

School Hockey

First year girls have been training on a Thursday lunch time with Mrs Harvey-Jamieson and Tuesday after school with Mr Kidd. There are over 50 girls training regularly which is fantastic for the development of our school hockey. S1 tournament is at Galashiels Academy on 3rd March 2012.

Second year girls have been training twice a week with Mrs Hall. The girls have great enthusiasm and commitment for their hockey and this is reflected in the results of their games so far. S2 tournament is at Kelso on 10th March 2012.

Third year girls have been under the watchful eye of Miss Buchan and have worked hard to improve their skills on astro and have benefited greatly from having a weekly session in the fitness suite. S3 tournament is at Hawick on 17th March 2012.

Seniors have been awesome to work with this year and have played some outstanding hockey. With over 40 girls training regularly it has been great to have regular fixtures for both 1st X1 and 2nd X1. 1st X1 Tournament is at Tweedbank and Earlston on 25th February 2012 and the 2nd X1 Tournament is at Tweedbank on 3rd March 2012.

Boys Senior hockey has started this year on a Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Lawrence. The boys have been great to work with and they have coped exceptionally well with learning all the rules and developing their skills in a short time. We are looking to organise some fixtures after Christmas with other boys teams in the Borders.

Well done to all the girls who were selected to play for Under 18 and Under 16 Knockout Cup. Both teams reached the semi-finals where they were beaten by KHS and BHS respectively.

Congratulations to Lorna Dagg and Lucy Inglis who were selected for Under 16 South Squad to compete in the Inter-District Tournament at Peffermill in November. Following the Inter-District Tournament Lorna has been selected for Scottish Under 16 Training Squad and Lucy has been selected for Scottish Under 16 Development Squad. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish them all the very best with their training over the coming year.



Special mention to Feargus Clark, Dylan Fagan, Hannah Gaddie, Conall Howard, Lucy Inglis, Orla Keefe, Jane Lochrie, Sarah Lyons, Sophie MacBrayne, Leia Mackinnon, Lauren Meager, Rachael Redburn who are all involved in the Under 15 Borders Participation Centre and to Emma Bruce, Emily Dagg and Martha Todd who were selected from EHS to take part in the Potential Squad.

The Big Draw

The Art and Design dept invited pupils, parents and members of the local community to join them in The Big Draw. Throughout the day individuals chose images taken from the local area and used them as inspiration for their art. Mrs Pyne's two year old daughter was just one of the participants who had great fun that day.



Dropping Off and Parking at EHS

This is another plea to parents and visitors to please avoid using the disabled car parking spaces unless you have the required parking permit.

Also, can parents please use the turning circle mid way in the drive to drop off pupils in the morning and collect them at 3.50. The spaces at the front of the school are for visitors and for safety reasons we ask that drivers use the designated drop off area. Your help here is much appreciated. Thank you.

Your Hall of Fame Needs You

At EHS we are keen to recognise achievements which take place outside school or during extra curricular activities. Our Hall of Fame in the assembly hall is one of the ways in which we do this. Young people can be shy at putting themselves forward and we would ask you as parents/carers to help us. If you know of a student who has excelled at something then e-mail the school with the details and we will take it from there. We would encourage you to send an action photo with this information if possible. Don't be shy - let's celebrate the many achievements of our young people.

Dates for your diary

- Wed 21 December - Church services
- Thurs 5 January - Back to school
- Thurs 12 January - S5/6 Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 24 January - Team Photos
- Thurs 26 January - S5/6 Burns Supper
- Mon 30 January - S5/6 Prelims begin
- Thurs 9 February - Inservice Day
- Fri 10 Feb—Wed 15 Feb (inclusive) Holiday
- Thurs 23 February - S2 Parents' Evening



THE EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL

December 2011

RESPECT HONESTY RESPONSIBILITY COMMITMENT EXCELLENCE

Message From Miss Strong

SEASONS GREETINGS

Thank you for your support during a very busy first term.

