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May 23rd, 2025

Message from SLT

I've been reflecting this week on how important it is as a school and wider community to support each other. I had the opportunity to speak to a group of Rotarians across the South of Scotland about the significant support the school receives from the Eyemouth branch. Even today we have some brilliant help with our Greenpower competition finals, featuring all of our primary schools. This is a trusted partnership and has brought many benefits for our students.

I've also been reflecting about how we can come together after our sad news this week of the passing of one of our Janitors. Rob Alder-Bateman was a vital part of our community and well loved. We will miss him and will support each other at this difficult time. Our school values are all about respect and kindness and I am always grateful that these are in abundance at our school – not least reflected in how Rob interacted with all of us.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Showcase next Thursday, where many of the fantastic partnerships and activities we take part in as a school will be on show.

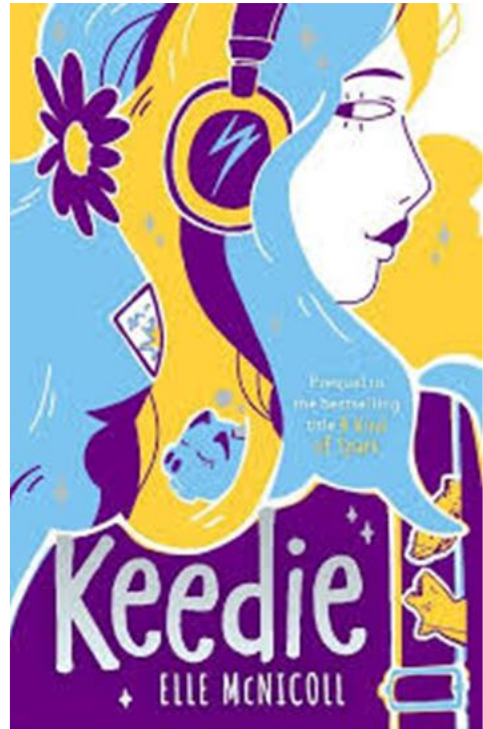
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STEM Activities

On Thursday 22nd May the S2 and S3 students who will be continuing with Physics next year took part in a STEM workshop run by Eko STEM Outreach. After learning about the Physics behind lava lamps, buoyancy, and density, students were challenged to build a tin foil boat with prizes for creativity and for most mass held! Our students asked some excellent questions and showed excellent teamwork and problem solving.

Looking for your next read?

Keedie by Elle McNicoll is a powerful prequel to *A Kind of Spark*, following 13-year-old Keedie, an autistic teen navigating friendship, identity, and injustice. As she grows apart from her neurotypical twin, Keedie starts an anti-bullying agency to stand up for those like her, including her younger sister. With courage and conviction, she challenges prejudice at school and home. McNicoll, drawing from personal experience, crafts a story that's authentic, emotional, and inspiring. *Keedie* is a compelling read for middle-grade audiences, offering insight into neurodiversity, family, and self-advocacy. A must-read for anyone who values empathy and empowerment.



Artist of the week



Still Life study with gouache and watercolour by Prudence Jimenez. Prudence produced this piece over a series of lessons and told us that she has never painted before. We love the paint application and attention to detail with the fine brushstrokes.

Upcoming assessments

3E Science- Miss Neil: N4 Unit 2, Monday 26th May

2P4 Science – Ms Blair/Ms Le-Mar: Biodiversity, Monday 26th May

2P1 Science – Dr Robertson/Ms Le-Mar: Elements and Compounds, Monday 26th May

S3 Physics – Ms Le-Mar: Waves and Radiation Unit, Monday 26th May

2P3 Science – Miss Stevenson: Elements and Compounds, Tuesday 27th May

1P4 Science – Dr Lymer: Forces and Space, Monday 26th May

1P1 Science – Dr Lymer: Forces and Space, Thursday 29th May

1P4 Science – Miss Stevenson: Cells and Reproduction, Wednesday 28th May

1P2 Science – Miss Stevenson: Matter and Reactions, Wednesday 28th May

Dates for your diary

27th May Sports Day

28th May Field to Fork S2 at The Hirsell

29th May Summer Showcase

30th May Cafe Group go to Edinburgh

30th May YPI final

3rd June S6 Leavers Meal

4th June Senior trip to Bee Edge Farm

4th June Greenpower Team go to the Electric Chariot Race

11th June AH Chemistry at Edinburgh University

12th – 17th June Euro Space Centre & Euro Disney Trip

16th – 18th June Senior London Trip

17th June District Sports Day

18th June Trip to Morrisons and Spittal for a picnic

19th June Royal Highland Show

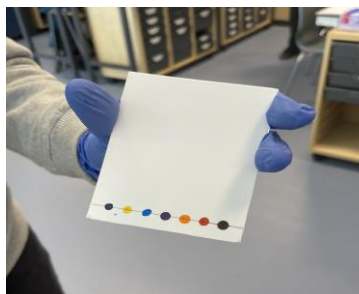
19th June BGE Prizegiving

23rd & 24th June Health and Well Being Day

Chemistry news

Our Higher Chemistry students competed in trios against each other this week in the Royal Society of Chemistry Schools' Analyst Competition!

