



November 1st, 2024

Message from SLT

This week we have been thinking about Black History Week. It's been a great opportunity for Miss Frost to work with her classes and also in assembly to celebrate the lives of some folk who have made a significant impact.

One such person was Harriet Tubman – a 19th century slave who escaped thousands of miles across America to freedom, then helped many hundreds of others to do so. Such examples of bravery and determination are a great example and remind us that it's important to stand up for what is right and make a difference. Together we celebrate the diversity in our communities and the how we can respect each other and stand together.

Mr Chapman

Duke of Edinburgh

As October finishes this means the end of the third month for S4 Bronze and therefore most of our candidates are now completing their first sections. They have been busy serving in the community, taking part in sports and learning new skills. This is a key moment in the Duke of Edinburgh calendar and marks the halfway point for us. They will now continue with their final section for a further three months in the hope of qualifying at the end of January.

Message from assemblies

Aside from our Black History Month Message, Mr Alexander has been talking to all years about the upcoming Social Dances and the enjoyment and learning that will be happening over the next couple of months as our young people learn these together. They are a brilliant example of working together and celebrating our Scottish-ness!

Staffing

We welcome Miss Ritchie into our Business department, who is starting her first teaching practice here. As a former pupil at the school we are super proud to see her achieve her dream of becoming a teacher and welcome her warmly.

Technical Enrichment Birdboxes

This week, Morag from Braeview Glamping came into school to collect 12 birdboxes, which had been made by S1 and S2 pupils in Technical enrichment. We got the wonderful opportunity to create birdboxes to support wild birds at their site. Pupils had to research different sizes of birds, to support bird accessibility, before they were able to utilise their practical skills to manufacture a bird box. Pupils used the laser cutter to add lettering to the front of their boxes to enhance their designs.

Excellent effort and engagement from all pupils and it is brilliant to see the boxes head off to their new home.

A £10 Love to Shop voucher was awarded to Kaylin for the best manufactured box. Well done!

Huge thank you to Morag and Braeview Glamping for their generosity and the sweets! Looking forward to future partnerships to create more items to support wildlife at their site.



Dates for your Diary

11th November AH Physics got to Heriot Watt to do experiments

15th November Model United Nations

2nd November Rugby to Murrayfield to watch Fiji vs Scotland

26th November N5 History Trip to Paxton House for Slavery Exhibition

Looking for your next read?

The Naturals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes is a book about a group of 5 teenagers with natural abilities that help catch serial killers. The story follows 17-year-old Cassie Hobbs who is the newest recruited for a secret government program that trains the teenagers on how to use their abilities but they're only allowed to go through cold cases as active ones are considered too dangerous. However, when Cassie gets pulled into an active serial killers' case the stakes are raised for the group and the time on the killer's countdown is getting close. The book is about found family, friendship, and teamwork. It's an amazing book with plot twist you can never see coming.



Recommended by Melody in S2

National 5/Higher PE:

Badminton assessments are next week – please read the following to see when your class is being assessed:

5th November (TUESDAY P6&7) National 5 PEA Badminton Assessment Mrs Wright.

7th November (THURSDAY P6&7) Higher/National 5 PEE Badminton Assessment Miss Young & Miss Murray.

Please make use of badminton club on Monday lunch time to practice for this!

Senior Theatre trip

Senior Drama and English students attended a performance of 'A Streetcar Named Desire' on Tuesday afternoon as part of their Higher curriculum studies. This was certainly a change from the usual singing, dancing, 'jaxz hands' shows we often attend but undoubtedly gave students a great first insight into the text and you really can't beat seeing the performance live! Our students were exemplary and demonstrated real maturity and theatre etiquette - delighted as always, to take them on these trips!



Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
PE	National 5	Mrs Wright	PEA Badminton	05.11.24
Engineering Science	Higher	Miss MacGregor	Analogue Electronics	07.11.24
PE	Higher National 5	Miss Young Miss Murray	PEE Badminton	07.11.24
Physics	Higher	Ms Le-Mar	Our Dynamic Universe	12.11.24
Physics	National 5	Dr Lymer	Dynamics and Space	12.11.24
Engineering Science	National 5	Miss MacGregor	Analogue Electronics	14.11.24
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Textual Analysis	20.11.24
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	RUAE	20.11.24
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	RUAE	20.11.24
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Critical Essay	25.11.24
Physics	National 5	Dr Lymer	Properties of matter	26/27.11.24

Greenpower

Last Friday, Mr Watson and Mr Bender launched the brand new Goblin Car challenge in our cluster. This car is designed specifically for primary school pupils. First stop for the car is Coldingham Primary School!

Over the forthcoming term, P6/7 pupils will engage in a range of activities, including designing their own bodywork, before driving around a short circuit. Both pupils and staff showed great enthusiasm to get started with this wonderful project. Progress updates will be posted on our Eyemouth High School Greenpower race cars Facebook page. Thank you to Eyemouth Rotary who will support delivery of this challenge.

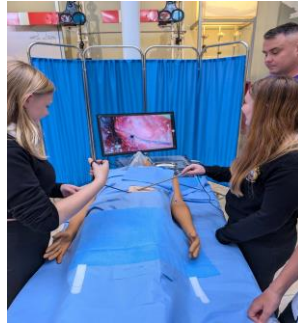
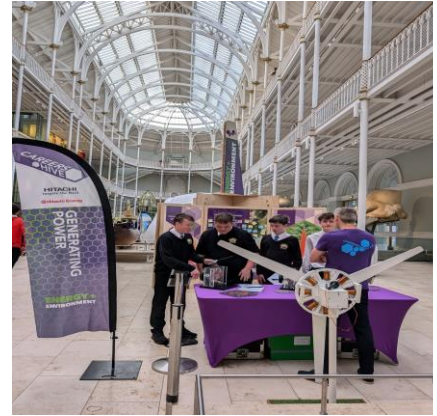
If anyone has large sheets of cardboard which could be used for bodywork, please hand into Eyemouth High School. Thank you.



S3 Careers Hive

On Thursday, our S3 Science students have had a fantastic time at the National Museum in Edinburgh learning about STEM careers from a wide range of professionals. Our students asked some excellent questions throughout the day whilst taking part in the hands-on exhibits. Some highlights included building an engine, keyhole surgery, generating electricity, and programming robots!

If you'd like to visit the exhibition, Careers Hive has a free open day at the museum on Saturday 2nd Nov. You can explore the interactive exhibition along with STEM volunteers who will be available to chat and answer questions about STEM careers.



Departmental news

When life gives you apples.... Make juice!

The Senior Horticulture Class used the remaining apples from the school allotment to make apple juice. We borrowed an apple mincer and press from Belhaven Community Garden, which allowed a very streamlined process from whole apples to the most delicious juice that was enjoyed by students and staff alike.



Watch this space: Christmas Showcase

Tuesday December 10th from 5:00-7:00 pm

Library news

Read, Read, Read!

Immersing yourself in a good book is excellent for stress relief; Reading for as little as six minutes daily can lower stress levels by 60%. It physically helps to reduce our heart rate, ease muscle tension, and ease into a relaxed state of mind.

Books, Books, Books!

There is no shortage of books in our amazing school library. Only this week Mrs Renstead received a donation of almost 100 books, everything from the popular Diary of the Wimpy Kid, Harry Potter, Skulduggery Pleasant series, David Walliams and Roald Dahl titles. With over 8,000 books in the library we really are spoilt for choice!



