Kath Crawford awarded an MBE

We are delighted to let you know that Kath was awarded an MBE for ‘Services to Education’ in the 2015 New Year’s Honours list.

Prior to joining SSERC in 1998 Kath held a variety of posts including time as a Research Associate at the universities of Cambridge and Kent, teaching biology at North Kelvinside and Queens Park secondary schools in Glasgow, and lecturing at both Stevenson and Telford Colleges in Edinburgh.

During her time with SSERC Kath has worked in a variety of capacities including several years when she spent about half of her time working as a Research and Development Teacher with the Science and Plants for Schools (SAPS) project. Kath has had a lead, and pivotal, role in the development and delivery of SSERC’s CPD programmes culminating in her leadership of the on-going Primary Cluster Programme in Science and Technology.

To Kath we offer our warmest congratulations!

Grant McAllister joins SSERC

Following a restructuring within SSERC Grant McAllister joined us at the end of October as Service Director. Grant will be well known to many as he joins us from Education Scotland where he was Development Officer for Secondary Science. Grant hopes his experience there will help partner agencies’ work complement each other in supporting STEM teachers.

Grant started his teaching career at Kyle Academy in Ayr, before spending 10 years in a number of roles at The James Young High School in Livingston. Having completed an exchange year in Canada, Grant was appointed PT Physics at Bell Baxter High School in Cupar. He became Curriculum Leader at Bell Baxter in 2008. Grant has also been involved in developing materials for LTS, SQA and Scholar.

Grant lives in NE Fife with his wife, four children and their pet Labrador (Woody). Grant is delighted that in recent years he has given up golf to start playing rugby, which he also coaches.