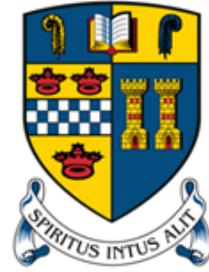


INVERURIE ACADEMY



**Term 4 Newsletter
2017-2018**

Head Teacher's Reflections

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Inverurie Academy Newsletter.

#proud

There has been so much to be proud of over the course of 2017-18. It would be impossible to name all of the individual student achievements that take place at Inverurie Academy – these range from representing the school at national level (Ryan Pye - Skiing, Julie Binnie - Football, and Mya Christie - Football), teams representing the school (Rock Challenge - placing 3rd at the regional event and then representing Aberdeenshire at the national finals, Junior Girls Football – reaching the final of the Scottish Cup in June, the Enterprise in Maths team finishing second in Aberdeenshire in the *Total* sponsored event), students representing the school on trips (Battlefields Trip to Belgium in June, Trip to Italy also in June), and the many examples of students showing ambition and success in subjects and groups throughout the year.

However, I would particularly like to mention those students who were a bit like myself at school over this session – worked hard and applied themselves, but didn't receive recognition for a particular subject or discipline. My commitment is that I will work to ensure that Inverurie Academy is a school where we seek to recognise achievement and success as widely as possible, both in the big successes and the small milestones.

I know that you share my sense of pride in our community of students and are excited to see what they can achieve in 2018-19.

#improvement

Many of you will be aware that we welcomed a team of Education Scotland visitors to inspect Inverurie Academy during February and April of this session. The outcome as you will have read is that the team recognised a really positive journey over the last year, and shared our view that we have improvements to make and a real sense of purpose as we live up to our Core Values of Ambition, Inclusion, Integrity and Respect. Please do look out for ways to contribute to our journey of improvement over the coming session.

You can find the published inspection outcomes by following the link:
<https://education.gov.scot/>

#retirement

During this term, we are preparing to say goodbye to four members of staff who are retiring after full and invaluable contributions to learning at Inverurie Academy. Mr Brian Prosser (PT Faculty Modern Languages), Dr Janet Duncan (Biology), Mrs Helen Gauld (Maths) and Mr Duncan Massie (Physical Education) leave us with an accumulated sixty years of service to Inverurie Academy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of the staff team and students who have been challenged and encouraged by them over the years.

#welcome

As our school roll increases, we are delighted to welcome a number of talented members of staff to Inverurie Academy at the start of 2018-19.

Dr A Drysdale	Depute Head Teacher
Ms A Nicolson	PT Guidance, Davah House
Mr M Kelman	Business & IT
Mrs F Alexander-Milne	Art & Design
Mr J Christie	Music
Ms M Murray	English
Ms M Bartlett	English
Mr J Agnew	English
Ms D Shalaby	Maths
Mr A Sutherland	Physical Education
Mrs M Turnbull	RMPS
Ms R McAndie	Biology
Mr D Barclay	Physics
Mr C Milne	Technical & Vocational Education

#rest&relaxation

Finally, I would like to wish all members of the school community, students, parents/carers and staff a restful and relaxing Summer so that we are ready to face an exciting 2018-19.

***Mr M Jones
Head Teacher***

Inverurie Academy Awards Ceremony – 14 June 2018

On Thursday, 14 June, 2018 Inverurie Academy held the annual Awards Ceremony for 2017-18. This event continued the tradition of celebrating academic achievement but was different in three key ways:-

- The hosts for this event were our newly appointed School Captains; Kirsty Hay, Brodie Wylie, Ben Cunningham and Ben Tribe.
- The Awards were extended to cover S1-S5 students.
- In addition to the academic and sporting recognition, we celebrated consistent effort across a range of subjects, recognising approximately 40 students across S1, S2 and S3.

The guest speaker was our retiring teacher of PE, Mr Duncan Massie. Mr Massie also presented the award winners in each of our categories. We were entertained by a chance to view the Rock Challenge performance on video and also hear from our Junior Singers in person.

