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November 29th, 2024

Message from SLT

We have now made it to the mini-break which is the St Andrew's holiday – please be aware that the first day which we are back in school will be **Wednesday 4th December** – enjoy the extra day's holiday. You can check dates on our website at any time - [Eymouth High School - School day and term dates](#).

As soon as we are back we have two Senior Parents' Evenings on the **Thursday 5th December** and **Wednesday 11th December** from **5:30pm until 7:30pm**. Your young person has paper booking sheets for both evenings – please decide which evening you would like to attend and ask them to gather appointments – staff will be available for both. This is a change to previous years and gives a bit more flexibility.

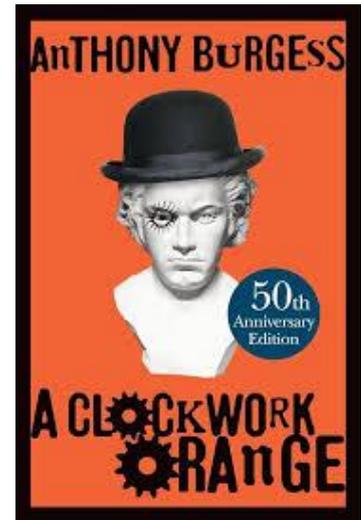
Lastly – a plea! Please note that **no parental cars should be using the school car park or entrance under any circumstances**. This is a busy area and can be very dangerous with buses arriving, staff and visitor cars driving in – we should not be adding pupils into this mix. The school has clear drop-off areas after the roundabout which should always be used. There is clear signage from SBC, and occasionally we ask the police to come and park at the entrance to help ensure that everyone understands how serious this message is.

Enrichment Pantomime

We have nearly 50 students in our Performance Enrichment group this year either as actors or musicians! We will be performing our pantomime on **Thursday 12th December** and all are welcome to attend. The pantomime has been written for the students and involves many well-known panto characters and their rebellious children! Tickets are available from the Music and Drama department £5 for adults and £3 for under 18's. There will be a raffle and refreshments available on the night and the second half of the evening will be dedicated to a selection of musical performances from our very talented students – hope to see you there!

Looking for your next read?

A Clockwork Orange is a satirical dark comedy set in a dystopian England and is narrated by a young delinquent named Alex DeLarge. After being captured and sentenced to over a decade in prison, he undergoes a state-sponsored behavioural rehabilitation technique which should correct him and stop him from being able to even think about being violent. The novel is an investigation into free will and if forcibly suppressing free will is acceptable. Written in the futuristic dialect Nadsat and one of the first examples of an unreliable narrator, A Clockwork Orange is a revolutionary novel that is incredibly violent, disturbing and very controversial. It is a very complex, confusing and disgusting story that will stick with you a long while after reading it.



Recommended by Faith

Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Physics	Higher	Ms Le-Mar	Electricity Unit assessment	04.12.24
PE	AH and Higher	Mr Alexander Miss Young	Gymnastics assessment	5.12.24
Admin and IT	National 5	Mrs Martin	Theory test	9.12.24
Admin and IT	Higher	Mrs Martin	Theory Progress Test	11.12.24
Business Management	National 5	Mrs Martin	Marketing and Operations	11.12.24
Business Management	Higher	Mrs Martin	Marketing and Operations	12.12.24
Business Management	Advanced Higher	Mrs Martin	Progress Test: all units	17.12.24
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 2	18.12.24
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	Paper 2	18.12.24
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 2	18.12.24
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	Paper 2	18.12.24
Economics	Higher	Mrs Martin	Progress Test Units 1,2 and 3	19.11.24

Assessment calendar

A complete calendar of planned SQA assessments for the year can be found here [Assessment calendar 2024-25](#)

Christmas jumper day/wear something Christmassy

We want to raise money for Mission Christmas: Cash for Kids so are inviting staff and pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to school on the 12th of December. If you are able, we are looking for everyone to make a cash donation which we will then give to Cash for Kids. Please bring £1.00 to registration on Thursday the 12th if you would like to support this charity.

Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale outside of the Assembly Hall on Tuesday the 10th of December at breaktime. All funds raised will be donated to Cash for kids.

Book Week Scotland

Well done to Mrs Sumerling's registration class for winning the quiz! Did you know we have over books in the school library that can be borrowed?

Three lucky pupils won books in our raffle!



Dates for your diary

5th of December: Senior Parents' Evening

6th of December: Simon James Green—author visit for S1

10th of December: Christmas Showcase

10th of December: Cash for Kids bake sale

11th of December: Senior Parents' Evening

12th of December: Enrichment Pantomime

12th of December: Christmas Jumper Day

16th of December: Junior Christmas dance

18th of December: Senior Christmas Dance

20th of December: Last Day of School

Calendars for sale

2025 School Calendar is available to purchase on Parent Pay now at a cost of £8 and will also be on sale at the showcase on Tuesday the 10th of December. Images were taken by this year's NPA Photography students – proceeds will go towards the Art & Photography Department to fund future trips and workshops. Thank you for your support.

