



Weekly Heads Up!

Friday 26th April 2024

SQA exams

The first week of the 2024 SQA exam diet has gone very well. Thank you to Ian Yule and his invigilation team for ensuring everything has run so smoothly, and well done to our students for all of the hard work they have put in. Best of luck to everyone who has an exam next week.

Staffing

Next week we say goodbye to Mrs Fiona Gourlay, who has worked in Berwickshire High School as a science technician for 35 years. Mrs Gourlay has provided great support to staff and students since starting at the school in 1989. We thank her for everything she has done and wish her the very best for her retirement.

Berwickshire County Flag

This afternoon, we are hosting an event to mark the launch of a new Berwickshire County flag, which will be flown outside Berwickshire High School.

Dates for your diary

A reminder that Monday 6th May is a local holiday and that Tuesday 7th May is an INSET day. The school will be closed to students on these days, with the exception of those who have SQA exams, or who have been invited in to study or complete coursework.

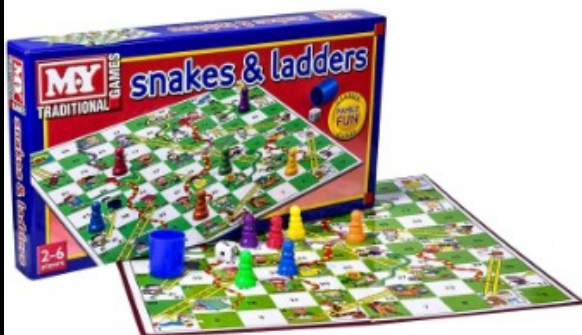
Best wishes,
Mr B. Roberston, Rector



S3 Challenge Enterprise

In January, our S3 Business Students took part in a Challenge Enterprise day organised by the Prince's Trust. One team consisting of Andrew Brydon, Lucas Nairn, Lloyd Baron, Robson Scott and John Georgeson achieved a very high score on the game by strategically planning their business. The team not only achieved the highest score the Prince's Trust volunteers had seen for a long time, but they were one of the top 5 scores in Scotland for this term. Therefore, the team have been invited to compete at the finals in Glasgow on 15th May. They have to create and develop a social enterprise business and pitch it to a panel of judges. The winning team will receive £1,000 towards starting the social enterprise.

We wish the boys good luck for the finals! Mrs Hill and Miss Brotherston



Wanted: Board Games

Spring is the traditional time of year for a bit of a clean up and clear out. ([The history of Spring Cleaning](#))

The willow class have been sorting through some of our resources and we need your help.

We are looking to refresh our collection of board games.

If you have any boardgames in good condition that you no longer need or use, please feel free to donate to our class.

In particular we are looking for: Pop Up Pirates, Swing Ball, Guess Who, Operation, Connect 4, Snakes and Ladders, Buckaroo, Jenga, Hungry Hippos (or any variation of), Kerplunk, any Orchard Toys games (no matter the age range), Mousetrap, Who's at the Zoo, or any other games you might have going spare. Many thanks, Ryan and Mr Smith

Aim for Best: Learn • Achieve • Contribute

2P5 Robot Heads Challenge

Over the past 2wks in science, 2P5 have taken part in the robot head challenge. This has involved creating a design for their robot, alongside working electrical functions, such as light up eyes and spinning noses, and illustrated through circuit diagrams. They all did a brilliant job, but well done to Travis Craig, Reuben Steven, Natalie Szlezak and Dylan St George who won this competition. Congratulations! Mr Watson



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Millie McManus on completing her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Millie has shown perseverance and dedication to this award throughout. Millie, along with others in S5 and S6, are on track to completing the Silver award come June.