Over 300 students, staff, parents and carers joined with us in a memorable evening where we celebrated **ambition** and **inclusion**, two of our Core Values.

Inverurie Academy Senior Leadership Team

INVERURIE ACADEMY 2017-18

Award Ceremony Programme

Thursday 14th June 2018 - 19.00 - 20.20

19.00	<i>Photographic Montage</i>
19.05	<i>Welcome - new School Captains</i>
19.10	<i>Mr Duncan Massie</i>
19.15	<i>Mr Mark Jones</i>
19.20	<i>Subject Awards</i>
19.40	<i>Inverurie Academy Junior Singers</i>
19.45	<i>Merit Awards</i>
19.55	<i>Rock Challenge Video</i>
20.05	<i>Trophy Awards</i>
20.15	<i>Vote of Thanks - new Vice Captains</i>
20.20	<i>End</i>

Thanks to:

*New School Captains - Kirsty Hay, Brodie Wylie,
Ben Cunningham, Ben Tribe.
Invited Guest - Mr Duncan Massie
Performers - Junior Singers
Parents, Carers and Students of the Inverurie
Academy community.*

ambition inclusion integrity respect





Inverurie Academy School Uniform

On Tuesday, 5 June 2018 we were incredibly proud to welcome back our new S5 and S6 students as early adopters of the new Inverurie Academy School Uniform. Members of the local community have been commenting on how good the new uniform looks.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Student Uniform Group who have worked hard for the last eighteen months to consult upon, plan and implement this new uniform. A reminder of the uniform expectations has been included below.

We look forward to seeing all S1-S4 students joining S5 & S6 in the new uniform from 21 August 2018.

Mr Paterson
Depute Head Teacher

Compulsory Blue Blazer
White dress shirt and school tie
Optional grey Inverurie Academy V-neck jumper or cardigan
Black trousers or skirt
Black shoes





SQA Examination Results

This year's SQA examination results will be sent to your son/daughter on Tuesday, 7 August 2018. These results will arrive by first class post, and by text or e-mail after 8 am if your son/daughter has registered for this service through My SQA. In 2014, SQA introduced a Post-Results Service which replaced the appeals process, and as the new qualifications are rolled out, I want to take this opportunity to remind you how this procedure works.

The Post-Results Service may be used by schools where the grade a student achieves is significantly different from that expected. Based on the evidence the school holds about student performance throughout the course, a school may request a clerical check and/or an SQA marking review. **The student must, however, give permission for this in writing.**

- A clerical check is a check that all questions have been marked and all marks totalled correctly.
- A marking review is where an SQA senior examiner will review the marks awarded to each question to ensure that the original marking is in line with national standards: the work will not be remarked.

Please note:

- the decision to ask for a marking review rests solely with the school.
- as a result of a clerical check and/or marking review, the student's grade may stay the same or be amended up **or** down.

It is important that parents/carers understand that the school will not be able to submit alternative evidence, like course work or prelim examination evidence, to support its request for a review. Decisions about the grade awarded will be made solely on the student's performance in the SQA examination. NB - The SQA have stringent checks of each markers' work to ensure that final results are as accurate as possible.

Should you have any questions about your son's/daughter's results, when they arrive in August, you should contact myself in the first instance. **I will be in school on Tuesday, 7 August 2018 between 8 am and 4 pm for this purpose.** If the school decides to make a Results Service request for your son/daughter, I will advise you as to the steps that need to be taken.

If your son/daughter requires a Priority Marking Review (ie they have not obtained the grade required for a conditional university or college offer and need an urgent marking review) please contact me on Tuesday, 7 August 2018 as these need to be sent in to SQA by 17 August 2018 (ie before the school returns for the In-service Day on Monday, 20 August 2018).

Should your son/ daughter wish to change/re-sit a subject due to results of performance in their SQA examinations, please telephone the school office in the first instance to have this request recorded. Your son/daughter should then make an appointment with their Principal Teacher of Guidance on their return to school to discuss this further.