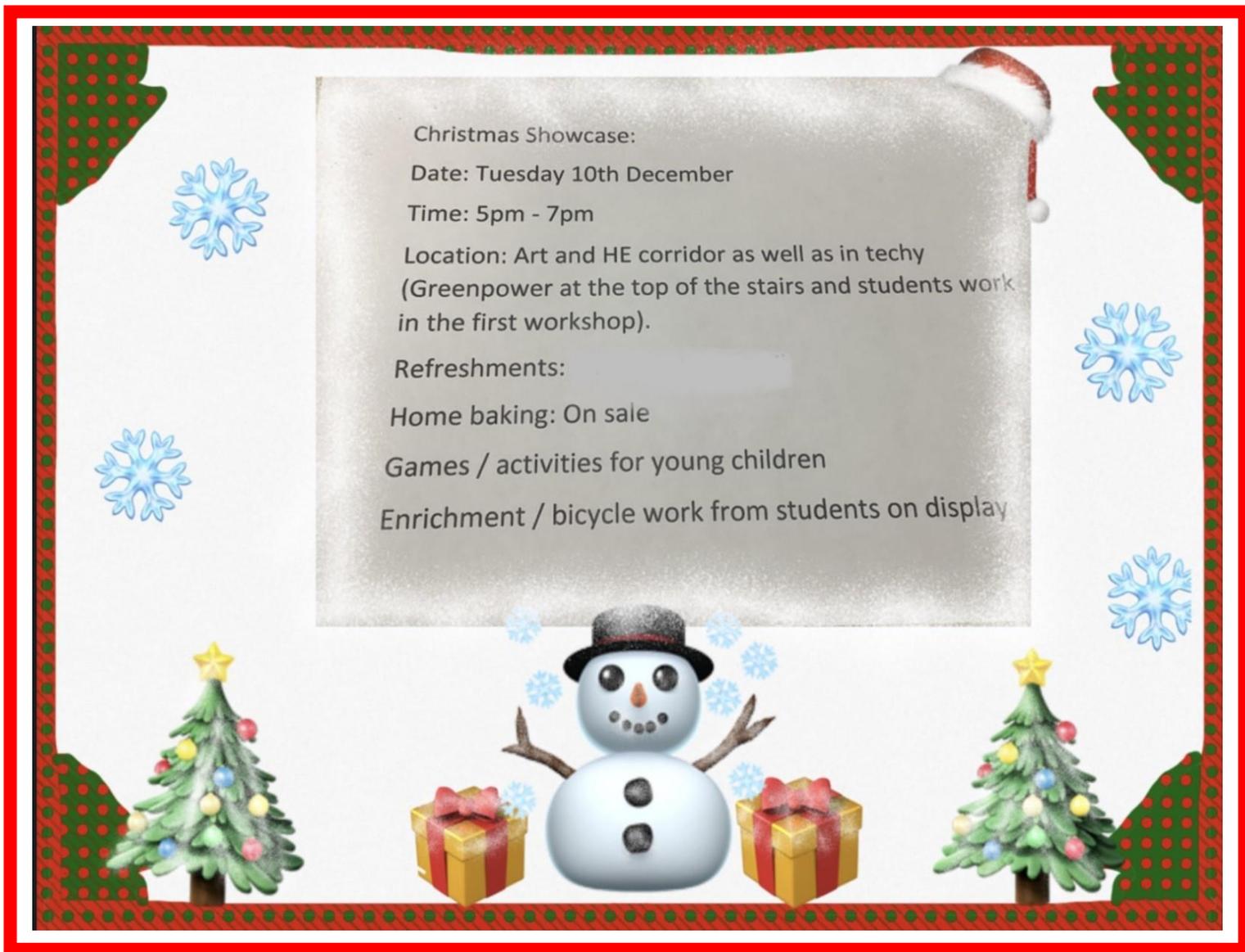


EyeRead Sanctuary

We have been successful in securing some funding from the Scottish Library and Information Council to help improve the space in the library. We want to make it more of a sanctuary space for our pupils to use. We are looking for input from all stakeholders about how to best enhance the space we have.

We want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes and fill in the short survey and share your views with us.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKdlcOLdVs0IEhxAftlDybJFUMIROQ1VXQzlnOTNWMUQ0S1hISFlVWklKTS4u>



Christmas Showcase:

Date: Tuesday 10th December

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Location: Art and HE corridor as well as in techy
(Greenpower at the top of the stairs and students work
in the first workshop).

Refreshments:

Home baking: On sale

Games / activities for young children

Enrichment / bicycle work from students on display

Message from assemblies

Assemblies have focussed on the use of the Guidance Self-Referral form - [Eyemouth High School - Guidance Self Referral Form](#). This is a simple way for pupils to get in touch with their Guidance (Pastoral) teacher. It asks them to outline the issue, what they have been able to do to help, and what support they are looking for. This helps us to get to urgent matters quickly and other issues in good time. In an emergency pupils know that they should go to the school office or inform a teacher.

PE News

Hockey

A week of rest now for all our hockey teams! A reminder that junior training will not be on next Tuesday evening due to the school holiday – enjoy!
Next up for our Senior Hockey team is another home fixture against Longridge Towers School on **Monday 9th December 2024 4-5pm**.

