

Elgin High School
Northern Scot Notes
8 December 2017

S3 Interim Reports and Parents Evening (Guidance) – Reports will be sent home with S3 students next week. On the report there will be details of effort, behaviour and homework and will allow parents/carers to have further discussions with their child on how to realise their full potential through good progress in partnership with the school. These reports will be followed with a Parents/Carers Evening with Guidance staff on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December from 4pm – 6pm. Your child should book an appointment through their Guidance teacher. We look forward to seeing you then.

New Appointment – We would like to welcome Ms Lizzie Toon who was appointed as Teacher Modern Studies.

School Christmas Lunch - Our canteen staff will be serving a Christmas Lunch Menu on Thursday 14th December.

School Christmas Fayre –The S6 Events Management team is organising a Christmas Fayre for Wednesday 20th December which will take place from 2pm – 5pm in our Atrium. The event will be in support of the Aberlour Trust. Any donations for raffles will be greatly received and can be dropped off at the school office.

Rights Respecting School Christmas Appeal – We are collecting for the Unicef ShoeShare appeal and Moray Foodbank. If you are able to donate we would be very grateful. For Unicef the shoes should be in relatively good condition - no holes or broken soles please. For Moray Foodbank we hope to be able to donate extra items for Christmas treats such as chocolate, biscuits, Christmas puddings and mince pies. There are collection boxes for both appeals set up in the school. Tuesday 19th December is our final date for collecting items. Thank you.

Adverse Weather Arrangements – Contract Bus/Taxi Students - All students who travel to school on the contract buses or taxis were briefed last week on arrangements should severe weather disrupt travel during winter. Information requiring parent/carer signatures was distributed at a short meeting and should be returned to school as soon as possible. All students – All students were issued with an Adverse Weather Arrangements letter last week which details how to keep informed of closures. This information is also available on our school website Severe Weather page at <http://www.elginhigh.moray.sch.uk/severeweather.html>

House Competition Science Fun! - Last week our S1 students enjoyed a morning of extra Science. S6 students organised an inter-house competition, which saw the three Houses pitted against each other to see who could get the highest voltage from fruit, and pick up the most paperclips with a battery and nail. A fun morning was had by all. Well done to the S6 for organising a great event.

The Return of the Inter House Book Quiz – Book Week Scotland 2017 provided a great opportunity to not only celebrate books, authors and reading but also the new library space at Elgin High School. Students enjoyed a wide range of activities including Information Races, Skimming & Scanning Challenges, Horror book talk for S1s and Graphic Novels book talk for S2s. The Scottish Book Trust had set theme of 'Nourish' for this year's event and so we had a busy team of S1s surveying staff on their #ComfortReads and #ComfortFoods – the books and food which make us feel better. The school canteen supported us by providing a #ComfortFood lunch on Monday of nourishing and also comforting food. Home Economics students in S3 got an extra treat when they had a session with local cookery writer Ghillie Basan. They were joined in this by their peers from Elgin Academy, an opportunity for a local community to get together and learn about each other and also more far flung places as Ghillie gave a potted history of spices. She had students join her for a hands on demonstration of how to release aroma and flavour from the spices with pestles and mortars. An excellent experience for all involved and a wonderful example of collaboration between School Librarians and Home Economics Departments. A big thank you to The Scottish Book Trust for funding the session and making it possible. The week was rounded off with a return of the Inter House Book Quiz, a fiercely fought if fun battle. This time, Eagles were the victors over Ospreys and Falcons.

Festive Crafts - Last week, Mrs McLennan from Greenwards Primary and her P4/P5 class joined Mrs Jolly and Nina@Nina HQ at the Elgin High School textile classroom at for some festive sewing. Pupils worked tirelessly to sew a Christmas Stocking, designing a motif and using the sewing machines to sew it onto their Santa. A great effort by everyone.

Zambia Partnership Presentation – Last Thursday (30th) four members of the Zambia 2017 group; Claire Hay, Passion Boyter, Kate Leonard and Ryan Lanigan, accompanied by Mr McCulloch, gave a presentation about their Zambia experience at an Elgin Rotary Club lunch. Warmly received, the group shared their thoughts on the wonderful sights of the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, further developing our educational and cultural partnership with Mukonchi Secondary School and discussing the impact upon on their lives. Thank you to Elgin Rotary Club and The Eight Acres Hotel for your hospitality.

