

NEEWS

October 4th, 2024

Message from SLT

We've had a brilliant response to our work on our School Vision, Values and Aims, along with many offers of help to be involved in coming up with final suggestions. It is heartening to see the core values which are identified – in a sneak preview respect, equality, compassion and achievement are coming top of the list so far from over 350 responses! We are very much looking forward to building a new consensus together about how we can be successful. Here is the link to the Parent survey if you have not had a chance so far - <https://forms.office.com/e/fx3F3dE1yn>. Here is one summary from the Parent survey feedback about what we do successfully – it's great that teachers are absolutely seen as the reason for our successes!



Message from assemblies

Assemblies this week have focussed around how we can move information and knowledge into our long-term memories. For senior classes we have been extolling the use of flashcards as a way of processing, practicing retrieving information and studying effectively. Our younger students also need to be in good study habits as they move up through the school.

The power of reading

Did you know that reading for pleasure is vital for all aspects of school? Not only can it help people access the curriculum, but it can also help people feel less isolated and lonely. Likewise, it can improve mental health by helping us to manage our emotions and be more resilient when we face challenges.

This is why we, as a school, are working towards our Reading Schools accreditation. Over the next few months, we will be working hard on promoting reading across the school and implementing our action plan.

We now have Reading Ambassadors who are going to help us to reach our goal by celebrating the power of reading for pleasure. Watch this space!



Wider achievement: Dates for your diary

9th October Jenny Valentine, author, is coming to speak to all S2 pupils as part of the Berwick Literary Festival.

10th October Young Enterprise Masterclass at Galashiels Academy

11th October James Robertson, author, is coming to speak with S3 pupils as part of the Berwick Literary Festival.

29th October 24-6 Torness Physics and Chemistry trip

Maths in the news

600 scientists, entrepreneurs and environmentalists from around the world have descended on Singapore as part of a mission to make insects delicious.

They are at a conference called Insects to Feed the World

Studies have found that eating just six crickets met a person's daily protein needs. How many crickets would need to be eaten in total to meet a person's daily protein needs for October?

Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Physics	AH	Ms Le Mar	Astrophysics	08.10.24
Physics	N5	Ms Le Mar	Space	08.10.24 09.10.24
Physics	Higher	Ms Le Mar	Our Dynamic Universe	09.10.24
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	RUAE	24.10.24
English	S4	Mrs Feeney	Textual Analysis	30.10.24
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	Textual Analysis	30.10.24
English	N5	Mrs Bewsey	Textual analysis	31.10.24

Sci-ku poetry competition

All S1 pupils have taken part in the Edinburgh Science Festival's sci-ku writing competition. The competition asked pupils to consider what a thriving world might look like in 100 years and to use these ideas to write a haiku. Pupils have submitted their poems to the Science Festival and winning entries will be displayed at the Edinburgh Science Festival.

We ran our own competition in school and the winner was Felix. Well done to everyone who took part! Here are the top three sci-kus!

Animals thrive well
Rivers roar with energy
Sun powers the plants

Birds fly, mammals roam
Fish swim, rain fall quietly
Earth has healed once
more

Silent train rushed by,
in the quiet of the night
Birds Sing at daylight

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations are taking place on Monday 7th of October in school. If you have not returned your permission form, you can bring it along with you on Monday, and if there are enough vaccinations, you will be immunised. If you are over 16, you can give permission on the day.

Greenpower racing

Our Greenpower racing team are looking for donations of cardboard—the bigger, the better. If you have any cardboard at home, please drop it off at the school office. This is for an exciting new project that the team is undertaking!

Staffing

In Mrs Black's absence Mrs Lowe can be contacted in school for any matter relating to Support Plus pupils.

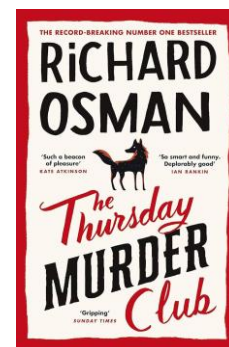
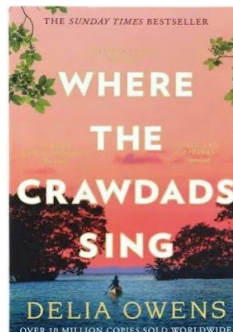
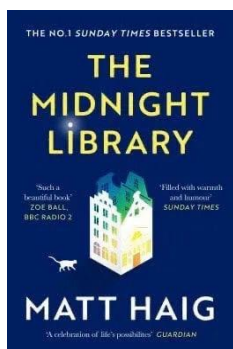
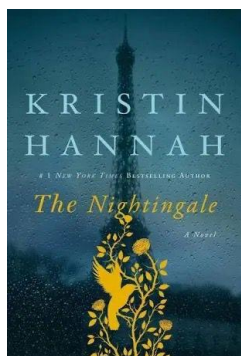
Senior Book Group

We have been busy reading "Midnight Library" and "The Nightingale" for our Senior book group. Both groups met this week to chat about the books, share opinions and have a catch up.

