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## PHS HT Community Update 27/3/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

### Assemblies

- You can see the latest In Class assembly from this week [Assemblies | Peebles High School](#)

### Parent Council

- After a number of years' service, the current Parent Council Secretary and the Chair will both be stepping down after the next meeting (Monday 11th May 2026), so the Parent Council are looking for new postholders and members. These are rewarding roles and vital to ensure the continued representation of parents and carers, and we encourage you to get in touch if you would like an informal chat about what is involved.
- The Parent Council is a group of parents chosen by the wider PHS parent community to represent your views and work with the school. The main purpose is to make sure parent and carer voices are heard and taken into account in how the school runs. This includes supporting school improvement, including discussing issues that affect learning and teaching, and promotes partnership between parents and carers, pupils, the school, and the local community. We also help with events and fundraising to benefit the school community. You don't need to be a postholder to attend meetings and participate in the discussions, and parents and carers from all year groups are welcome.
- The postholders, who have specific responsibilities, are elected every year at the Parent Council AGM (this will be held early in the new school year that starts in August 2026).

The Secretary's duties include:

- take minutes of the Parent Council and Friends of PHS meetings
- share them with the Chairs and Headteacher
- manage the PHS Parent Council Facebook account

(There is a small stipend payable for this post).

The Chair's duties include:

- set the agenda and run the meetings
- meet with the Headteacher / other members of staff, and parents, when required
- manage the PHS Parent Council email inbox and the Parent Council Facebook account
- respond to queries and requests for information.
- support recruitment of senior staff
- attend Scottish Borders Council virtual Chairs meetings (once per school term) .

Please get in touch with us at [phspc@outlook.com](mailto:phspc@outlook.com) for more information.

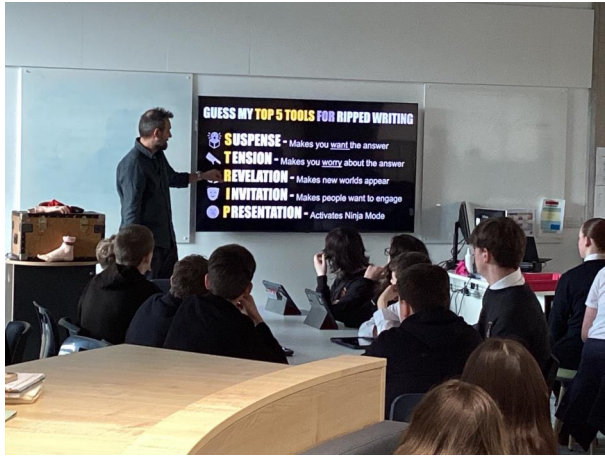
Thank you all for your ongoing support and I'd like to wish everyone a nice weekend,

Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher

## Author visit

S2 and S3 English classes did mini writing workshops with Cumbrian author Henry Vyner-Brooks on Tuesday. They focused on how to show not tell and to build suspense. Prizes of Henry's books were given for the best writing in each class and as a dyslexic person himself, Henry made an audiobook of his first book available for free for those who find reading more tricky. Our students made a great impression on Henry; he said he was 'beyond impressed' with them and our school.







## Tanzania 2027

Our school values are showing kindness, working hard and contributing. In line with those values, we are taking 32 young people out to Tanzania next June where they will get alongside a local charity building houses for local people in the town of Moshi. We've already been hard at work - and there'll be lots of cool events coming up - but if you can afford to give, there is a donation link below. Together we can transform lives in Tanzania, and develop our own skills and values too. [#OnePeebleshttps://www.vinetrust.org/u/fd123](https://www.vinetrust.org/u/fd123)



## Anthony Nolan and SFRS

Delighted to receive our certificate of thanks. We are very proud to be involved. Huge thank you to all involved. [Anthony Nolan SFRS Midlothian Eastlothian Borders](#)

Show kindness.