On behalf of the staff, I wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Miss M Strong



Fashion Show

The S6 Charity Committee put together a fabulous evening to showcase fashion from a variety of local retailers: Next, The Kilt Shop, LA Bridalwear and The House of Hogarth. Hosting the show were Andrew McQuarrie and Andrew Bond, who kept the audience entertained with their banter. The models looked fabulous and many thanks to Mary Kay beauticians for providing the make up for the evening. A selection of sixth years braved the cat walk as did a number of EHS staff. The evening concluded with a bridal finale: Head Girl Iona Paterson and fellow S6 student Holly Young stepped onto the catwalk looking stunning in full bridal wear.



We Won a Minibus!

Stuart Elliot, Ross Angus and Andrew McQuarrie entered the Arnold Clark School's Challenge and Won!! The competition was to devise an app for an iPhone or iPad, which had to be a game linked to Arnold Clark's business.

The boys' game was short listed to the final against nine other Scottish secondary schools. Then for two weeks an online voting system via the Arnold Clark website was used to determine the winners.

At an S6 assembly, representatives from Arnold Clark surprised the year group and presented the three boys with their own Apple NoteBook, the school with £5,000 for computer equipment and the keys to a new minibus.

EHS now has the minibus for the next two years! Fantastic! Thank you to everyone who voted for EHS 'Appy Chappies.



Christmas Dances

Tuesday 13 December saw the start of the Christmas festivities with the S1/2 Dance. Then on Thursday the third and fourth years enjoyed the ceilidh led by MCs Mrs Lawrence and Miss Buchan. On both nights everyone was dressed in their Christmas finery and looked amazing.



Congratulations to Team Shuffle (the S6 Dance Committee) and to Miss McDougal and all the staff who supported the dances.

Merry Christmas!

S3 Santa's Enterprise

The S3 Business Management pupils have been busy preparing for Santa's Enterprise. This is an Enterprise activity which involves them taking up the role of entrepreneurs by planning and running their own business.

Pupils have had to produce a Business Plan to persuade "the bank" (Miss Strong) to lend them the start up capital they required. They had to then prepare financial statements outlining cash flow forecast, advertise their product and finally organise and run an effective production line. Goods and services on offer include Christmas Calendars, 3D Christmas Cupcakes, Beat the Goalie Christmas Penalty Shootout, Winter Wonderland cake sale, The Plaque People, Pick a Picture and many more!



EARLSTON'S GOT TALENT

On the evening of the 3rd of November the Earlston's Got Talent grand final took place. On the judging panel were Ms Wood, Mr Bryson and returning to Earlston High School for the occasion: Mrs Morton!

A variety of acts performed at this year's show, talent acts including stand up comedy, musicians, dancers and even a juggling act! Cherise Halliburton came in third place with her emotional rendition of Man Who Can't Be Moved. In second place was Freya Hoppé who took the judges breath away with a powerful cover of I Will Always Love You. The ultimate prize of first place was awarded to Dharan Prabhakar with an extremely enjoyable performance of Lazy Song. Judging by the smiles on everyone's faces he was a truly deserving winner.

Gillian Galloway and Ellen Kidd



Parent Council Sub Group All in all it's been a very busy couple of months for the PCSG. The annual EGT show took place in November - it takes a lot of planning and organizing, but congratulations go to everyone who made it such a successful event. This was followed by the 'Handbags and Gladrags' fundraising evening, which went extremely well and there is already talk of repeating it next year. We had live music, a wide range of quality items for sale, a raffle, and lots of input from the 6th years too. Well done everyone! Finally in December, some PCSG members made and sold wreaths and Christmas decorations at the fashion show. Thanks to everyone's efforts and support, the PCSG are now extremely close to our fundraising goal.

S1 CHALLENGE OPTIONS MEET THE GREAT OUTDOORS

As part of Curriculum for Excellence we have introduced Challenge Options at Earlston High School. Why Challenge Options? As well as the four capacities, Curriculum for Excellence emphasises the need to develop skills, including working independently and as part of a group. These skills and capacities are already being addressed through the subjects within the S1 curriculum but we felt it was also important to allow youngsters to build them while trying something new.

Our S1 pupils experienced their first challenge in mid November. We combined old favourites with new options. We try to offer a variety of activities, indoor and outdoor, active and less active, catering for a wide range of interests.