***Mr M Jones
Head Teacher
Interim SQA Co-ordinator***

(please note that from 20 August 2018, this will be Dr A Drysdale, DHT)

School Captains

As your new School Captains we would like to take the time to introduce ourselves and discuss some of the things we have been doing. We (Kirsty Hay, Brodie Wylie, Ben Tribe and Ben Cunningham) are delighted to have the opportunity to help improve the school and help students to have their voices heard.

Our first role of being School Captains was to host the Award Ceremony which was filled with wonderful achievements for Inverurie Academy students. The school singers also came along showing an outstanding performance which was then followed by showing the pupils and parents the award winning Rock Challenge performance. This let everyone see the talent we have throughout Inverurie Academy. It was a great evening where the school gave students a lot of support which was shown throughout the awards they achieved.

We feel extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to be awarded these positions and can't wait to continue this coming year as Inverurie Academy new School Captains. When we all applied we filled out an application form which was to be handed in and from this we would get a letter telling us if we were successful in getting an interview. On the day of the interview we had a task working in a small group to present an idea to give younger year's better opportunity and involvement in the school. We then took part in "speed dating" interviews which involved us moving around different tables and being asked different questions from each person at the different stations. From this we had a very nervous wait to find out the result. We are all overjoyed and proud to represent the school in such a way and hope that we can do our fellow pupils and staff proud whilst in this position.

As School Captains we would like to leave a lasting legacy which will continue through the transition period as we move into the new building. The aim of this is to instil the core values of the school: ambition, inclusion, integrity and respect. The way in which we will create a legacy is still undecided, however, we are planning to have a set plan by the October break.



Drama Workshop

On Tuesday, 19 June 2018, S3 drama pupils went to a workshop at the Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre to be a part of the new incentive which is GO North East - part of the new Aberdeen Western peripheral route - Balmedie to Tipperty.

The pupils heard from Zoe Ogilvie from the BIG Partnership, Barry Beattie the Project Assistant Manager of the AWPR/BT and David Strachan from Tern TV (responsible for the programmes, The Harbour and Orkney: when the boat comes in).

The pupils are taking part in a competition to create a short film based on the AWPR with the themes of Go Safer, Go Green and Go Connect. We have two groups entering with one group doing Go Safer and the other Go Greener - deadline for entries is 6 July 2018. The pupils are excited and had a great day at the workshop learning about how to make a movie and about the incentive of the AWPR. They also got free transport to and from the venue thanks to Transport Scotland - and lunch!

If the pupils are selected to take part in the next round of the competition they will share their video on social media and the video with the most votes will win - so every vote counts!

We will keep you updated on the pupil's progress in the next edition of the Newsletter.

S3 Drama Class and Miss C Stewart (Teacher of Drama)



Italy Trip 2018

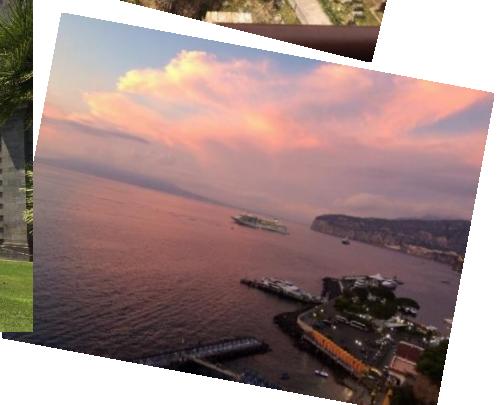
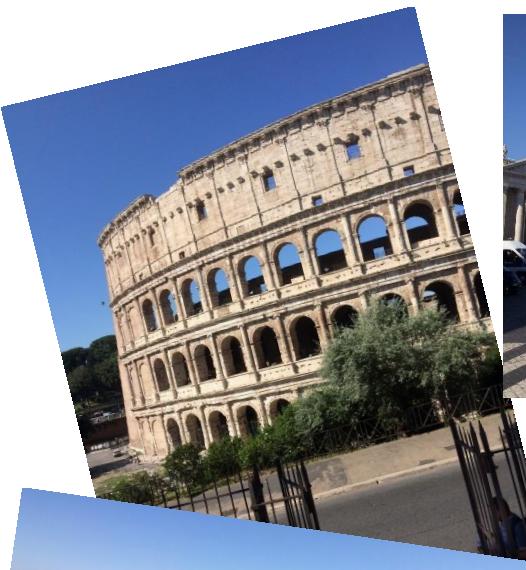
Starting in Rome our intrepid group of sightseers visited all the main attractions in this ancient and varied city. There is so much to see in Italy's capital and the best way to see it is on foot. We began our adventures at the Colosseum (where religious celebrations and sporting events made it the hub of activity for the city) before we moved onto Palantine Hill and the Roman Forum where you could see the echoes of the past, such as Romulus and Remus, cast their shadows across time.

