

## PHS HT Community Update 8/5/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

### Qualifications Scotland exams

- Thank you to our whole community - staff, families, S1-3 students - for supporting our S4-6 in their exams.

### Physical Environment

- A group of staff and students from the Student Parliament met to plan improvements to the internal physical environment in our school.
- We will put up S6 photos and Hall of Heroes pictures, student art work, vision and values banners and the Dux Board - with plans for a new Dux Board.
- The vision and values mural is now on the main corridor wall, a school crest has gone up in the amphitheatre with another one to go up in reception.
- We will keep everyone updated with progress.

### Toilets

- No changes will be made to the existing provision . I said in a recent update that there would be a change but following further discussions with staff, pupils and parents we will not make any changes.

### Trips

- We are hugely grateful to staff., volunteers and partners for the fantastic trips and clubs offer in PHS.
- This is absolutely at the heart of our **Contribute** value and how we value learning beyond the classroom.

- You can see the current trips [Trips | Peebles High School](#) and clubs and groups [Wider Curriculum | Peebles High School](#) offer on our website. This is of course subject to staff to staff, volunteers and partners capacity.

### **Parent Council**

- Meeting Monday 11 May 7pm.

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

Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher

### **French Exchange**

French exchange Tuesday. We visited Marseille and took a little land train up to see the Basilica Notre Dame de la Garde that overlooks the city. We then walked to a beautiful spot by the water to have our picnic and then explored a little of the harbour area. The evening was spent playing French games and sharing a buffet dinner with all the hosts and their families. A fabulous day enjoyed by all.













## Tanzania Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who have already supported our 2027 expedition to Tanzania. We have two more fun events coming up in the next few weeks:- coffee morning at the Burgh Hall this Saturday at 10am- bingo night at the school on 15th May at 7.30pm Please do come along if you can - and any donations of baking or raffle prizes would be gratefully received. You can find out more about the trip, and upcoming events, at our dedicated page [Peebles HS Tanzania Group](#). Thanks again for all your support - together we can make a real difference!

# MARRS BINGO TANZANIA FUNDRAISER



FRI 15TH  
MAY

7.30 - 11PM

Crazy prizes!

PEEBLES HIGH SCHOOL  
OVER 18'S ONLY

Sing offs

TICKETS HERE!



TICKETS HERE!

Dance offs

play your cards right

## COFFEE MORNING

Vine Trust  
**TANZANIA**  
2027

**PEEBLES HIGH SCHOOL  
EXPEDITION TO TANZANIA**

**9TH MAY**  
10am - 12pm BURGH HALL

Join us for a coffee morning in support of Peebles High School's Expedition to Tanzania 2027!

TEA, COFFEE & CAKES  
CAKE STALL  
RAFFLE  
TOMBOLA

Scan the QR code  to find out more.

## Football Success

Well Done to Molly S and Millie M (S2) who won the Blantyre Celtic Cup at the weekend. They were part of the Bonnyrigg Rose U14 team who won the football tournament. Well Done!

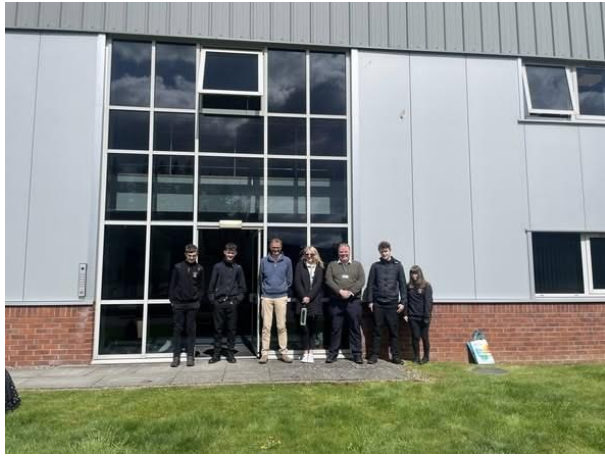
Work hard.



