

# NE WS

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Message from SLT

Coming back this week, it feels like Christmas is suddenly arriving and we can all make it to the end of term in one piece! Young people across the school have been working hard with staff to maximise their learning, attend study sessions and generally be ready for the upcoming prelims after Christmas. It's a real credit to our staff that they are willing to provide extra support through the year and we have certainly seen a big uplift in our results over the last ten years or so.

For our younger pupils we are asking them to be increasingly aware of possible future plans, to focus on subjects for their choices in S3 where they are doing well and enjoying their work.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

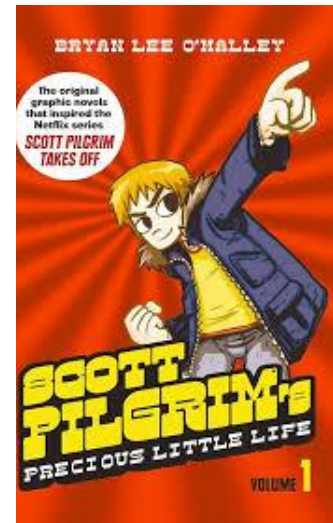
## Parent Council news

The Parent Council are in the blue token scheme at Tesco in Berwick and would love your support. When you are in Tesco, grab one (or maybe two) tokens and support our Parent Council. They are raising funds to support the work of Enrichment and "every little helps"!

## Looking for your next read?

Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life is the first in a series of comic books following Scott Pilgrim's pitiful attempts to date the girl of his dreams. At 23, Scott is 'between jobs', plays bass in an awful rock band, and is dating a high schooler. However, he thinks his life is pretty sweet and can't get any better. That is until Ramona Flowers starts rollerblading through his dreams and suddenly appearing at lame house parties. Ramona is the height of awesomeness. She dyes her hair a different colour every couple of weeks, is ridiculously fashionable and is an adult unlike Scott's current 17 year old girlfriend. But to date Ramona, Scott has to defeat her seven evil exes who somehow all have mystical superpowers, like being vegan. The world of Scott Pilgrim is strange, wacky and one in which things like the laws of physics don't really exist. With its childlike art style and shonen-jump like fight scenes, Scott Pilgrim is a stupidly funny and geeky series that'll make you wonder why you hadn't read it sooner.