Trips to the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Vatican City, Castel Sant Angelo were great tourist locations but we also went to see the more unusual side of Rome when we saw the Catacombs of St Sebastian on the outskirts of the city and went to see the remains of Capuchin Monks in their monastery – both were a real eye opener for the group.

Our second base for the trip was three hours south in the beautiful town of Sorrento. From here we visited the amazing town of Pompeii – a town caught in time never moving past 79AD. The on-going archaeological work is still unveiling new and thought provoking treasures from the moment the area was covered in ash from the mighty Vesuvius. The view from the town's square to the still active and looming volcano gave us a real insight into the sheer scale of the tragedy. That afternoon we climbed to the top of the mountain where wisps of sulphur still escape from the rocks reminding you that this beast is merely sleeping. As well as the many miles walked we also enjoyed some down-time in a water park in Naples, a trip out to sea along the Amalfi coast, a trip to the best ice-cream shop in the world and a walk around the stunning Capodimonte Art Gallery in Rome.

A busy, but hopefully enjoyable trip that will leave our pupils with the desire to go back and revisit some of these places again with their own families and friends.

***Mr J Duncan
Teacher of English***



Battlefields Experience 2018

As a school we offer lots of exciting opportunities for pupils. I took over the organisation of a trip to the Battlefields of WW1 in March this year for pupils from the new S4 - S6. We left Inverurie very early on Monday, 11 June 2018 and got into the mood of the First World War straight away, as the pupils lined up in the swimming pool car park and formed the First Inverurie Pals Battalion. As the pupils asked questions about what we were doing, the response of our guide was "We're Here because We're Here" which turned into our catchphrase of the week. It was a long journey via bus and ferry to Zeebrugge, but eventually on Tuesday morning we arrived at Sanctuary Wood where we got to walk through the original trenches that made up the British front line. It was just amazing to think 100 years ago, the soldiers would have been walking, sleeping and eating in the places we were now stood. Everyone was very happy to arrive at the hostel that evening - although Miss MacRae and Mrs Jones had to teach several pupils the important life skill of learning to make their own beds!

Over the course of 3 days, we then went on to visit several different sites of importance to the First World War – Black Watch Corner, where the Scottish regiment held back German troops in the early stages of the war, and Messines Church where the 88 bells had been restored thanks to the hard work of Monsieur Albert, who had campaigned for years. It was a bit high in the bell tower, and I along with several pupils were glad when we headed back to ground level! As part of the trip we visited cemeteries where pupils heard about the experiences of some of the soldiers, and important sites that commemorate the dead or missing of the First World War – Dartmoor Cemetery, Vimy Ridge, Thiepval, Newfoundland Park and the Menin Gate. Several pupils had family members whose names were at some of the sites we visited. On our last evening, it was a great privilege to watch as 3 of our students – Tobias Bailey, Niall Bruce and Mac McGilvray – laid a wreath at the Menin Gate with a dedication that the pupils had chosen/written by themselves "To the men of Both Sides, young and old, thank you for the sacrifice you made".