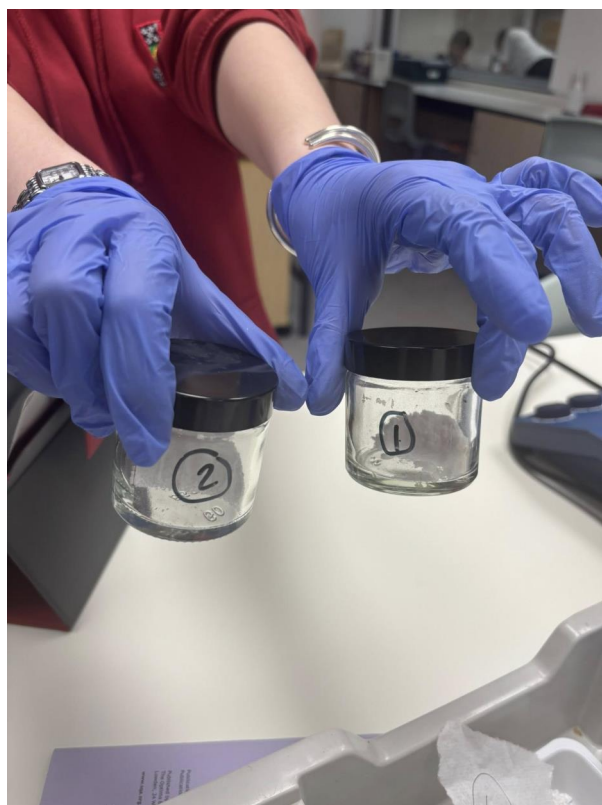
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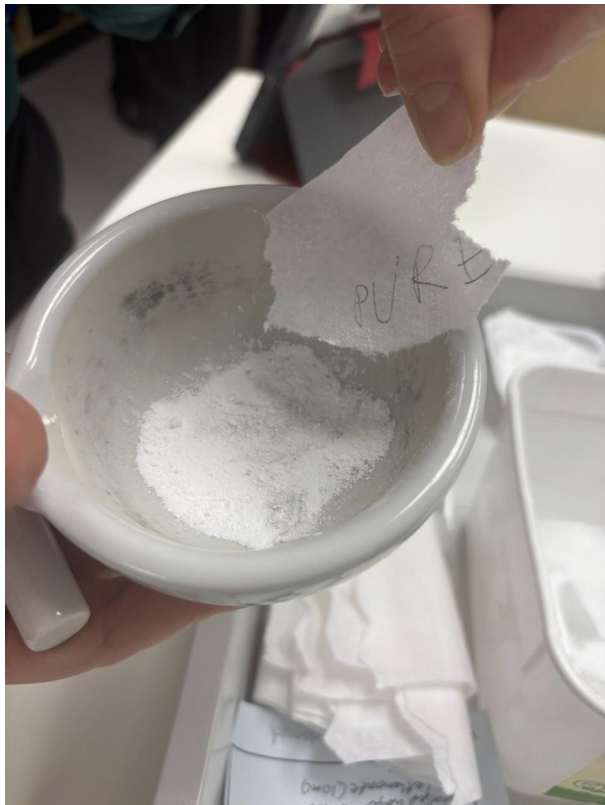
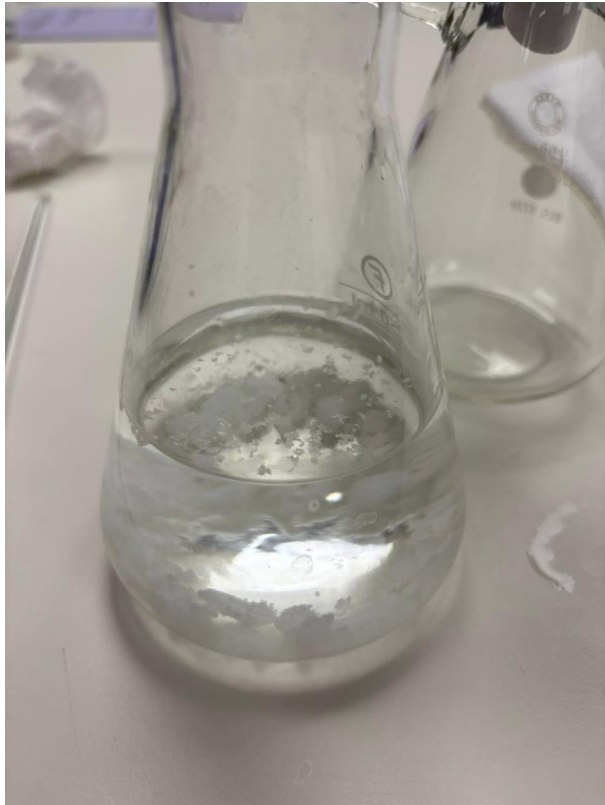