Recommended by Faith



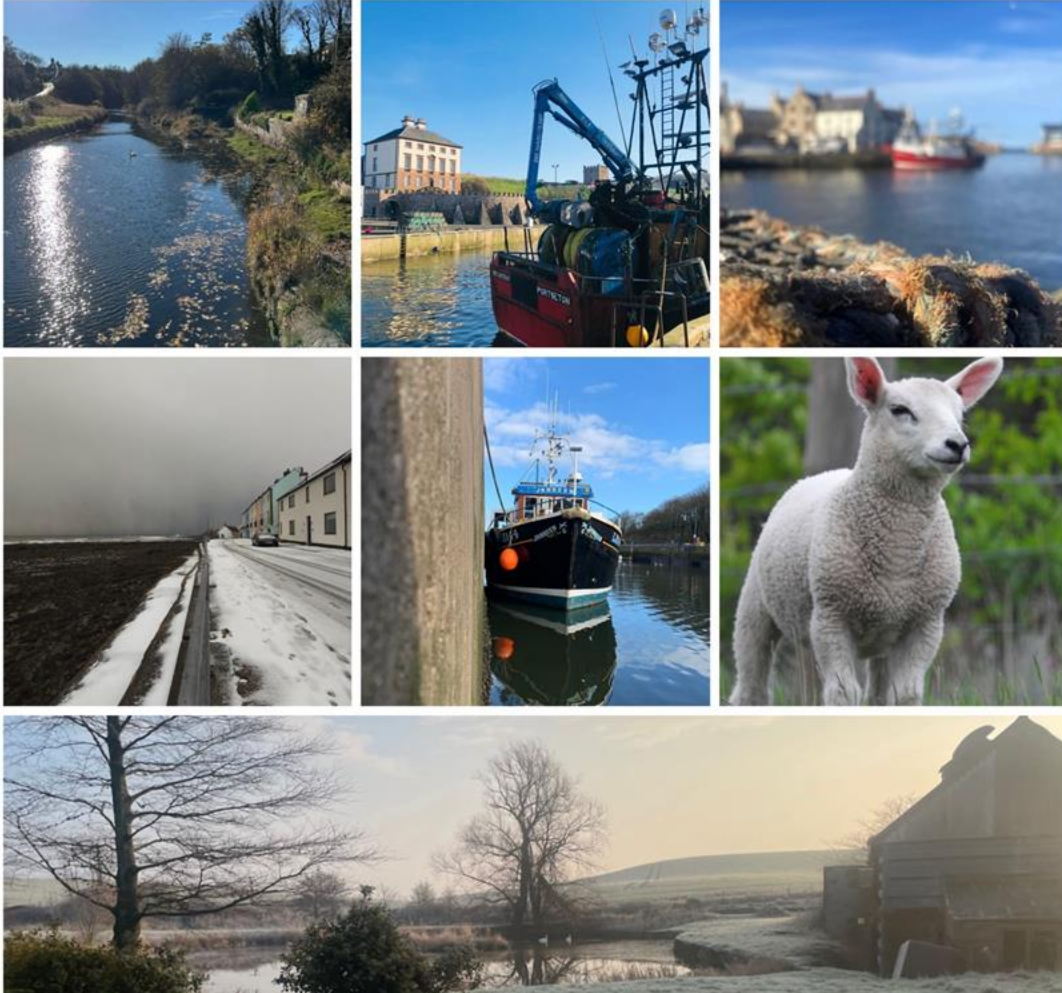
## Teamwork.inc Business Simulation Competition – Winners!!!!

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, five S6 pupils competed in the Borders Schools Heat of the Teamwork.inc Business Simulation Competition where they successfully won first place by beating five other SBC schools! Once they settled into their roles Jake, Ben, Luke, Caitlin and Skye worked incredibly well together which resulted in very efficient workflow practices and an impressive closing balance. They will now take on the winners of the Dumfries and Galloway Heat in the New Year. Well done to all involved and thank you very much to Emma from DYW for organising the event.



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

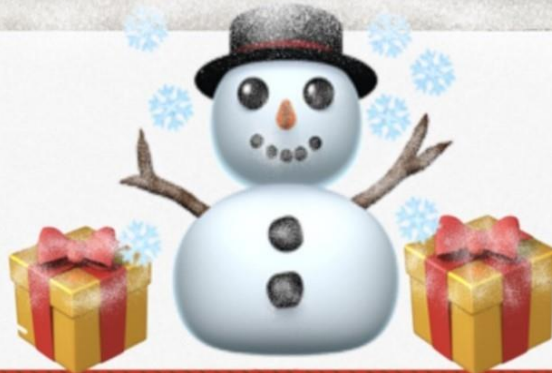
Location: Art and HE corridor as well as in techy  
(Greenpower at the top of the stairs and students work  
in the first workshop).

Refreshments:

Home baking: On sale

Games / activities for young children

Enrichment / bicycle work from students on display



## Christmas dances

**Junior Dance (S1-3) 7-10pm on Monday 16th December.**

Tickets £3.50.

Tickets will be on sale on **Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm in the PE classroom**, you must buy your own ticket and try to bring the correct change to beat the queues. To avoid disappointment, make sure you remember.

**Senior Dance (S4-6) 7.30 for 7.45pm start until 11pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

Tickets £10

Tickets will be on sale on **Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm in the PE classroom**, you must buy your own ticket. To avoid disappointment, make sure you remember.

Please support your young person to be willing to get involved as much as they can during their PE lessons so they can join in with the dancing fun at the Christmas Dances!