We ended our journey with a trip to a small Welsh cemetery, especially as I am from Wales, before we went to Ypres. Pupils had the opportunity to visit the Cloth Hall and Flanders Field Museum, before a shopping trip to get famous Belgium Chocolate! Our journey home was marked with songs, including everyone's favourite "We're Here because We're Here"!

Inverurie Academy pupils represented themselves and the school well, and as teachers we were proud to take such a well-behaved group of pupils to visit such remarkable sites. We had a brilliant guide and bus driver, so many thanks to Mercat Tours and Bibby's of Ingleton for making the trip just perfect.

There will be another opportunity for this trip to happen in the near future, so keep your eyes peeled for bulletin notices so you don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity!

***Mrs J Jones
Teacher of History***

We went to Belgium and visited lots of cemeteries which were really interesting, as we got to see and hear about the people that fought for our country during World War One. We went to original World War One trenches. We also went to watch and take part in the Menin Gate Ceremony.

When we went to France for the day, we visited the battlefields from the Battle of the Somme. We went to Thiepval and then we went to Vimy Ridge, where there were two large white towers in memory of the Canadians.

Overall it was a really good trip and really interesting. We now understand a lot more about WW1 thanks to our tour guide who taught us a lot and was really good at telling stories.

Lexie and Jasmine (New S4 Pupils)



Rock Challenge – Scottish Final 2018

Placing third at this year's Aberdeen heat meant we were invited as one of the top performing schools in Scotland to be part of this year's final in Dundee. This was a great experience for us to see the top groups in the country perform and consider what we need to do to be back here in future years competing for a place.

The standard was amazing, but I'm proud to say that we did not look out of place amongst these premier teams who performed at the Caird Hall. While we were really attending to gain experience we also managed to win some awards on the night, including Achievement in Choreography, Concept and Performance.

This has been a great year for Rock Challenge at Inverurie – first time we've placed and first time in the Scottish Final – and with plans already underway for the 2019 competition we are keen to get going as soon as we return after summer to improve on our performance from this year.

***Mr J Duncan
Teacher of English***



Iceland Trip - October 2018

In the first week of the October holidays, 20 pupils and 2 staff (Mr Shepherd and Ms Orr) will be setting off on Inverurie Academy's 2018 Iceland expedition. This will be the fifth Inverurie Academy trip to Iceland, but the last one was back in 2014.

Iceland is a spectacular country, where glaciers, volcanoes and geysers can all be seen side-by-side. The October expedition is going to involve many excursions and visits to a whole range of some of the top places to see there, but highlights include the following:-

- A visit to the amazing Blue Lagoon geothermal spa;
- Numerous visits to the majority of Iceland's spectacular waterfalls, including Gullfoss, Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss;
- Visits to black, volcanic sand beaches and basalt columns;
- Visits to hot-springs, geysers and geothermal mud-pools;
- Bathing in a geothermally-heated river - a most surreal and unique experience!
- A guided glacier hike, with crampons and ice-axes;
- A tour in a super-truck onto the second largest ice-sheet in Iceland (Langjokull);
- A visit to the an 'Ice Cave', where pupils will go under an ice-sheet and see the glacier from the inside;
- A visit to the majestic Kirkjufell mountain in West Iceland;
- A high chance of seeing the Northern Lights in an amazing landscape;
- A visit to the capital city, Reykjavik.

The aim of the trip is give pupils a once in a lifetime trip and to inspire pupils in Geography, travel and the great outdoors. From my experience of these trips in the past, I have no doubt this one will do the same and we greatly look forward to it.

***Mr J Shepherd
Faculty Head - Humanities***



Junior Girls Season - Football Champions!

North of Scotland Cup

The Junior Girls won the North of Scotland Cup this year – the first time in 18 years that the trophy has been back at Inverurie! It was a very convincing win over Banff and there were big smiles all round as the girls finally got their hands on the winners' medals. The Semi-Final was actually the closest match of the competition – it was 1-1 with Mintlaw after full-time so went to penalties, which our girls won 4-2! The last time the girls won this competition was back in Mrs Webster's (*B+IT Teacher*) heyday, so well done for finally bringing the trophy back to Inverurie.



