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March 14th, 2025

## Message from SLT

We've had a brilliant fortnight in school. Our Careers Fair was really well attended and another fantastic example of the support we receive from our valued partners and local employers, alongside national organisations.

It was also great that our young people have been taking part in national debating and more than holding their own! It shows us that we can achieve alongside any school in Scotland and we are proud of their achievements – on to the semi-finals!

We have seen excellent SQA performances in music, and many of our Seniors are currently showing what they can do in their assessments and coursework. This time of year requires perseverance and patience as everything is coming together for the final push towards exams – it's great to see the focus on improvement across the school and we anticipate another good set of results. I am always thankful to staff and students for their efforts.

Mr Chapman

## Duke of Edinburgh: Dates for the diary

**S3 Bronze Expeditions** (2 days of camping overnight and hiking 8-10 miles a day)  
Essential Training Expedition: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Assessed Qualifying Expedition: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May & Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

These will be on Parentpay after the Easter holidays and will cost £30 each (total £60)

## Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Science	2P4	Ms Blair	Elements and Compounds	17.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 2	19.03.25
Media	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Full exam paper	19.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	Paper 1	19.03.25
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	Paper 1	19.03.25
Media	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Full exam paper	20.03.25
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Critical essay	20.03.25
PE	Higher	Miss Young	Practical football	20.03.25
Physics	Higher	Ms Le-Mar	Waves assessment	21.03.25
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	RUAЕ	26.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	RUAЕ	26.03.25
Admin and IT	Higher	Mrs Martin	Assignment	28.03.25

## Message from assemblies

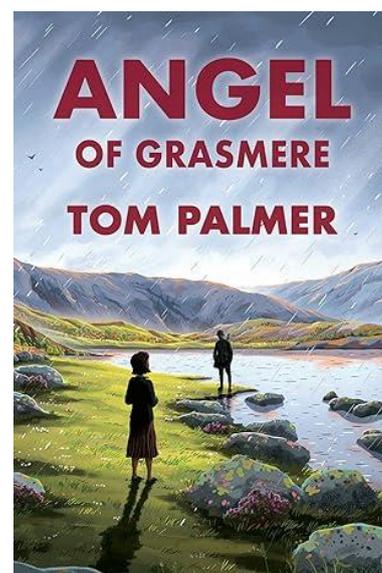
We have been finding out about neurodiversity – with Mr Mackenzie talking to us about how important it is to recognise all our different strengths and abilities, embracing the fact that we may all think differently. As something like 20% of the population identify as neurodiverse, it's even more important that we can find ways for everyone to contribute and be successful.

## Looking for your next read?

**July 1940** – Tarn struggles to come to terms with the loss of her beloved brother in the chaos of the British retreat at Dunkirk and she and her friends scour the hills around their Westmorland home, watching for any signs of the long-dreaded Nazi invasion.

But as the war drags on, with little good news from the front, the locals become aware of someone carrying out anonymous acts of kindness. With no one claiming credit, the village come to think of this unidentified stranger as a kind of guardian angel, but when his identity is finally revealed can Tarn come to terms with the truth...?

Recommended by Mrs Renstead



## What a success!

Eyemouth High School's Career Fair took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, and what a success it was! With over 60 stalls from local companies, colleges, and even Universities as far away as Aberdeen and St Andrews! The evening had a real buzz to it, with students and families engaging with the stall holders. There were a number of insight talks throughout the evening, which were very well attended. We really hope that if you attended you felt it was beneficial.

Thanks go to all the exhibitors, staff that delivered a talk and to the Rotary for their support throughout the event - and to Emma (DYW Borders) for arranging and Dr Lymer for support throughout. Here's to Careers Fair 2026!



## Student Leadership/Pupil Council

S6 Workshop was the forum for some pupil voice feedback. We feel it's important to hear the opinions and suggestions of those who have been in our school for the last 6 years. They are indeed the experts on all things teaching & learning, wider achievement and our school environment. We gained valuable insight into what students feel makes a good lesson and a good teacher, what they feel helps or hinders their achievement and lots of ideas that we can use to improve the pupil experience at Eyemouth High.

## What's in the library?

We have a selection of books with neurodivergent characters as well as some informational books about neurodiversity if you are interested in learning more.



Ask Mrs Renstead for some recommendations. The library is open during break times as well as after school until 4:00.



## **Are you interested in birds? Are you thinking of a future job working with nature?**

The Scottish Ornithologists' Club and British Trust for Ornithology have opened applications for young nature enthusiasts, ages 10 - 16 years, to take part in the **Scottish Bird Camp 2025** - a fully-funded weekend at the end of May, in East Lothian - learning about Scotland's birds among like-minded others.