They did a great job of completing three key experiments and have submitted their results to the RSC. Special thanks to our wonderful science technician, Miss Dishington, for setting up all the kit and chemicals for use by the students on the day



Summer Showcase: Thursday 29th May, 4pm - 7pm

Less than one week to go!

We're looking forward to welcoming you into school to see some of the achievements and opportunities across the curriculum, as well as meeting some of the staff in different school departments. There will be **quizzes, raffle and tombola** and the S3 Horticulture Class' **Plant Sale**.

Have you seen the new quarter zip jumpers that are part of our **school uniform**? If not, this is a great chance to preview and order school uniform from Fantasy Prints and Border Embroideries.

So gather your friends and family to join us for all of this and more, including:

- Games for younger children
- Racing excitement from Greenpower
- Culinary delights from U've Pulled

Looking for your next watch?

Jurassic Park 3 (2001)

Genre: Action / Science Fiction

Jurassic Park 3 is the third instalment in the Jurassic Park franchise and centres around the return of Dr Alan Grant who oversees an apparent 'air tour' of Isla Sorna. However, Isla Sorna is the secret site B island where the dinosaurs were engineered and researched on before being transferred to Isla Nublar where the original tourist attraction as built. The film portrays a series of conflicts with dinosaurs including the newly featured Spinosaurus aegyptiacus. Does the rescue mission goes to plan? Can the Kirby's bring their son Eric safely home?



One key theme which this film explores is the aftermath of animal exploitation. This means that just because humans can clone dinosaurs, it doesn't mean that they should! Using animals which were extinct millions of years ago for money is greedy and unethical! There were bad consequences due to this as humans tampered with the natural world and famously stated by Dr Alan Grant in the first instalment, 'this is how they played God!'. This film illustrates the danger of humans doing things which they have no control over which ties into the moral issue of Animal Ethics. Overall, I would give this film 5 Stars because the storyline was great and the use of composer John William's signature score really made this film shine!

Recommended by Rachel - Mary

Plant sale

Thursday 29th May, 4pm - 7pm AND Friday 30th May, 2pm - 4pm

Our brilliant Horticulture students are busy making their final preparations for their Annual Plant sale! We have a variety of perennial and annuals, including a limited stock of fruit and veg plants. This year, we also have a selection of indoor plants for you to buy including Japanese Peace Lilies, Aloe Vera and other succulents.



The Plant sale will launch during our Summer Showcase, Thursday 29th May, 4pm - 7pm, with any remaining plants for sale on the following afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there!



Upcoming PE Events

- Friday 23rd of May 2025 - 5km run (*s3 only*)
- Tuesday 27th May 2025 - Sports Day
- Tuesday 17th June 2025 - Border Schools' Athletics Championships

IMPORTANT

Please ensure that students are appropriately prepared for these events: water, inhalers, appropriate clothing, any other appropriate medication.
! Students have full responsibility for this!

Multi Sports

Join Mrs Wright on Wednesday evenings 3:50pm - 4:50pm to play multi-sports! A timetable is on display on the PE noticeboard to let you know what activities you are doing! It would be great to see a lot of you there, to have some fun! Open to all!

Hockey

It's great to see so many juniors still attending our Tuesday evening sessions! We are always welcoming new faces to come and try – it would be great to see more of you there!

We are looking forward to even more fun on Tuesday the 27th of May where we are taking a trip to Giacobazzi's for some well-deserved ice cream following a very successful and enjoyable season! Please ensure all forms are returned to the PE Department ASAP so you are able to attend (if you have handed these in previously you are ok)!

Future Date – Friday 6th June 2025 for our fun Hockey Hedgehog starting at 2pm, followed by our hockey awards evening for both Juniors and Seniors.

Enrichment fun

A fun, sunny afternoon in PE Enrichment to finish off our outdoor learning block – Tug of War! Each student has worked hard and participated in den-building, orienteering, boat sailing and team sensory tasks. Great fun!



Out of school success

Well done to S1 Freddie Black who played in the Ken Ritchie Football Cup Final on Friday evening play for Dunbar United Colts U13s against Hillfield Swifts U13s. A great evening, and even better with Freddie's Dunbar side winning 2-0! Well done Freddie and team!





Eyemouth and District
Community Youth Theatre Group

A first meeting/ rehearsal for

"Peter Pan"

will take place on

Monday 2nd June 2025

Eyemouth Community Centre

6:30pm to 9pm

There will be a meeting for new parents on this night at 6:30pm and every child wishing to become a new member this year **MUST** be represented by an adult.



Please wear loose, cool clothing and dance shoes/ gym shoes. Bring a notepad, pencil and drink of water. This group is open to anyone aged 9 on 18th August 2025 although a waiting list may be operated.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS!

THE ORCHARD

£2,500 FUNDING FROM



Thank you!

We are excited to thank the Scottish Borders Council who have awarded the Parent Council £2,500 towards an exciting new project "the orchard"! Where we are inviting the community to work with us in learning & growing together! Watch this space!!



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS! **STRONGER STARTS**

£1,000 FUNDING FROM



Thank you!

We are excited to thank Tesco in Berwick, who have awarded the Parent Council £1,000 towards some new projects! Watch this space!! Thank-you Tesco in Berwick-Upon-Tweed!



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