

# NE WS

March 28th, 2025

## Message from SLT

One of the brilliant things that come out of our engagement with the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child is article 12 - 'I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously.' It put the onus on all who work with young people to seek and take their views into account.

As a Bronze Rights Respecting School, we need to review all our decision making and ensure that young people's voices can be heard. It was great that Shona Easingwood and Pam Rigby (from SBC's Young Persons Engagement Team) and James Anderson (Local Councillor) have been in to talk to young people about how their views have been acted on from recent consultations, alongside an invitation to attend our next Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting and hear from other young people about what's going on.

## Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Chemistry	National 4	Miss Stevenson	Unit 3	31.03.25
Chemistry	National 5	Miss Stevenson	Unit 3	01.04.25
Chemistry	Higher	Miss Stevenson	Unit 3	02.04.25
Chemistry	National 5	Ms Blair	Unit 3	02.04.25
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	Paper 1	02.04.24
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	Paper 1	02.04.25

## Message from assemblies

An invitation was made for all interested to attend the Berwickshire Area Partnership Meeting and hear directly from young people about planned and future projects and partnership working. It is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> march and starts at 6:30pm in the Assembly Hall.

S1 and S2 had a special presentation from PC Luke Cameron about how to avoid Anti-Social behaviour in the town and keep the reputation of our local area high.

## Revision

Don't forget to sign up for online revision with e-Sgoil which is free for all our senior students! Lots of subjects and levels on offer:

<https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/easter-study-support/>

Accounting	Admin & IT	Applications of Maths	Art & Design
Biology	Business Management	Chemistry	Computing Science
Design & Manufacture	Drama	Engineering Science	English
French	Gaelic/Gàidhlig	Geography	German
Graphic Communication	History	Health & Food Technology	
Human Biology	Modern Studies	Maths	Music
PE	Physics	Practical Cookery	RMPS

## 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/w-hats-on/>



## Events Highlight

### Dynamic Earth

Throughout the festival there will be a range of exhibitions and activities at Dynamic Earth from 'The Art of Rocks' creative workshops to 'Meet the Scientists' days to Planetarium film showings!



## 'IT'S A HARD KNOCK LIFE!'

Tickets are on sale for our abridged version of 'Annie' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April!! Our enrichment performance group have only had ten rehearsals to put our little show together but it's looking and sounding super! After the performance there will be a selection of musical numbers from our senior students. £5 adults, £3 under 18's available from the school office!

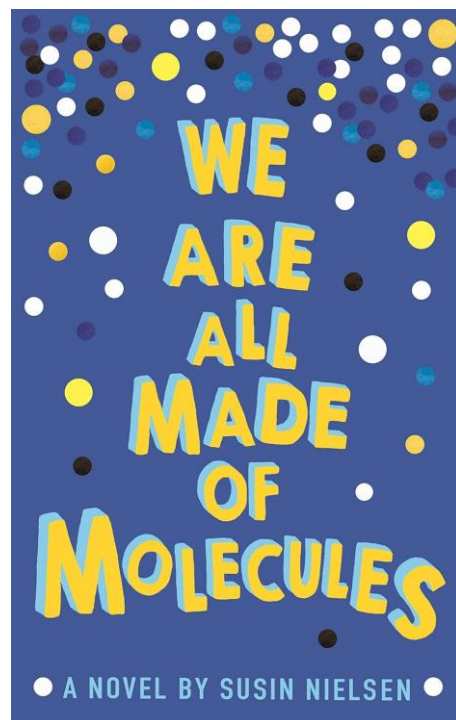
## Looking for your next read?

“We are all made of molecules” by Susin Nielsen is about thirteen-year-old Stewart who is academically brilliant but socially clueless. It is also about fourteen-year-old Ashley who is the undisputed “It” girl in her class, but her grades are not great.

Their worlds are about to collide when Stewart and his dad move in with Ashley and her mom. Stewart is trying to be 89.9 percent happy about it, but Ashley is 110 percent horrified. She already must hide the real reason her dad moved out; “Stewart” could further threaten her position at the top of the social ladder.

They are complete opposites. And yet, they have one thing in common: they—like everyone else—are made of molecules.

Recommended by Mrs Renstead



## Who am I?

Don't forget to enter the “Who Am I?” competition. Email Mrs Feeney at [eyhslfeeney@glow.sch.uk](mailto:eyhslfeeney@glow.sch.uk) who you think is hiding behind the book.

The competition closes on Friday at 10:00 and the winner will receive a LUXURIOUS Easter egg! Good luck!



## Christmas on the Allotment!

OK, so it's closer to Easter but our Horticulture students have been in receipt of some very generous goodies:

Berwick Garden Centre donated this haul of seeds and seed potatoes, most of which have been sowed / planted in preparation for this May's Plant Sale. We have listened to the feedback that we have received in previous years as so, as well as the flowers and indoor plants, we're also growing a variety of fruit and vegetables.



Following their annual Potato Day at the beginning of March, Borders Organic Gardeners gave us a selection of seed potatoes, including some varieties that we hadn't heard of before! We investigated different conditions of chitting (light levels and temperature) and we're now in the process of planting them. We're looking forward to harvesting (and eating!) some of these new-to-us traditional and modern varieties.



