



Headteacher update (October.November 2023)

Welcome to the Crieff High School Headteacher update for October and November. In this update you will find pictures of recent events where our young people have participated and demonstrated success.

Thank you to all of our teachers, support staff, partners, parents and carers for their incredible support of our young people throughout this term so far, and there are still 3 weeks to go!

Nurturing relationships through inclusive classrooms

I wrote to you on the 17th November to inform you that Crieff High School has been awarded accreditation by the Perth & Kinross Council Nurture Team in recognition of our commitment to developing nurturing relationships through inclusive classrooms.

My many thanks go to Mrs Birrell, Mr Young, Mrs Fotheringham and our Form class teachers for coordinating and supporting the Form class programme up to this point and to the 87 young people who have led on, and contributed to our nurture journey so far, in their roles as Form class representatives (photos above).

Collaborative self-evaluation visits by associated primary colleagues

We welcomed primary colleagues from Crieff PS, Comrie PS, Madderty PS, Muthill PS and Braco PS this week to observe S1 and S2 lessons with a focus on pace and challenge through differentiation approaches. A secondary colleague visited the same lesson and they engaged in professional dialogue with the class teacher thereafter.

This is a new approach this year and, later in the school year, our colleagues will visit our associated primary schools with the same pace and challenge focus across all of our local schools.

Parent Council

A huge thank you and best wishes to Cathy Tilbrook (below) as she chaired her last Crieff High School Parent Council meeting after 4 years as chair, 5 years as committee member. Always focussed on improvements for young people and how parents and carers can work with the school to get there. Thank you Cathy.

At our Parent Council Annual General Meeting, Catriona Cunningham was elected as Chair and we look forward to working alongside Catriona and Parent Council members. Incidentally, Parent Council are looking for someone to take up the role of secretary. If you are interested, please let us know at CrieffHigh@pkc.gov.uk and we'll let Catriona know.

Mr Donnelly



Rotary young chef of the year

Huge congratulations to Rowan Haines S2 who was announced as the winner of Crieff Rotary Young Chef and goes through to the next heat at Perth college UHI on the 3rd of Feb.

Rowan worked very hard on his home-made spinach pasta and his poached pear dessert, beating some tough competition from Morrisons Academy in this round of the competition.

Congratulations Rowan.



Tayside swimming championships

Congratulations to Amelle McLeod who competed at the Tayside swimming championships winning Gold in both the 200 metres freestyle and the 400 metres freestyle as well as Silver in the 100 metres freestyle.

Very well done, Amelle.



Business - Future assets competition

Earlier in the term, young people studying Business took a trip to Dundee to attend the Future Assets Competition launch where they heard from real investment managers and took part in activities which included volunteering to do their pitch in front of everyone.

Our school value of Confidence in action right there!

Following this, there have been lots of working lunches for both Future Assets groups, making sure they have their reports and pitches ready for the deadline.

Great Teamwork and Determination on display too!

Good luck with the competition!



Donald Dewar Debating competition



Our pupils were fabulous as they debated competitively with young people from Kilgraston School and Kinross High School who took both places in the next round despite a stellar performance from fantastic representatives of Crieff High School!

Luke Murphy won beat floor speech on the night - very well done.

Young WEIR-WISE: Discovering Engineering

Young WEIR-WISE: Discovering Engineering is an S2 Girls outreach programme at the University of Strathclyde 22-23 January 2024.

Congratulations to Freya Gowans and Maeve Malyon who have been successful in their application to the in person Discovering Engineering event in Glasgow.

Well done also to Myla Dee Cooper, Grace Swan and Maggie Campbell who have been successful in their application to the virtual day – which is on Wednesday 24th January 2024.

Enjoy the upcoming experience and we look forward to hearing how it goes!

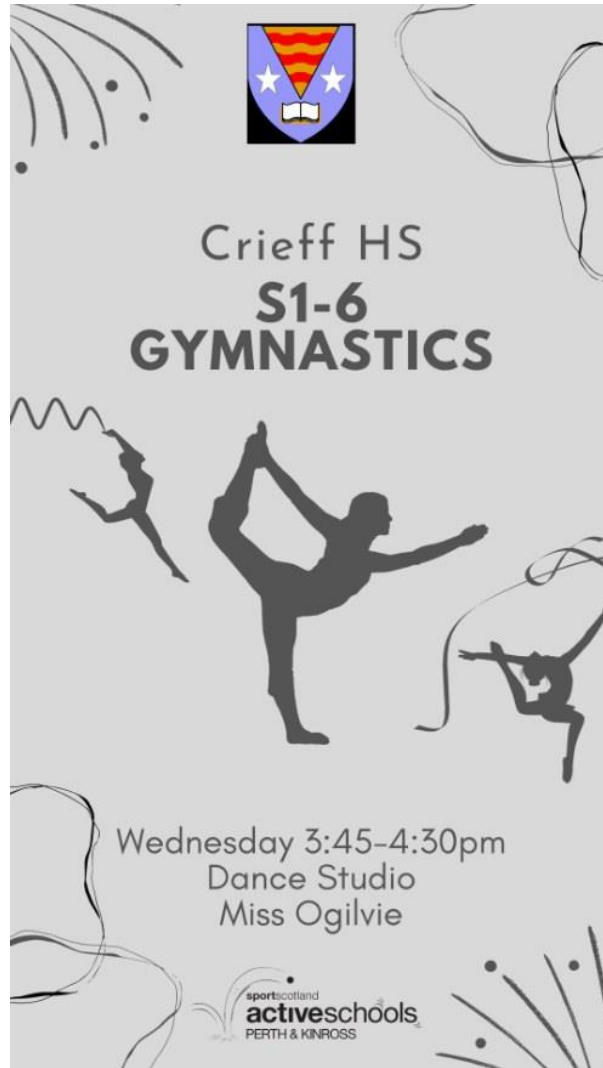
East of Scotland U15 Girls squad

Many congratulations to Emma Knox who has been selected to represent the East of Scotland Under 15 Girls team. Emma was recently a part of our Girls football team who competed at the SPAR Tayside regional finals. Emma is positioned beside Cadence (our goalkeeper at the regional finals).

Very well done Emma and we look forward to hearing how you get on.



1 - Our Girls team at the SPAR Tayside Regional finals



East of Scotland Volleyball tournament

A great day at the East of Scotland Volleyball tournament for our Senior team.

Impressively, Igor Ksiazak was voted as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament by the Scottish Volleyball coaches. Well done Igor.





December

Our annual shoebox appeal has once again been a success and, in the month of December, we look forward to building upon this activity within the local community.

Young people have been preparing for our annual Snowflake Tea and school show as well as reminding themselves of ceilidh dance routines in advance of the upcoming Senior Dance and Junior Dance.

Have a great December everyone.



