close-run contest, the Grantown Rainbow group was judged as having given the best presentation and having met the YPI success criteria.

In the group were Seoras Alliod, Caroline Wilson, Alex Tulloch and Shannon Spencer.

As a result Grantown Rainbows will be awarded a £3000 grant, provided by the Highland YPI sponsors, the Wood Family Trust and SSE.

YPI is focused on charities that pupils can demonstrate make a grassroots impact on social issues. If any such registered charities would like to get involved in the project next year, please contact Mr McCrow via the school office.



**GOING CONTINENTAL:** The French and Spanish classes:

mussels and squid for the first time. The European quiz was won by Jo Crane, Anna Metcalfe, Wizzy Mills and Molly Vaughan while the ever popular Biffal Tower building competition was won by

Ruaridh Maclean, Sandy Stirland and Kuba Smolarz. Everyone had a great evening and the staff who attended are already looking forward to next year.

## Facebook

GGs is moving into the world of social media. The school now has its own Facebook page.

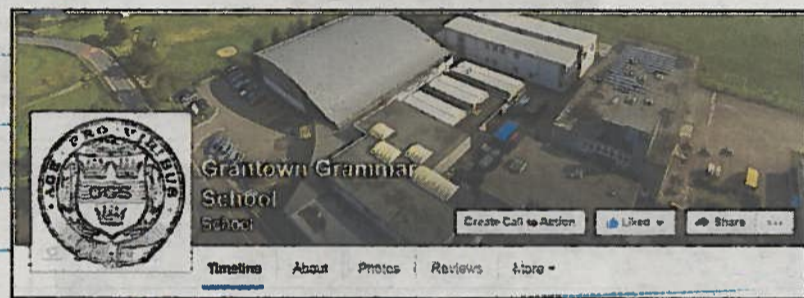
This will be used to keep pupils parents up to date with up and coming events, school bag mail, celebrate success and goings on within the school. Please search and like the page.

## Youth Philanthropy Initiative

ALL pupils in S2 have been researching and engaging with local charities as part of their Youth and Philanthropy Initiative project on Tuesday afternoons and in business and English classes. They have been developing their

## French and Spanish meal

LAST week pupils from the S3 French and senior Spanish classes enjoyed the annual meal out at Anderson's Restaurant in Boat of Garten. They had the opportunity to try authentic French and Spanish food, with some trying



**FACEBOOK:** The new GGS page.

## Crest award – Science

THIS was the first of two Tuesday afternoon activities as part of the flexible afternoon.

S3 pupils were participating in the Crest Award, an engineering activity which they do in teams of 5/6 five or six which incorporates many skills ranging from technology (structures), art and design (design logos, flags and artistic



**APPLIANCE OF SCIENCE:** The pupils at work on the Crest Award projects.

## Teacher profile: Rachel Knight



**IN FANCY DRESS:** Rachel Knight.

■ **Role:** Principal teacher of geography and modern studies.

■ **Time at GGS:** Eight years.

■ **Hobbies and interests:** Walking, snowboarding, mountain biking, canoeing, hanging out with my kiddos, hubby and doggy, designing patterns for fabrics, baking, eating cake, sewing, watching the stars, watching CBeebies, camping at the beach, campfires, dancing, singing, music, coffee, cheese.

■ **Favourite Book:** A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush by Eric Newby.

■ **Favourite Film:** Dirty Dancing or Grease, maybe Frozen, quite like Finding Nemo.

■ **Special Powers:** Making cheese disappear.

■ **Secret Fact:** If I told you, it wouldn't be a secret?...doh!

## Diary dates

- Thursday, March 10 – S2 parents night.
- Thursday, March 17 – Spring disco.
- Thursday, March 24 – Last day of term.
- Monday April 11 – Summer term starts.