Following the Careers Fair, and more positive conversations with Cheviot Trees (including another invitation to their nursery at Foulden – yey!), they dropped off two sacks of Hazel tree seeds. The Horticulture students have been identifying those seeds that have germinated, and we've sown them into pots. (Green) fingers crossed, we'll have lots of Hazel saplings in the next few months.

Through our families, we've also been the lucky recipients of some veg (including different varieties of onions and garlic) and rhubarb and these now form pleasing rows on of potential harvest the allotment.

We're also in the process of purchasing our brand-new hot composter and plants for the pond, having been awarded funds from Bright Green Nature, SBCAN and the Rotary. We look forward to sharing more news and photos when these are on site.



## S3 Hockey Tournament

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March, our S2's & 3's travelled to Tweedbank Sports Complex to participate in the S3 South Schools hockey tournament. This was a brilliant opportunity for our junior players to represent the school, especially with this being the first time for some! We were faced with a difficult draw with Kelso,



We were faced with a difficult draw with Kelso, Peebles and Gala but that didn't bother us - our team rose to the challenge and played their absolute best, never giving up with some absolute brilliant defending! Both Kelso and Peebles went on to the final, where Peebles beat Kelso on running penalties in the end! Player of the tournament was rightfully awarded to Layla Walker for her countless brilliant saves in the goal, and kicking the ball out wide, making it hard for the opposition to shoot! Layla had a stormer! A shoutout also goes to Megan Windram for stepping up from S1 to ensure Eyemouth had a full team.



## S1 Hockey Tournament

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March we headed off to our second tournament of the weekend, but this time it was the chance for our S1 team to shine at Jedburgh Grammar! It was great to welcome some new faces along and give them the chance at some competitive games! The S1's showed great skills, teamwork and resilience when playing against Hawick, Selkirk and Earlston! The S1's have been working hard on their fast passing and strong tackling which was a definite strong point of ours - not letting any team near our goal easily!

There was some brilliant commitment from our Junior Captain Izzy Whyte and one of our Vice-Captains Grace Gillie for coming to support and coach the team - great hype team getting the tunes on for the S1's!



Megan Windram was awarded with the player of the tournament award for giving her absolute best, defending her heart out, especially in the 1v1 running penalties where we didn't have a goalkeeper!

Everyone had a ball on Saturday, which was evident on the bus journey home which led to some karaoke! We can't wait for the next one!



It was amazing to have just under 30 students attend junior training on Tuesday night when the sun was shining – it was great to have you all and we hope you keep it up!



## Berwickshire 7's South Schools Hockey Tournament

Good luck to our Senior Team who are participating in the Berwickshire 7's South Schools Hockey Tournament on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. We face Berwickshire (13:12), Earlston (14:00), Galashiels (15:36) and Longridge Towers (16:00).

Team:

- Kaylyn Fry
- Boyd Ross
- Iris Reid
- Nikki Wright
- Heidi Blake
- Faye Aitchison
- Eloise Lambourn-Batley
- Edie Mykura
- Beth Campbell
- Grace Gillie
- Izzy Whyte
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All support welcome to come and cheer the team along!

## Rugby

On Thursday the 20th Berwickshire Girls U14 played their first competitive games at a Scottish Rugby East Emerging Schools Festival hosted at Currie Chieftains RFC in Edinburgh. They played 4 games against East Region schools and enjoyed some great success in the Capital.



They won all of their games against some tough opponents in Armadale, Tynecastle, Leith and Beeslack, scoring 21 tries in the process. It was amazing to see this group come together so quickly and enjoy some new experiences. With some experienced rugby players, and some brand new players playing their first games, these girls should be very proud of themselves and should look forward to the next opportunity to play at a Festival.

A big thank you needs to go to David Douglas who gave up his time to come along and coach the girls team. Cheers Davey!



Then on Saturday the 22nd, Berwickshire High School hosted a Borders 7's Festival, where 5 different High School's brought teams from S1, 2 and 3 to participate in a 7 aside festival in preparation for this weekend's South School's 7s competition. Melrose, Kelso, Hawick and Jed,

as well as Berwickshire Schools, all got some useful 7's experience under their belt, in what was the launch of the Borders Schools Rugby 7's circuit.

As previously mentioned, the annual South Schools 7's will take place on Saturday the 29th, with all three age groups competing for a Cup and a Shield.

- Berwickshire Schools S1 play at The Volunteer Park, Hawick, and their first game is at 10:15 am
- Berwickshire Schools S2 play at Kelso High School 4G, and their first game will be at 10:15 am
- Berwickshire Schools U15 play at Philiphaugh, Selkirk, and their first game is at 10:30am.

Good luck to all the players!

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# Time out for Parents

## Parenting in the Teenage Years

**Week 1**  
Understanding  
Teenagers

**Week 2**  
Emotional  
Wellbeing

**Week 3**  
Communication

Starting  
Monday 28th April 25  
6:00-8:00pm  
arrival & refreshments from 5:45pm

Insight Youth,  
Abbotseat Road,  
Kelso. TD5 7SL

**Week 4**  
Parenting Styles  
and boundaries

**Week 5**  
Big issues

**Week 6**  
Big issues,  
strong families

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