## Did you know...

The first ever Christmas tree wasn't a tree at all, it was in fact made of dyed goose feathers and came from Germany.

## Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
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
Physics	Advanced Higher	Ms Le Mar	Waves assessment	13.12.24
Physics	Higher	Ms Le Mar	Assignment write up	13.12.24
Physics	Higher	Ms Le Mar	Assignment write up	17.12.24
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

## Hockey

Our Senior Hockey team play host again with another visit from Longridge Towers School on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 4-5pm**. Everyone is welcome to show their support for the last fixture of 2024 – wrap up!

### Next Week's Hockey Training

A reminder that Monday evening's game will mark the last session for the Senior Hockey Squad, with **no training on Wednesday**. Tuesday evening will be **ON** as normal for our Junior Teams (4-5pm), with a Christmas theme – feel free to wear anything **CHRISTMASSY!** This will be the last training of the year for our juniors!

## Rugby

On Saturday the 30th of November, the Berwickshire Schools teams made the short journey to Scremerston, where they faced local rivals Berwick RFC for the first time this season. Both the S1 and S2 team came up against two strong Berwick sides who ultimately took the Wins in both fixtures. The S1 game was part of a Round Robin format, and their first game Vs Berwick went to the host team. Starting slowly will cost you, as our S1's found out, with Berwick running in 3 tries before Zane crossed the whitewash for BS' only try of the game.



Berwick touched down two more scores before the final whistle blew to put the game even further out of reach. Their next fixture was against Musselburgh S1, and the first game was used to warm the players up, as they came out fighting. Thomas and Zane scored tries to put BS' in the lead, but an experienced and well drilled Musselburgh team managed to score a third try to win the game by 5 points. Both games provided good opportunities for learning, and will give our players valuable

The S2 fixture was played on the Berwick RFC 1st XV pitch, and with a wide pitch like that, the players found lots of space to run, pass and kick into. The game was tightly contested between two teams who know each other very well, with a lot of players from either team attending EYHS! An expansive and loose game favoured Berwick, whos offloads and continuity starved BS of the ball. However, the team's effort in defence was huge, with every player contributing in both attack and defence. Berwick eventually ran away with the score, but for the majority of the game, the S2's were immensely competitive and should be very proud of their performance. Try scorers in that match were Blessing X2 and Joseph for BHS. A special mention goes to both Alistair and Daigan. These S1's both played up in the S2 team that was short of numbers and played extremely bravely. Neither of these lads looked out of place and will take valuable experience back to the S1 team for the remaining fixtures of 2024.

Saturday past was also the unveiling of our new schools' strips. Massive thanks to Borders Embroideries for Kitting the lads out!



This Saturday (7th) Berwickshire Schools will make the journey Hawick, where all three teams face a big challenge. The matches will be played at Volunteer Park in Hawick, with Kick off at 10am.





## Community Gardening

Last Thursday, the Senior Horticulture Class were in the Sea Garden, Eyemouth Harbour, helping with the planters by removing weeds, pruning and adding some of our school grown plants to fill some of the gaps. At the end of the session, we were treated to cones of delicious hot chips by Mrs Ewing – perfect for keeping out the cold and fuelling the walk back up the hill to school: Thank you, Mrs Ewing :-)



## Staffing

For information, Mrs Brown will be away from school for a short while. In the meantime Mrs MacGregor will be taking senior classes in her absence. This affects Practical Woodwork, Metalwork and Graphics classes. S1-3 classes will receive a mixture of technical lessons and team-building exercises with PE. We wish Mrs Brown well and look forward to seeing her back in school soon.

## Message from assemblies

We have had a brilliant presentation from Michale from Kooth this week – which is our online support for young people. On this platform there is anonymous text support from trained resilience practitioners and counsellors, information about mental health and also peer support networks. It is completely free and accessible to young people 365 days a week, evening and weekends for the live interactions. You can check it out at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com).