Outdoor activities have always been popular, especially in June! Thankfully our gamble on the weather paid off and we enjoyed a lovely November morning. It was great to have John Hall come in and work with Mr Changleng and the mountain bikers.



Mr Scott, our PE NQT, did a great job with the maps and the orienteering group and Captain Milligan and

Sergeant McAndrew of the English Dept rallied the troops for a hike up the Black Hill!

A large group enjoyed Outdoor Survival Skills, learning how to make a rope stretcher, pitch a tent and make a hot drink on camping stoves. This activity was led by Mr Clarke (DHT) and Mrs Farnish (Behaviour Support and Duke of Edinburgh enthusiast).



Our creative outdoor activity was provided by Ms Thoday (Art) and Spike (CDT Technician). They looked at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and their group created their own land sculpture. This meant foraging for natural materials in the woods around the school to use in their creation.



S1 CHALLENGE OPTIONS - in the cosy warmth of the classroom!

As well as the first years enjoying the challenges presented to them outdoors, a number of pupils tackled challenges within the warmth of the classroom. Mr Ker worked with pupils to make wooden planters and Miss Strong and Mr Bryson assisted with pizza baking, which was part of the Learn Italian challenge.



In Mrs Pyne's lab, under the careful supervision of Miss Coleman, Mrs Pyne and Mrs Gavanna, two groups enjoyed making candles. There was also a knitting masterclass led by



Mrs Falconer and some energetic zumba dancers courtesy of Amanda Richard and Mrs Renwick. Inside, but not in the classroom, was the group who travelled with Mrs Brown to Kelso ice-rink for curling! Great fun and enjoyable challenges!

S2 Charity Day

Wednesday 14th December saw second years demonstrating their charitable natures. We were visited by Captain Steven Turner from Hawick Salvation Army centre and Reverend Graham Astles from Jedburgh Old and Trinity church.



Students learned about the ways in which homeless and poverty stricken people are helped and cared for in their own communities. The focus was on the Scottish Borders and we touched on situations around the world.

Students have donated non-perishable goods and household wares for the benefit of those less fortunate. These will be stored at the Jedburgh 'Food-bank.' Household items will find their way to 'Fresh Start Borders' based in Selkirk.

Very well done to all the pupils who donated these gifts, they are most welcome - Thank you one and all from the RME Department!



RME Raise Funds for BGH

Pupils at Earlston High School have just donated £688.76 to Noah's Ark - the Children's ward at the BGH.

This fantastic sum was raised as part of the pupils' Religious and Moral Education (RME) 'Thinking about others' event which involved pupils donating money for the privilege of not wearing uniform for a day and the raiding of several 'penny jars'. The RME teachers, Mr Simpson and Ms Drummond-Thomson also took part in the event taking a nativity day theme.



The RME department wanted to give pupils the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of young people in the Scottish Borders.

The money donated will be used to help any children who are in the BGH over Christmas feel as if they are being included with celebrations at this time of year. It will also help to purchase interactive games that will make any stay at the BGH more comfortable by helping relieve boredom.

So from the pupils at Earlston High School to all who find themselves in hospital at this time of the year...

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Kenny MacAskill Glow meet

Advanced Higher Modern Studies pupils had the opportunity to quiz Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill last week.

A live glow link allowed the S6s to fire topical questions at the SNP cabinet member relating to their Law and Order study theme. Questions were typed in and responses came live on a webcam which was broadcast across Schools throughout Scotland.

A number of the student's questions were put forward with Mr. MacAskill answering those from Julia Bowie and Iona Paterson.

The Glow meet was both informative and beneficial to those in the class particularly with a number of pupils applying to University courses in Law and Politics.

Mark Johnson

School Winter Safety Campaign

During the whole of January 2012, Scottish Borders Road Policing Officers alongside Local Integration Officers will be in and around our local schools carrying out checks, offering advice and guidance with regard to the transportation of children to and from school. This will include the use of child seats, booster seats, seatbelt compliance, safe routes to school and parking amongst other issues. Running in conjunction with this will be an initiative to encourage and educate school children about the importance of cycle helmets and adequate lighting at this time of year.