The Winning Team - North of Scotland Champions

Scottish Cup

The Junior Girls reached the Scottish Cup Final for the first time in 18 years.

Unfortunately, the girls lost 8-1 to a very strong Boroughmuir side. They were a very good opposition who were strong, athletic and very quick at breaking forward. Having said that, our girls showed tremendous character and battled hard for the duration of the game. They never gave up and this was evident as we scored the last goal of the match. Although they are hurting at the moment, hopefully they will recover in a few days and look back with pride at what they've achieved. There were 50 teams that entered the Scottish Cup this year and we were one of the top 2 teams. Also, we managed to get 30+ supporters – pupils, teachers and parents – to come down to Forfar to cheer on the girls and they were absolutely fantastic. They cheered and shouted for the full 70 mins and were a credit to the school.



Runners Up Team for the Scottish Cup

Soccer 7s

Ten of the girls were also part of the 7-a-side team who reached the national finals of the U15s Soccer 7s tournament which were played on the 6 June 2018 at Toryglen. The team won both their qualifying heats – topping the tables for both the local competition and the regional competition. The team finished 6th overall in the National Finals and were a credit to the school for their effort and determination.



Team that reached the Finals of the 7s Tournament

League

The girls are top of the league - winning on Penalties! At the start of the game Inverurie were on 32 pts and Turriff Academy were close behind in 2nd place on 31 pts. The deciding game was played on Tuesday, 3rd July 2018 at Meldrum Academy playing fields. **What a game to finish the season!** 2-2 AET so it went to penalties - 12 penalties were taken in total for each team, with Inverurie finally winning 7-6! Absolutely brilliant from Nikola in goals for her saves and also to every player for stepping up to take a penalty (Abbie even had to take two).

Aberdeenshire Cup

Winners! The Junior Girls were also in the final of the Aberdeenshire Cup - also against Turriff - so it was played as a double header with the league decider on Tuesday.

Thank you for the fab turnout from staff and supporters as this really helped in such a nail-biting game!

So.... Here are your 2017/18 U15 Girls:-

- ★ **League Winners**
- ★ **Aberdeenshire Cup Winners**
- ★ **North of Scotland Cup Winners**
- ★ **Scottish Cup Finalists**
- ★ **Soccer 7s National Finalists**



From myself, I would just say that they are a very talented bunch of girls who have achieved so much this year. Sometimes I don't think they realise what they have achieved – even though it has been 18 years since a girls team from Inverurie got anywhere significant in the Scottish Cup. A thank you must also go to their Colony Coach who has really brought the girls on and the improvement in some of the players since Christmas is brilliant.

**Mrs A Waite
Teacher of PE**

School Faculty Pedometer Challenge

The results are in for the recent School Faculty Pedometer Challenge as part of the Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival.

1st Place - Office 349,958 steps - Mrs Strachan, Mrs Clayton, Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Watson won a single cone each from Strachan's Inverurie.

2nd Place - Health and Wellbeing - 252,058 steps - Mr Cowie, Mr Milne and Miss Waite won a Fruit Box from The Green Grocer.

Many thanks to both shops for their support in promoting such a positive event.

Malcolm Grant

Active Schools Lead Co-ordinator - Central Aberdeenshire & Inverurie Academy



Extra-Curricular Sports Programme

With the end of the school year, Active Schools have been collating the statistics for SportScotland, with this data ultimately contributing to the national picture around participation levels. The end of year figures for 2017-2018 have coincided with the school submitting its application for the SportScotland Gold Award and some of the research related to that has presented a very positive picture when it is combined with our own data. It has confirmed that, in addition to the extra-curricular activities that our pupils take part in during the school week, there are very healthy numbers of S1-S6 pupils, male and female, engaging in a wide range of sports in the community setting at clubs and facilities every week.

The Academy's own programme has continued to attract pupils with school football being the main activity closely followed by Basketball, Fit For Girls, Yoga and Mountain Biking. At cluster level we have pupils taking part in Tennis, Bowls and Hip Hop.