Hockey Umpiring Award

It was great to see so many students turn up and show their interest to the hockey umpiring award course! We can't wait to get this started!

For anyone else who feel they might be interested in developing their hockey knowledge both as an umpire and player, or just fancy getting into coaching/umpiring, please come and see Miss Young in the PE Department to gain any further information. This award will be getting started ASAP and numbers will soon be finalised, so be quick! All information is on a sheet on the PE notice board!

Rugby

Last week's conference fixtures unfortunately had to be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions in Berwickshire. Frosty pitches on the Friday saw the games called off, however the snow on Saturday morning further justified that decision. This Kelso conference fixture has been rearranged for Saturday the 14th of December, so we can look forward to closing out 2024 with that game.

This weekend was a scheduled rest weekend, however with last week's cancellation we have now got fixtures for the S1&2 BS teams. These teams will take the short trip over to Scremerston, to take on local rivals Berwick RFC. The S1 team will participate in a round robin with Berwick and new opponents Musselburgh, while the S2 will play Berwick in a normal fixture. Kick off will be at 10am across at Berwick RFC, all support for the players will be most welcome!

What's on in PE?:

Please see below for our very busy timetable of varying activities in the PE department for students to attend during the week:

**please note that PE kit is required to attend any lunch/after school practical clubs.*

At several extra-curricular clubs this week we have had many discussions regarding appropriate clothing. As we know, the Scottish weather is very unpredictable, so please come to any clubs or fixtures both during and after school prepared for all weathers with:

- Plenty of warm layers that can be added or removed.
- Sport specific equipment; mouthguard, shin pads etc.
- Hat, gloves, scarf.
- Waterproof clothing.
- Any personal medication/inhalers.
- Sun cream.
- A dry change.
- Hair bobbles.
- Plenty of water.
- Food/snacks.

PE Extra-Curricular

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	S3 Elective/ National 5 Study Support Badminton	S3 School of Rugby S1-3 Netball American Football	National 5/Higher PE Study Support S3 Fitness Suite Hockey Skills	Football	S5 Basketball Gold D of E
After School	Senior Netball	S1/2 Rugby S1/2/3 Hockey	S4/5/6 Hockey S1/2/3 Rugby (6.30pm)		Hockey matches Rugby matches (some Saturday mornings)

Social Dance

PE are heel-toeing their way into December! What a great time our S1-S6 students are having learning all our Scottish Country dances getting us prepared for our Christmas dances!

We have been working on our social skills of cooperation, respect and kindness within our classes, and physical aspects including; moving to the beat, and being in time with the music. We are also learning to understand the importance of Scottish Country dancing, the many skills we learn, and how useful it can be in future life whether you are attending weddings, or birthdays – it is a great tradition to learn! What a workout it is and **GREAT** fun!

Please support your young person to be willing to get involved as much as they can, and to enjoy themselves!



N5 History Visits Paxton House

On Tuesday, the National 5 History class visited Paxton House for an exhibit on the Atlantic Slave Trade. Pupils took part in a variety of activities including a tour of the house, a look at their selection of primary sources on the trade and its connections to Paxton, and even the chance to build their own version of the home of an enslaved person on a plantation. This was the perfect opportunity for us to put our skills and knowledge into practice, and see the connections we all have to the slave trade.

Thank you to Paxton House for spending the day giving us access to these fascinating sources and expert knowledge on the subject. We will definitely be back with our next group of N5s!



Library news

Mrs Renstead is looking for any overdue library books. Could you please have a look at home for any books you might have borrowed? It does not matter how long you have had them, we just want them back.

Thank you!

WANTED!
YOUR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



CALLING ALL PUPILS, STAFF AND PARENTS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS LANGUISHING IN YOUR LOCKER? GATHERING DUST UNDER YOUR BED? SITTING AIMLESSLY ON YOUR SHELVES?

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT
BOOK AMNESTY – BRING YOUR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS BACK... NO QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED AND ANY FINES WILL BE WAIVED!

Councillors visit Eyemouth High

This week we had a visit from Euan Jardine, the leader of the Scottish Borders Council. During the day, he had the opportunity to speak to 200 of our pupils about a wide range of issues including transport, employment opportunities, and leisure facilities.

Euan commented afterwards that the pupils were a real credit to the school and he had been impressed at how clearly and passionately they were able to express their opinions. Our pupils were able to describe the difficulties they face in accessing a variety of services because of the remote nature of the surrounding villages, the hours these facilities are open, and the lack of adult supervision available.

The pupils were keen to point out all of the good things that Eyemouth and the surrounding villages have to offer, and they also wanted the council to build stronger links with the Berwick area as so many of our pupils come across the border for school.

Euan has promised to go and speak to people in the council and then give feedback to our pupils about the issues they raised. This type of engagement is incredibly important as our young people have been able to speak out and feel as though they have been listened to.

This fits in with Eyemouth High School's commitment to embed article 12 of the UNCRC; "every child has the right to be heard and have their opinion considered".