## Inspiring Young Minds – Rugby Store Visit

Our Inspiring Young Minds group visited the Rugby Store, where they were given a fantastic tour by owner Ant. The young people had the opportunity to learn more about the business, hear about Ant's career journey, and gain valuable insight into the skills and qualities needed within the world of work. A huge thank you to Ant for taking the time to share his experiences and provide such an engaging and interesting careers talk. The visit was a brilliant opportunity for our young people to explore different pathways in a relaxed and supportive environment. Thank you to Faye our DYW Coordinator for organising and Chris our lovely careers advisor for accompanying.

Contribute and Grow.



## French Exchange

A fabulous start to our MTB exchange trip to Auriol France. Yesterday we hiked Les Calanques and had a dip in the Med. Today we hit the trails in Roquefort La Bedoule. Big smiles all round and great times with the French families and teachers.









## Dancing

Our S6 girls from Dance Pointe Academy performed in 'Starstruck', their last show at the Alhambra Theatre in Dunfermline. Good luck for the future Indiana, Hattie, Ares and Eilidh and keep dancing!

Work hard and Achieve.

Contribute and Grow.



## S3 Mountain Biking

We are very grateful to Roddy Gladstone and Tom Challands from [Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue Team](#) for giving us a demonstration of how they treat and evacuate a casualty. Our injured rider was safely packaged up and stretchered out, and we even did a lap of the field for a bit of weight training. Learning what to do in the event of an accident is a core skill for our riders, and it was invaluable bringing the theory to life.

Work hard.

Show kindness.

Contribute.





## Football Success

Massive congratulations to Lucas Whelan and Brodie Sainsbury for winning the U15s Scottish Cup with Eastside Rapids beating Leith Athletic 1-0. Top performances from both with Lucas Whelan earning Player of the Match!

Work hard.

Contribute.





## Sunflower Class

Sunflower Class ending their week with a relaxing yoga session. Enjoy!





## Sunflower and Thistle Classes

Sunflower and Thistle classes had a fantastic time in science this morning with Dr Coltman!

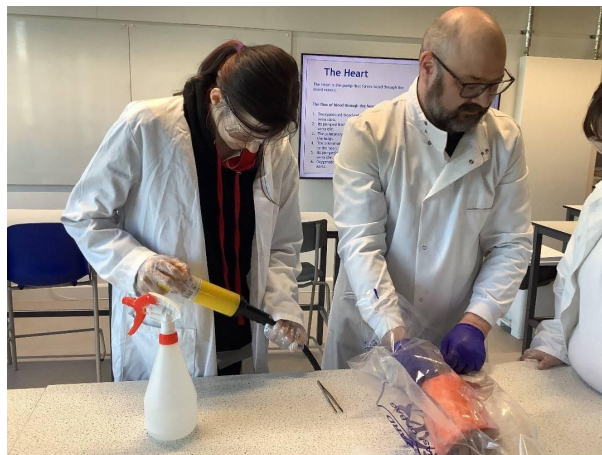
Last week, we explored the theory of human organs using models and a skeleton, building our understanding of how the body works. This week, things got even more hands-on as Dr Coltman carried out a dissection of a sheep's heart and lungs.

Everyone showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout. Most of us were keen to get involved (even the adults!), helping to cut into the lungs to reveal the airways and showing real fascination with the structure of the heart.

A brilliant session full of learning, curiosity, and confidence – well done everyone!

Work hard and achieve,





## Scottish Space School

Another PHS student at Scottish Space School at Strathclyde University!!! Fergus Rorke has been successful in securing a place at the Scottish Space School in June. As we said about Katie Milligan, to be successful in getting a place is itself an amazing achievement as there is fierce competition. 'The Scottish Space School seeks to inspire the next generation to pursue engineering-related courses of study and consider careers in engineering and technology.'

Like Katie - Fergus will be a fantastic ambassador for PHS and he will bring a great deal to the programme. Well done Fergus!!!