Transition + 2018 is sold out with 80 new S1 pupils preparing for three days of sports and activities during the last week of the holidays and as we head towards the new school year we are already planning the introduction of several new sports to enhance the extra-curricular programme. We will also be looking to recruit several senior pupils to the Leaders In Sport Programme for 2018-2019 and look forward to the new school year and the much anticipated outcome of our application for the Gold School Sport Award.

Malcolm Grant

Active Schools Lead Co-ordinator - Central Aberdeenshire & Inverurie Academy

Primary School Music Mini Tour

On Friday, 29 June 2018 more than 40 pupils, 6 music instructors and 4 Creative Arts staff had the opportunity to perform and showcase all their hard work this year to three local primary schools. We visited Kellands, Strathburn and Uryside and performed to packed halls full of entire primary schools. It was a hot day, however, we walked between schools carrying heavy instruments with no complaints. All the music groups were represented which included the Concert Band, Orchestra, Percussion Group, Brass Group, Junior Singers, Celtacad. Some of our pupils played solos to demonstrate each instrument and a few pupils from the primaries also played solos in front of their peers. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and was a great opportunity to demonstrate to the wider community all the exciting musical activities which take place every day in the Academy.

Mrs O Richardson
Faculty Head Creative Arts



St. Andrews Music Event

On Tuesday, 3 July 2018 the Junior Singers and Ukulele Group visited St Andrews school to perform a short end of term concert. It was a great opportunity to perform and show case all their hard work this year. Some senior music pupils also came along and confidently performed solos on a variety of instruments including piano, violin and percussion. The pupils were great ambassadors for Inverurie Academy and enjoyed the opportunity to perform to the wider community.

***Mrs O Richardson
Faculty Head Creative Arts***



Grampian Children's Book Awards

The Grampian Children's Book Award is a ceremony which awards a prize to the author of the best children's book. Pupils all over Scotland read the books from a short list and then vote for their favourite. Pupils can also take part in a competition by entering a poster, a book review or a book trailer of their favourite book.

On the day of the award ceremony, around 40 pupils from Inverurie Academy went to the University of Aberdeen. The authors of all nominated books read excerpts from their work and then told us about how they find inspiration. Some authors were really funny but also honest about how hard their job is. Academy pupil James Teasdale commented, "it was really interesting when the authors talked about their careers".

A group of pupils from Inverurie Academy won the 3rd prize for their book trailer. Well done! Rian Leask was lucky and won the raffle prize – a set of all six nominated books. Altogether it was a very successful trip because we learned so much about writing. One of our pupils, Ruby Mitchell said, "I especially liked one of the authors, Linda Strachan, and bought her book – Spider - it was exciting because it was fast moving". Kevin Dudycz summed up the event with "#fabulous!".

Miss Sarran really enjoyed being part of GCBA with the school and said, "what an inspiring event this was! I was so proud of all the pupils, their work and their interest in books and writing".

Nikola, James and Noah - S2



Knitting Club Update

The Knitting Club was formed in November last year with the aim of teaching knitting to a new generation. Our friendly group also encourages all fibre crafts and staff and pupils alike have joined in. We have had a steady attendance at our weekly Friday lunchtime sessions in the Academy Library. Mrs Ogston from B&IT and Assistant Librarian, Mrs Reid, have taught new knitters and provided materials, fostering a creative environment for those keen to rekindle an interest in this mindful craft.

We are always delighted to share finished knitted projects and some more of our new knitters now have a Pebble Pouch in which to store headphones or small change and a Cleaning Cloth for mobile device screens.



After completing both these beginner projects, knitters have embarked on their own personal projects.



There is lots of inspiration from books acquired by the library and from other knitters. Emma Leith in S3 made a spectacle case for her Dad for Father's Day to match the cleaning cloth she also knitted.

Knitting Club will resume after the holidays and the members hope to embark on a group project. New knitters are always welcome.