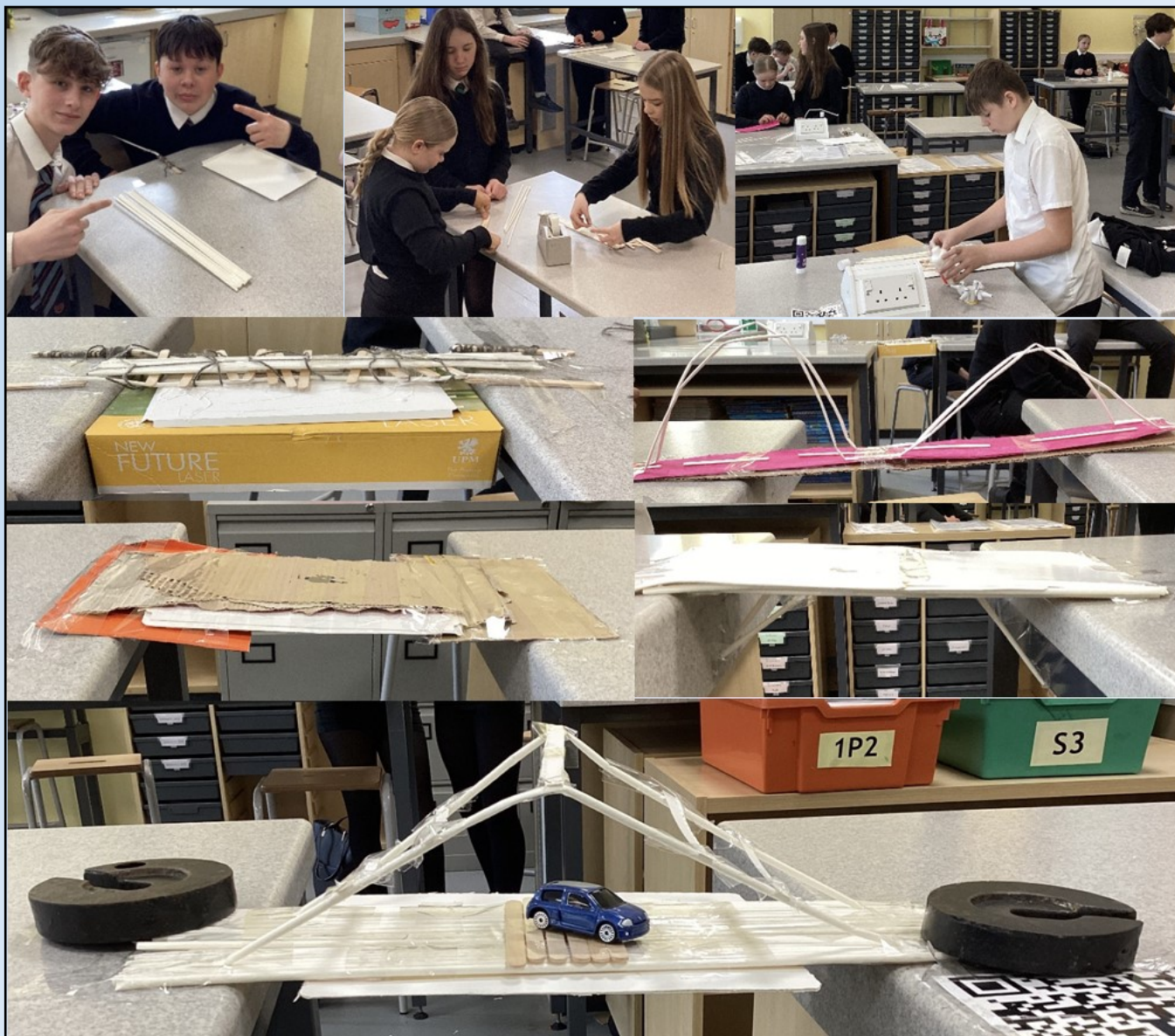
If anyone going into S5 or S6 in June is interested in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, please sign up in June when selecting your enrichment period. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this award, please get in touch and I will be happy to try and answer any questions.

Mr Watson, DofE Coordinator.