There will be a varied programme of activities across the weekend which, depending on the weather, may include a seabird boat trip, ringing demo, nature reserve visit, nest finding and learning to identify bird songs and calls.

The deadline for applications is **Sunday 30 March 2025** at 5pm.

You can find out all about this year's opportunity on our website: <https://www.the-soc.org.uk/pages/event/scottish-bird-camp-2025>

This is a link to last year's Camp to learn more about what the children got up to: <https://www.the-soc.org.uk/blogs/blog/bird-camp-2024>

## **Edinburgh International Science Festival – Easter Break (Saturday 5 – Sunday 20 April)**

Explore the challenges of living on a planet with finite resources through the lenses of science fiction and space exploration, with the theme Spaceship Earth. There is an excellent range of events and exhibitions taking place with free and ticketed events for all ages - <https://www.edinburghscience.co.uk/festival/whats-on/>

### **Weekly Event Highlight - Sat 12 April**

Join us for an exclusive guided tour of the Zoo after closing led by one of our rangers followed by a talk at our new solar meadow. Learn amazing facts about the species we care for and our conservation work. -

<https://www.edinburghscience.co.uk/event/step-to-sustainability/>

## **Staffing**

This week we've welcomed Ellie White to work with Mrs Harvey in administration. Ellie will be supporting the administration team and teaching staff by completing a range of tasks as part of her employability work experience. She's been a great help and it's always lovely to see an ex-pupil returning to us as staff.

## Reading bingo challenge

Can you complete the following reading challenge at home? Bring your completed Bingo card to Mrs Feeney and you will receive a prize!! Happy Reading!

<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O</b>
Fantasy Book Title:	Humor Book Title:	Science Fiction Book Title:	Comic Book Title:	Mystery Book Title:
Your Choice Book Title:	Historical Fiction Book Title:	Poetry Book Book Title:	Thriller Book Title:	Tall Tale Book Title:
Fable Book Title:	Mythology Book Title:	<b>Free!</b>	Legend Book Title:	Your Choice Book Title:
Suspense Book Title:	Graphic Novel Book Title:	Fiction in Verse Book Title:	Informative Book Title:	Detective Book Title:
Biography Book Title:	Realistic Fiction Book Title:	Autobiography Book Title:	Fairy Tale Book Title:	Classic Book Title:

## Public Speaking success

Congratulations to Leah and Lily who have progressed to the semi - finals of the COP Public Speaking Competition for the whole of Scotland successfully defeating St Margaret's, George Heriot's and The Mary Erskine High School.

## Rugby

This Saturday two Berwickshire Schools Squads will make the short trip to play familiar opposition in Kelso. A standalone S1 team will be playing Kelso S1 at the High School, and a mixed S2 & 3 team will be playing an equivalent Kelso team at Croft Park. Kelso always provide a competitive fixture so the boys will be in for a good tough game to take us into the 7s portion of the season.

All supporters are welcome to come along and cheer on the players:

S1 Vs Kelso @ Kelso HS 4g pitch - 10am KO

S2/U15 Vs Kelso @ Croft Park - 10am KO

## Senior Hockey

Last Friday Eyemouth travelled down the road to Berwickshire High School for our local friendly fixture. Our Seniors got the first fixture of the day under way. Eyemouth brought their A-game and got off to a very strong start with Szymon Godek, Finlay Carvill and Beth Campbell all adding to the scoreline very early on in the game.



Eyemouth were proving their dominance as the game progressed, although the Berwickshire side were not backing down without a fight. EYHS continued to weave the ball amongst themselves with some great 1-2 passing up the pitch from defence. Some great play between our strikers on the baseline resulted in Finlay finding the goal again from his penalty spot position, and Beth Campbell scoring her second of the game also. Faye Aitchison added her name to the scoresheet where she was fed the ball by Beth on the baseline for Faye to strike the ball past the goalie. Boyd Ross wanted in on the goal action and managed to confidently dodge the Duns defence and sneak 2 goals behind the keeper, who had denied EYHS chances on multiple occasions.

The game ended with a convincing 8-0 win to Eyemouth – brilliant! Our goalkeeper Kaylyn was amazed to rarely gain possession of the ball, a compliment to her defence. A great team performance where it was brilliant to see so many names on the scoresheet! On to the next....

## Junior Hockey

Our Junior team was then raring to go to follow in the footsteps of their Seniors! Eyemouth got off to a steady start with possession spreading evenly between the teams. The whole team were working their socks off and it really paid off – **THE JUNIOR TEAM SCORED THEIR FIRST GOAL!!!** Izzy White rocketed the ball into the goal after some brilliant attacking play between Elesha Sam, Maci Mooney, Francesca Lambourn-Batley and Abigail Potts. Brilliant team-work!