***Mrs L Reid
Library Assistant***

From Garioch to Glasgow in 27 Days

Just over one year ago the Support for Learning Faculty started offering lunchtime football for pupils we work with, and others by invitation.

As the weeks passed the number of pupils attending increased to the point that we had sufficient numbers to think about participating in local tournaments.

On Thursday, 26 April 2018 a squad of 7 players and 2 members of staff travelled to the Garioch Sports Centre to take part in the Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust Football Festival. We had a very successful outing and reached the final where we narrowly lost to Dyce Academy 3-0.

The statistics for the day were - matches won 5, matches lost 2, goals scored 27, goals conceded 8.

Although we did not know this at the time, by reaching the final, Inverurie automatically qualified for the Scottish Football Association ASN 7-a-side Championship in Glasgow.

An invitation to this National Final duly arrived and all the arrangements were made to allow us to attend.

On Wednesday, 23 May 2018 a minibus with 9 pupils and 2 members of staff left Inverurie at 6 am to travel to Toryglen Football Centre, Glasgow.

During the journey we learned that our footballing success had brought a windfall for local businesses with new football boots and shin pads being purchased by the pair! One player even went as far as getting a smart new haircut for the trip.

Only one of our squad had been to Toryglen before. The rest of us were very impressed by the size and quality of this indoor football facility.

The nervous excitement was palpable as our first opponent was announced - Madras/Baxter. Would we be good enough to compete? The next 20 minutes would let us know.

We were very quickly 2-0 down but our players stuck to their game plan, didn't let their heads go down and scored the next two goals. It was all square with less than 5 minutes to go when Madras/Baxter scored again, but all was not lost as our Captain stepped up and scored the equalising goal. Final score - a 3-3 draw. This performance showed that we deserved to be at the Finals, but how would the team get on with their other matches?

The second match was against Abercorn, a 4-0 defeat.

The third match was against Buchanan High School and Inverurie won it 3-0.

Our fourth match was against Carrongrange. It was a bit like boys versus men with Carrongrange winning 6-0. It could have been many more but for some great Inverurie goal keeping.

After all the League matches were finished, we ended up in the 5th/6th place play off against Maryrussell who won the match 5-1. Again, our comparatively young team were out-muscled.

For our first involvement in a national tournament we feel rightly proud of what we achieved that day - played 5, won 1, drawn 1, lost 3, goals scored 7 and goals conceded don't really matter.

If we are invited back next year we will be better prepared and we will all have grown a bit so will not be so easily pushed off the ball.

A survey was carried out after the trip to gather our thoughts about the experience:-

Good Bits - we were respectful and co-operative, we enjoyed playing football in Glasgow and we scored a cracking goal from the halfway line.

Best Bit - stopping at McDonalds/KFC on the way home.

Finally, we are always on the lookout for new players so if you are interested, we would encourage you to speak to Mr Reid about coming along on a Wednesday lunchtime to see what we are all about.

The SFL Wednesday Lunchtime Football Club



SESSION 2018-2019
Monday, 20 August 2018 – In-Service Day
Tuesday, 21 August 2018 – Term 1 Begins
OCTOBER HOLIDAY 2018
Monday, 15 October 2018 – Friday 26 October 2018 (Inclusive)
Monday, 12 November 2018 – In-Service Day
Tuesday, 13 November 2018 – In-Service Day
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2018
Monday, 24 December 2018 – Friday, 4 January 2019 (Inclusive)
Friday, 8 February 2019 – Public Holiday
Monday, 11 February 2019 – Public Holiday
Tuesday, 12 February 2019 – In-Service Day
Wednesday, 13 February 2019 – In-Service Day
EASTER HOLIDAY 2019
Monday, 1 April 2019 – Friday, 12 April 2019 (Inclusive)
Friday, 19 April 2019 – Easter Friday - Holiday
Monday, 6 May 2019 – May Day Holiday
Monday, 3 June 2019 – Local Holiday
SUMMER HOLIDAY 2019
Monday, 8 July 2019 – Friday, 16 August 2019 (Inclusive)