Work hard and achieve.

Contribute and grow.



## Senior Phase pupils at The Glen

Senior phase pupils from The Glen had a fantastic visit to the shops!

A huge thank you to Tesco Peebles, and especially Pauline, the Community Champion, for providing such a brilliant experience. The staff and customers were incredibly welcoming and generous with their time, making the visit truly memorable for our pupils. This outing forms part of some of the pupils' National 2 Lifeskills Maths and Independent Living Skills: Going Shopping (National 1) where they are developing important money-handling skills in real-life contexts. And everyone stuck to their budget! Well done to all involved!

Work hard and achieve.

Contribute and grow.



## Inspiring Young Minds at Borders College

Today, our Inspiring Young Minds group visited Borders College for a tour, organised by SDS and led by our Careers Adviser Chris, accompanied by our DYW Coordinator Faye.

Some of these fantastic young people will be heading to college after the summer, so it was a great opportunity for them to see the environment, explore what's on offer, and start to feel more confident about their next steps.

Thank you to [Borders College](#) for a wonderful tour. [Developing the Young Workforce - Borders](#)





## Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Season is Underway! Last week saw the start of a run of practice expedition walks for our Bronze DoE students, who will get the opportunity to put the skills they have been learning in their lunchtime training into practical use. This involves carrying their backpacks with overnight gear, navigating round the local hills and valleys, pitching tents and cooking on the camping stoves. They also use the walks to observe and discuss the local fauna and flora, land use, potential hazards, and first aid scenarios. The first few walks have gone well with students demonstrating solid teamworking and decision making skills. These walks will run for the next two weeks, before the students undertake their Qualifying Expeditions over a 2-day period in the week 18-22 May. The DoE leaders are impressed and proud of the progress and commitment of the young people toward the award overall and to their expedition preparation in particular.

Work hard.

Show kindness.

Contribute.









## [Innerleithen, Walkerburn and Traquair Rotary Club](#)

At our recent meeting, we were delighted to welcome Peebles High School students Katie and Sienna accompanied by dad Craig who told us of their school trip in 2027 to Moshi in Tanzania with the Vine Trust, an international development charity. This global citizenship visit will introduce the girls to a new culture as they will spend time with families and be involved as a group in a community – led project, building a family home. Learning beyond the classroom! We will be exploring ways to help them with their fundraising challenge, but

should you be interested in supporting Katie and Sienna please donate through these links:  
[#vinetrust](#) [#MakingADifference](#) [#CommunityConversation](#)





VineTrust

### **Student Parliament**

Really good to engage with our superb students to look at the recent SBC survey. This will help us identify improvement priorities in our school.

Contribute.



## Campus evacuation drill

Very well done to our S1-S3 who were excellent in our drill today. Thank you to the Parish Church for the warm welcome and support.

Contribute.



## Hockey and Rugby Tour

We played Hockey Campo Club. It was a brilliant game of hockey a 3-0 defeat but played in great spirits, and we all enjoyed dinner together afterwards. Great experiences!

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## **Inspiring Young Minds at Peeblesshire Foodbank**

Our Inspiring Young Minds group had a fantastic trip to the foodbank this week, led by Richard from CLD and accompanied by Faye (DYW) and Chris (SDS). We all got hands-on helping out and making a real difference in the local community. It was a brilliant group with lots of laughs throughout the morning — including a very funny (and very effective!) icebreaker.



## Rugby and Hockey tour

PHS tourists lost 59-5 against a good Valpollicella team. Friends made and comfort zones breached! Work hard.

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## Edinburgh Kiltwalk

Mr McMordie is walking the 21-mile Edinburgh Kiltwalk in September to raise funds for the 2027 trip to Tanzania. Funds raised will go toward building homes, work with children and combatting climate change. Any contributions are very gratefully received - good luck Mr Mc!



## Rugby/Hockey trip

Great start to the trip around Lake Garda and Monte Baldo.