The team could instantly tell that they had made Miss Young and Miss Murray's weekends!!! It was a positive outcome for the Berwickshire High School side, where they also managed to score their first team goal during the game to equalise – well done to them!

Melody Melvin came close to giving Eyemouth a 2-1 lead with some great stick work and creating a shot on goal, but their goalkeeper defended well leaving the score at 1-1. Goalkeeper Layla Walker made some brilliant saves, especially kicking the ball out wide from the back, denying Berwickshire any chance of taking the lead – well done!



EYHS defence (Grace Gillie, Megan Windram, Phoebe Nottingham, and Megan Blake) stood up to defend penalty corners – a new experience for some of our younger players, where they coped very well and stopped the ball going near the goal! Game ended as a very respectable 1-1.

It was great to see our junior squad being rewarded with a well-deserved draw and scoring their first goal – all the practice in training is paying off! Roll on the S1 & S3 Tournaments!

## Upcoming Hockey Dates

- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March (afternoon) – S3 Tournament** (combination of an S2/3 team) @ Tweedbank Sports Complex. Bus will be leaving after period 4, approximately 12:30pm, returning at approximately 17:00pm.
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March (morning) – S1 Tournament @ Jedburgh Grammar Campus.** Bus will be leaving at approximately 07:15am and returning to the school at approximately 12 noon.
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – (Selected Seniors only) Berwickshire 7's Tournament @ Berwickshire High School.** Approx 13:00pm start (warm-up @12:30). Own travel to venue must be organised. Details tbc with team this week. Info to follow.

**\*PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ALL OF THESE FIXTURES ON THE PE NOTICEBOARD\***

Please remember at these tournaments - these will be longer than a regular fixture so come prepared, you will need;

- Hockey stick, shin pads, gumshields
- Yellow socks, black shorts/skort, blue top (this can be provided from PE Dept)
  - Appropriate clothing (waterproofs, change of clothes etc)
    - Water
    - Food - snacks to fuel you through the day
  - Money – there may be a bake sale at the venue
    - Any required medication

## Sports and Fitness NPA

Thanks to Eyemouth Primary P6's for supporting our recent Football Tournament. The tournament was organised and ran by the NPA Sport and Fitness class as part of their assessment in running an event and showcased their coaching and refereeing skills they have been working on this year.



Our senior students commented on how they were impressed with the P6's effort throughout the morning. A successful morning was had for all involved and we look forward to making this a yearly event as part of the Sport and Fitness class.

## Out of School Success

A special mention to Euan Moscrop who was selected for the Borders and East Lothian rugby team for the recent Inter District Championship. Euan played in the first round at the Hive Stadium in Edinburgh and the second round at Stirling County RFC competing against Glasgow, Caledonia and Edinburgh. Well done Euan for representing at this level!



## Reading schools Ambassadors

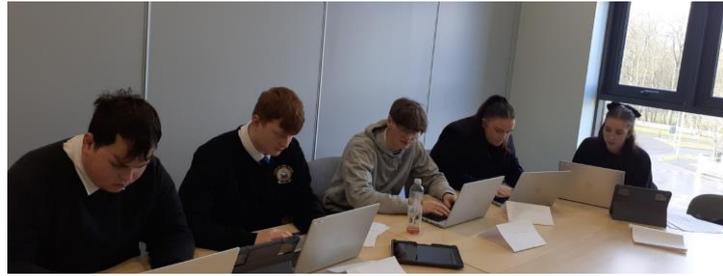
Our Reading Schools Ambassadors have been busy making recommendations of books they think our pupils would like. Check out the posters in the library. Reading recommendation book marks will soon be making an appearance as well! Watch this space!



## Teamwork.inc Business Simulation Competition Winners

Massive congratulations to:

Jake Beeke  
Luke Elliott  
Caitlin Bell  
Abigail Robertson  
Joe Harwood



for beating 11 other schools and becoming the South of Scotland Teamwork.inc Business Simulation Champions!!

Our fantastic team, representing the Borders, competed in the final on Wednesday with Douglas Ewart High School, representing the Dumfries & Galloway region. Both teams ran their own business for 6 months of trading, starting with a bank balance of \$200,000. Our team ended trading with a fantastic bank balance of \$1,157,972 nearly £1million more than their competition! A superb achievement seen as though at 10 minutes into the simulation they were sitting at -£57,000, only £3,000 from becoming officially bankrupt! Thanks to the CEO Jake who believed in the process and held his nerve, they recovered and went on to achieve outstanding results.

Abigail and Joe stepped in at the last minute to replace Skye and Ben who helped the team win the first heat. We are super proud of them all, they worked incredibly well together as a team and their decision to make risky investments certainly paid off! Well done to all and thank you to the wonderful Emma Holdsworth for encouraging us all to get involved.