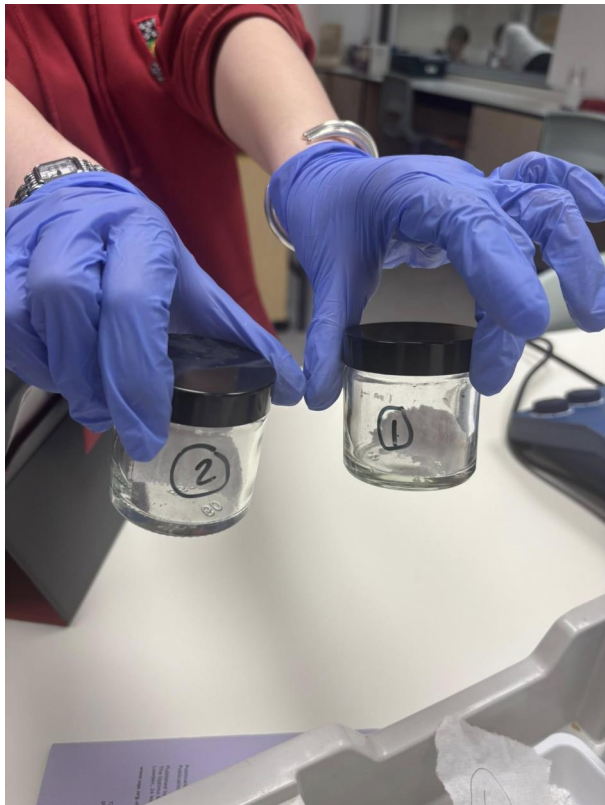
## Advanced Higher Chemistry

The AH chemists were making Aspirin in class last week, then checking the purity of the aspirin they made against shop bought aspirin. Fantastic learning in the new S6 lab.

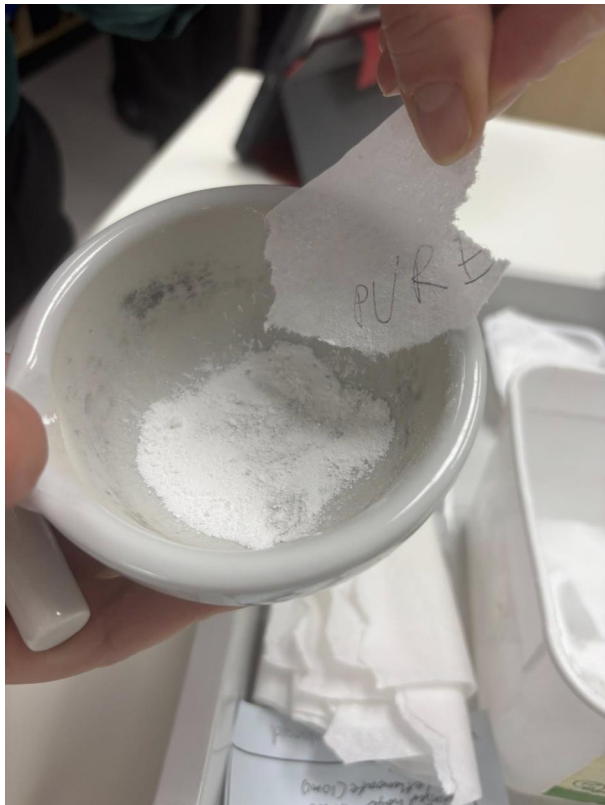
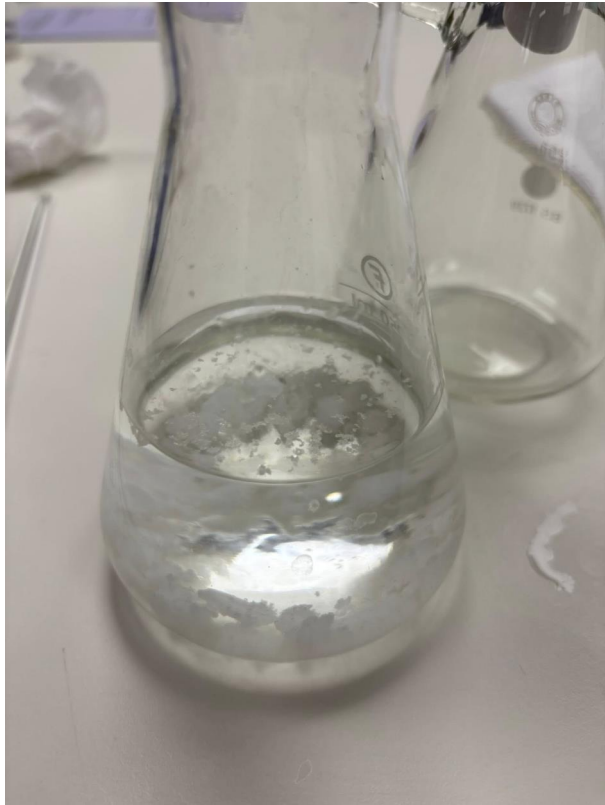
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## Dyslexic Collective