2P1 Bridge Building Challenge

On Thursday, in the Transport and Forces topic, 2P1 put their engineering caps on to try and design a bridge that could sustain the greatest mass. Although none of bridges collapsed, the prize then comes down design, group work and general composure during the task to overcome the challenge. Therefore, well done to Oscar Robson and Imogen Anderson for displaying perfect team-building skills. Brilliant! Mr Watson



Sports Clothing/Equipment Donations

The Berwickshire High School PE department are look for any clothes or equipment donations for our spare kit. We would be very grateful for any of the following second hand items, any sizes would be great:

Footwear - Trainers, football boots, astros

Clothing - Shorts, leggings, joggers, t-shirts, jumpers etc

These donations can be handing in at the school reception or brought to school with a student and handed in to the PE department.

Many thanks, Berwickshire High School Physical Education Department



Starting this week a group of plucky student volunteers are taking on the Yoto Carnegie Shadowing Challenge. These keen readers will be reading as many titles as

they can until the award of the Carnegie Medal for Writing and the announcement of the Shadowers' Choice near the end of June.

There are 8 books in the Yoto Carnegie Shortlist and thanks to the Parents' Council we were able to buy 2 copies of each.

They will then put together written, arty or video reviews of their experience. The reviews are sent off to the organisers and they will appear on the Shadowers' website. The big day for the authors and the shadowers is on the 20th June 2024 when the students get a chance to vote for their favourite book and the winner of the Yoto Carnegie Writing Medal will be announced. Mr Bain



Heads Down - Upcoming Student Assessments (May)

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Spanish	S1 - 1H1	Mrs Rowson	Listening & Reading - Daily Routines and Chores	Wednesday 8th
Spanish	S1 - 1S1, 1H2, 1D1	Mrs Rowson, Mrs Ford	Listening & Reading - Daily Routines and Chores	Thursday 9th
Biology	S3	Mr Watson	2.1-2.4 Assessment	Tuesday 14th
Design & Technology	S3 - 3D, 3G	Mrs Yates	End of Year exam	Wednesday 22nd
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Home Economics Practical Lessons - Week beginning 29th April

This is what students will be making next week. Please could we ask your help in ensuring your child has the correct equipment. Thank you, Mrs Taylor

Year	Making	Equipment Required
S1	Banana and Chocolate Cupcakes	Tub/container
S2	Apple Round Scone	Tub/container
S3	Chicken Korma and Rice	Tub/container



South Schools Rugby 7's

Well done to our S1 and S2 rugby teams who played at the Border Schools 7's last Saturday. The S1 tournament used a knockout format with 1st round winners going into the Cup competition and losers going through to a Plate competition. Our S1 team played some good rugby, but were against two of the stronger teams for their age group, Galashiels Academy and Hawick High School. They eventually went out in the plate semi-final. The S2 tournament was played in 2 pools of 4, with the winners of each pool going forward to the final.

S1 South Schools Rugby 7's Tournament held at Kelso on Saturday 20th April

Ties

1st round versus Galashiels Academy LOST 26-18

Plate semi-final versus Hawick High School LOST 25-19

S2 South Schools Rugby 7's Tournament held at Selkirk on Saturday 20th April

Pool Games

versus Selkirk High School DREW 12-12

versus Earlston High School LOST 28-12

versus Hawick HS LOST 28-26

Scottish Schools Aquathlon Championship

Congratulations to Elise Field (S3) who finished 13th from a field of 41 competitors in the Scottish Schools Aquathlon Championship held at the Michael Woods Sport & Leisure Centre, Glenrothes, on Friday 19th April. This event consisted of a 400m swim and a 3km run. Well done Elise!

House Points

2301

DOUGLAS

2349

HOME

1910

SCOTT





QUIZ NIGHT

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY, 3RD MAY

QUIZ AND LUXURY RAFFLE WITH PRIZES FROM LOCAL
BUSINESSES

TICKETS £20/TEAM (MAX. 5 PER TEAM)

7-10PM

CASH ONLY ON THE NIGHT

ALL PROFITS WILL BE DONATED TO THE MY NAME
DODDIE FOUNDATION

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