



What a very busy month February has been. Our children have been very busy working hard in all areas of their learning, enjoying visitors into school, attending sporting events and becoming Rock Stars for the week! It has been lovely to enjoy the warm and dry weather and children have been making the most of learning outdoors.

## Access doors

Please continue to note that pupils arriving late in school should use the Main Reception door located at the front of the building opposite the swimming pool. This door should be used **at all times** by parents and visitors. This is for the safety and security of our pupils.

## Staffing

We welcome Mr Pete Carthy who will be joining us as a curriculum support teacher. We also welcome Mrs Angela Ray who has joined our kitchen staff.

## Wake and Shake

Every Monday and Tuesday mornings before school. This will take place in the gym hall; access will be available from 8:30pm through the side doors. All parents' staff and pupils welcome! Dance your way to feeling good ready for the school day!

## Website

We have recently updated our school website to make it more streamlined and easier to navigate. We hope you find it useful and informative.

## Sports Day

Please note the change of date for Sports Day which is now on Friday 7th June.

## Berwickshire Cross Country

Well done to all our pupils in P5, P6 and P7 who took part in the Berwickshire Cross Country Championships. Everyone did an amazing job. Results are as follows:

### **Primary 5:**

Primary 5 Boys A team (Ben, Andrew, Jack, William) won 3rd place in the team event

Primary 5 Girls A Team (Elise, Robyn, Rhea, Emma) won 1st place in the team event  
Elise Field - 1st place in the individual P5 girl's race  
Ben - 2nd place in the individual P5 boy's race

### **Primary 6:**

Primary 6 Boys A team (Jesse, Angus, Finn, William) won 1st place in the team event  
Primary 6 Girls A team (Eve, Ruby, Orla, Wicktoria) Won 3rd place in the team event  
Jesse - 1st place in the individual P6 boy's race  
Finn Birch - place in the individual P6 boy's race

### **Primary 7:**

Primary 7 Boys A team (Thomas, Ally, Dylan, Aaron) won 1st place in the team event  
Primary 7 Boys B team (Warren, Roan, Noel, Kyran) won 2nd place in the team event

Primary 7 Girls A team (Izzy, Georgia, Erin, Eliza) won 1st place in the team event  
Ally Dickson - 1st place in the individual P7 boy's race  
Dylan - 2nd place in the individual P7 boy's race  
Izzy Knight - 2nd place in the individual P7 girl's race

A fantastic showcase of our very talented pupils.

## Learning for Sustainability and Developing Young Workforce

As part of our LfS curriculum work and promoting career and work skills we have been working closely with parents and other community stakeholders to organise a week of special events and visits for each class starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## Uniform

There is an extremely high level of support from parents for our school uniform policy. The wearing of uniform helps to build a sense of identity, pride and belonging within the school. We continue to encourage all children to come to school in full school uniform. Please note that sports tops are not acceptable.

### Severe Weather

#### Arrangements

A new protocol has been announced by Scottish Borders Council to be put in place for situations when adverse weather impacts on schools, replacing the Resilient Schools Policy. The new protocol has been established after it became clear following recent severe weather events that Resilient Schools was no longer sustainable as significantly fewer teachers lived within walking distance of schools than in 2010, when the policy was developed. A separate letter has been sent out.

#### Book Sale

FDPS will be holding a book sale on Friday 8th March 1-5pm at Duns Primary. Further information to follow. Raffle prizes of book tokens up to £50, illustrator and Author visits and lots more!

#### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come to school dressed up as their favourite character or take a photo of reading in unusual places or bring in their favourite book. (Optional)

We will be having a special assembly and there will be a variety of fun activities and prizes!

#### School Handbook

Our new school handbook was been emailed home and is also available on our website. A paper copy is available on request.

### Annie Jr. 2019

Rehearsals are coming along nicely! We would like to thank all those involved with the production. Performance dates are Tuesday 26th March 2019, afternoon and evening performance and on Wednesday 27th March 2019, evening performance. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 11th March (Sunday for parents of the cast after the rehearsal) for a £3 suggested donation. Dates are 26th (1:30 and 6:30) and 27th March (6:30).

Alongside our lunchtime rehearsals we are organising some Sunday sessions. Don't panic if you can't make them all but it would be great to see as many cast there as possible. These will take place in the school hall from 11am - 3pm on the following dates: March 3rd, March 10th and March 17th. Bring a packed lunch etc.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Miss Turnbull via the Musical Theatre dojo group or with a message into school.

#### Dojo Communication

While staff enjoy the benefits of communicating with home please remember to follow our guidance on using dojo. Please only send Dojo messages during normal working hours (8.00am - 4.00pm) **and not on weekends.**

#### **You should NOT expect:**

A response to Dojo messages outside of normal working hours or immediately, as staff have full class contact time.

### Accessibility Pass

To ensure the safety of all our children please be reminded that the car park at the top of the hill is for staff only. There is **no access** to the road leading up to the swimming pool / school staff car-park **between 8:30 to 9:00am and 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm (Monday to Thursday) and 8:30 to 9:00am and 12:45 until 1:15pm (Friday).**

We appreciate that due to individual circumstances some people may require access to the top car park during drop off and pick up times and we therefore allocate accessibility passes to those who require them. Please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss should you feel you require a pass otherwise there will be no entry.



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