Shared Reading

Our shared reading programme is now well established in school. We are grateful to all our volunteers, including members of the community who give up their time to work with our pupils. Every week we have 35 individual sessions of shared reading held in the library. "Children who read are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem." (Book Trust). If you feel your son/daughter would benefit from shared reading please email our librarian, Mrs Renstead arenstead@scotborders.gov.uk

Rugby news

On Saturday the 26th of October Berwickshire Schools welcomed Peebles High School across to Duns to play fixtures at S1-2 and U15. Peebles endured the long journey across but shook the travel out of their legs and managed to take home 2 wins out of the 3 games played. The S2 and U15 Berwickshire Schools teams fell to defeat, but not without scoring some quality team tries. Notably, EYHS S2 pupil Carson scored his first ever try, with his first touch of the ball, in his first ever game of rugby. Well done, Carson! Both teams stuck in right until the end of their games, but the vastly experienced Peebles sides did enough to win both games. However, the S1 team managed to secure their first ever win as a team, finishing the game as 38-31 winners. Amazingly, all the try scorers for Berwickshire Schools for the S1's were EYHS pupils, with Daigan and Sean scoring 1 try each, and Zane scoring a massive 4 tries throughout the game. A fantastic effort by the whole 20-player squad, and they will look to back it up this weekend when Berwickshire Schools S1 and 2's welcome Selkirk HS along to Eyemouth this Saturday morning. The U15 team are heading across to Jedburgh to play a round robin fixture with Jed and Kelso HS. All fixtures will Kick Off at 10 am. Good luck to everyone playing!

Sporting success

Congratulations to EYHS students Alfie and Callum who are playing in a combined Duns/Selkirk U16 team who are doing extremely well this year, winning all but one of their league games so far and who are also into the U16 youth cup QF which will be played in November!

Hockey news

On Saturday 26th of October our hockey teams hosted Earlston High School for a fun, competitive morning of fixtures! Eyemouth fielded an S1/2 team, an S2/3 team and a Senior team which was brilliant to have so many of our students out playing!

Our Senior team got the first of the games started on the astroturf. The game began very evenly with both teams attacking and defending each other well, denying one another the chance of challenging their keepers. Both teams were enthusiastic to take the lead before half time, but Eyemouth took their chance and scored a very well-worked goal which came from a counter attack up the field making its way through all of the team with some brilliant runs up the pitch, and some accurate passes to beat their way through Earlston's defence, for Szymon to convert for Eyemouth to lead 1-0 going into the second half.

Eyemouth kept their spirits high and decided a 1 goal lead wasn't enough for them. Earlston continued to put up a strong performance against a determined Eyemouth side where GK Kaylyn was kept busy and showcased some brilliant saves and clearances to deny Earlston of a goal. Cameron secured the win for Eyemouth when he sent the ball to the back of the net towards the end of the game to finalise the fulltime score of 2-0.

Mrs Wright and Miss Murray were absolutely delighted to see the team's improvement and the way each student worked hard individually and as a whole team, a very well-deserved win!

On the junior pitches, Earlston HS came to the coast with 2 strong teams. Eyemouth worked their socks off with lots of strong defending to keep the ball out, against some experienced Earlston strikers. They gained confidence as the games went on carrying the ball with more determination and coming very close to converting a goal. We look forward to seeing these young teams progress the rest of the season.

A free weekend for all hockey teams this week due to both Eyemouth and Selkirk unable to field adequate numbers for either Friday or Saturday.



Upcoming Longridge fixtures for the diary which are all played on **weeknights @ Eyemouth High School:**

Tuesday 5th November – S2/3 Team (4-5pm) **This just replaces your usual junior training).*

Monday 11th November – Senior Team (4-5pm)

Wednesday 20th November – S1/2 Team (4-5pm)

Please see sign-up sheets/ team sheets as normal on the PE notice boards, closer to the time – these dates are just a warning to check your diary!

We would like to say a well done to the following senior boys who travelled to Earlston on Friday afternoon to be part of the Borders first boys only school hockey session: Boyd, Chinmaya, Stuart and Cameron. This session was coached by South District coaches who commended all 4 students for their hard work, enthusiasm and willingness to learn! It is great to see Eyemouth being part of leading the way in boys' hockey in our area!