The wonderful local charity the 'Dyslexic Collective' has done it again!

We have recently taken another delivery of iPad keyboards to support our Dyslexic learners in classes and in preparation of exams.

To date by the Dyslexic Collective we have been generously given:300+ keyboards and Stylus pens to loan to our Dyslexic learners.

We have been supplied with materials for mini study kits such as highlighters, blue ballpoint pens and coloured note cards.

Our Dyslexia ambassadors have been given Ambassador badges. Additionally the school has been provided materials such to create Literacy accessibility boxes for each department.

Resources for these include: coloured overlays, highlighters, pencil grips, coloured jotters.

This initiative by the charity has been extended out to the local primary schools further supporting learners achieve their best and build their skills and confidence.

To the Dyslexic Collective, The Peebles High School Community thanks you sincerely for your ongoing generosity and dedication to our learners!

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## KEYBOARDS



We are in our third year of supplying keyboards for dyslexic students in Peebles High School & now include Primary schools. Keyboards allow students to work easier on their i-pads. They can use spell check, thesaurus, & edit their ideas rather than cross out mistakes. They can learn to touch type which may help in exams, they can increase speed of text production..& these are just some advantages



from us all at

**THE DYSLEXIC COLLECTIVE**



## Cross Country

Scotland Honours at Cross Country Last weekend, Jack and Bella were competing in Wales at the SIAB Cross Country International as part of the Scotland team. This event brings together some of the best young endurance athletes from across England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

With only 170 athletes across the four nations schools selected, to have two represented from our small community is a massive achievement.

Jack finished the 6Km course 19th and Bella the 4Km course 28th among an exceptionally high standard of racers in very warm conditions for XC.

They had a really fun weekend with the whole team. Thanks to SSAA for looking after them so well. A great achievement for outstanding young people.

Work hard.

Contribute.







## Skills for Work Hospitality

Congratulations to our Skills for Work Hospitality students who hosted a celebration dinner on Monday evening as part of their final assessment. The students demonstrated not only excellent food prep skills but great teamwork, communication, planning and time management. Thank you to Val Brunton who has worked with students on this project.









## **Borders Schools Cross Country Championships**

A huge well done to all Peebles HS students who took part in the Borders schools cross country championships. Everyone showed great determination and perseverance. This resulted in the overall championship win for Peebles HS and a win in 6 out of the 8 team categories.

Even more impressive were the following students who achieved a top 3 placing:

S1 boys

1st Archie Hemenstall

2nd Seb Foley

S3 Girls

3rd Summer Noble

S3 Boys

1st Jack Foley

3rd Ben Seargent

Senior girls

1st Bella Moran

3rd Eala Mackay

Well done all.