"The Midnight Library" had mixed reviews about the book but they liked the idea of alternative lives and the road not taken. We had a good chat about how the book connected to our own lives and wondered what our lives might be like in a different time.

The group was amazed at the resilience and heroism of the main characters in "The Nightingale" and liked reading about how the women survived the war. We all agreed that the novel was really moving and harrowing and enjoyed the ending which was a surprise to us all.

Our next books are "Where the Crawdads Sing" and "The Thursday Murder Club".



Maths in the news- solution

You would need to eat 186 crickets in the month of October! Yuck!

Eyemouth Variety Group

It's panto time again - "Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!" Eyemouth and District Youth Theatre are delighted to bring the classic pantomime, 'Cinderella' to the Old High School Hall On November 14th, 15th and 16th. We have a super talented cast of 40 youngsters who cannot wait to perform for audiences in a few months' time. Tickets are now available from Occasions Flower Shop - don't miss out!



EYEMOUTH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
YOUTH THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS...

CINDERELLA

WRITTEN BY ALAN FRAYN

**7PM, 14TH - 16TH OF
NOVEMBER 2024**

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HIGH SCHOOL HALL**

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Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Don't forget we are still looking for donations for our Shoebox appeal. We are looking for: children's toothpaste and toothbrushes, children's hats, gloves, socks and tights, small toys, soap and other toiletries, stationary, sewing equipment, sweets with a best before date of after March 2025. All donations are greatly received!

Way to go Mrs Ewing

Over the last month Mrs Ewing, from our Pupil Support department, has been taking part in The Big Swim for Sports Relief. She completed 7.5km and raised over £500. Well done Mrs Ewing!!



New books in the Library

Next week we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day. We are delighted to have received a collection of health and wellbeing books for our library as part of the 'Eyemouth Gateway to Good Health Project.'



Maths Week Scotland

Well done our Junior School who took part in this competition for Maths Week Scotland. We finished a fantastic 2nd overall in the "Secondary Schools" category and first overall in the "Nearby Schools" category which included all of the Lothian, Borders and Berwick schools.

Individual accolades to Declan (S1) who was the most valuable player in the school, logging the most points and to Mr Bender's S2 class who were the top performing class.



PE News

Hockey

A big well done to all students who travelled to Jedburgh Grammar Campus on Friday afternoon to play hockey. Our senior team played very well in an end-to-end game where they held Jedburgh at 1-1 for a long period of the game. However, our senior team just narrowly missed out towards the end of the game conceding a well-worked goal from the Jedburgh side. The game ended 2-1 but Eyemouth left the pitch in high spirits knowing that there was a definite improvement in their performance from prior weeks.

Our junior teams had a busy afternoon with lots of hockey getting played where we had an S1 game and a S2-3 game. It was great to see Eyemouth fielding a full S1 team who are all growing in confidence, having fun and developing their skills! Some lovely goals were scored by both teams and the teams worked well to defend each other! Our hockey teams will be back into action after the October break on **Saturday** the 26th of October where we will host Earlston High School at home.

Rugby

There were no fixtures for the school teams this past weekend, but this weekend we take on Galashiels Academy from S1-U1, hosted at Duns High School. The games will Kick Off around 9:45am. The S1 and S2 teams will be looking to improve on their previous performances and get their first wins of the season, whereas the U15 team will hope they can repeat last year's result and take the Win. Good luck to all the Players and Coaches participating this weekend!

Enrichment

During the weekly Enrichment periods for the S1 & 2 year groups, the Sport leaders of the school organised and ran a successful Hockey tournament! With mixed teams of boys and girls from each year group, each team was very competitive. Each team was assigned a country to play as, with the Netherlands and Greece progressing through the group stages and into the 1st place final. The tightly contested final was played in great spirits, but the 4-minute game played out to a 0-0 draw. Looking back through the results of the group games, the Netherlands were eventually crowned winners on Goals Scored, scoring 4 goals throughout the day, with Greece only scoring 3!

Scottish Schools Road Race:

A massive well done to the following students who represented Eyemouth High School on Wednesday the 2nd of October at the Scottish Schools Road Race Championships in Dunfermline:

Henry Hoffman (S5) – A Boys

Edie Mykura (S4) – B Girls

Kitty Mykura (S2) – C Girls

Alistair Scott (S1) – D Boys

It was great to see the school being represented at such a big event – well done to you all!

S1 Science: Laboratory Safety Poster Competition

Congratulations to Jessica Methven who won the poster competition! Her winning entry was chosen by Dr Audrey Cameron OBE during her recent visit to the school and will be displayed in all of our science labs this session. Well done Jessica!



Looking for your next read?

“The Book Thief” by Marcus Zusak is a book that you can read over and over again and still love it! Narrated by death, it tells the story of nine year old Liesel and how she manages to escape death three times. Set in Nazi Germany, the remarkable story showcases what people will do to survive in war and the sacrifices people had to make in a hostile environment. It is a brilliant read!

Recommended by Mrs Feeney

