

EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS 28th February 2020



Diversity Week

Earlston High School has been celebrating its 3rd annual diversity week in a big way with events every day of the week. Pupils from S1-S6 are got involved and celebrating different aspects of diversity from the Equality Act's 'protected characteristics'. The week was filled with fun activities that raised awareness and helped people embrace their differences. The theme for this year was 'The Game Show Edition'.

The week started off with an assembly for each year group which really emphasised the importance and significance of diversity week. The assembly featured inspiring songs that conveyed the reality of our past while highlighting how far we have come. Monday's diversity event followed a 'Play Your Cards Right' format, hosted by enthusiastic pupils Evan Anderson and William Seeley, where 5 teams of 2 contestants competed to answer a variety of questions on religion.

The diversity event that took place on Tuesday lunch time was all about disability and based on the gameshow 'The Cube'. This was set out as a series of different games all based on different forms disability such as blindness, impairment in the hands and legs as well as deftness. Some of these games included a wheelchair obstacle course and a bean bag toss while blinded, all run by S6 pupils. All year groups got involved and had a great time.

Wednesday's theme was 'race and ethnicity'. At lunchtime pupils flocked the hall to play 'Family Fortunes', featuring questions on the protected characteristic of the day. Teams of five faced off against each other to guess the most popular answer and fill the board. The winners were "Highs and Lows", a group of 1st and 6th years who won against the team of 1st years and claimed their prize of an Easter egg each!

During the lunch time on Thursday pupils celebrated the theme of Gender. The event started with a range of activities from guessing the gender, to guessing the average pay gap between male and females. To finish the event there was a fun roundup of all the participants as they all dressed up and danced. Each participant had a fun yet competitive experience, as the best dancers were able to win special prizes.

On Friday, EHS held a version of its own version 'Drag Race' to celebrate Purple Friday and LGBT+ diversity. Senior pupils and staff had been filmed during the week in different drag outfits and this was played at the Drag Race Showdown at break time which was attended by over 400 pupils! A huge thank you to the Diversity Committee and Mr Christensen for all their hard work making Diversity Week happen.



Model United Nations Conference

A tremendous effort from all of our pupils who attended the Hutchesons' Grammar Model United Nations Conference in Glasgow. They presented their own researched resolutions on drug crime to other schools, debated topics including climate change and international debt and worked as part of a joint delegation with a school from the Netherlands. They demonstrated excellent teamwork and communication skills and were a credit to the school. Well done to all involved!

