

PHS HT Community Update 15/6/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

Listening to our staff, parents and pupils

- Thank you to all pupils, staff and parents/carers who responded to the annual SBC surveys in March. There were 663 pupil responses, 265 parent responses and 76 teacher responses. These have been discussed with staff, at the Parent Council and with the Student Parliament. We will also talk about this at our next Assemblies.
- We are very pleased to see people's views reflect overall improvements and increased levels of satisfaction with our school. They also provide us with valuable feedback to inform our next steps, alongside other sources of data such as attainment outcomes. In previous updates, I have included details about sustained improvements in outcomes from exams results to literacy and numeracy to positive destinations and the outcomes for our highest, middle and lowest attaining groups of learners. In relation to the surveys, you can see the results on our website [School Improvement | Peebles High School](#).
- It is worth mentioning two pieces of work that we did this session as a result of previous parent/carer feedback in the 2025 surveys. Our work to develop the [Home Learning Hub | Peebles High School](#) helped parents to know more about how to help their children at home. In addition the S1 Family Learning Event helped us allow parents/carers and pupils to learn together.
- Our priorities next year remain to continue to improve outcomes for all our young people in the context of our One Peebles vision. We will have a particular focus on working towards the UNCRC Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award, supporting young people with ADHD, S2 Academies and supporting Assessment Arrangements for Qualifications Scotland exams.
- A longer term piece of work, reflecting evidence in relation to parents/carers understanding how progress is assessed and receiving information, will be to develop

Learner Conversations over the next few years. Building on best practice in PHS and nationally, we see Learner Conversations as a way of developing capacity in young people to take ownership of their own learning. We will keep everyone updated as this develops next year and beyond.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support,

Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher

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MVP - Mentors in Violence Prevention

Peebles High School recently welcomed School Link Officer PC Carsley to help Pastoral teacher Mrs Ferguson, deliver Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) training to a group of senior pupils.

The MVP programme equips young people with the knowledge and confidence to become positive role models, raising awareness of the impact of violence, including gender-based and domestic violence.

Training also focuses on how to be an active bystander, empowering pupils to recognise concerning behaviours and safely challenge or report and prevent harm.

As part of their role, these senior mentors will go on to deliver sessions to S1 and S2 pupils, helping to create a safer, more respectful and safer school and wider community. The programme provides valuable opportunities to develop leadership skills and work towards Leadership Awards.

A huge well done to all of the pupils who volunteered to take part. Your commitment to supporting others and making a positive difference in our community is greatly appreciated. The young people involved were engaged and respectful when talking about very serious issues. They are committed to volunteering their time to educate others about the active bystander approach and challenging behaviour that causes harm to others.

Work hard.

Show kindness.

Contribute.



S2 and S3 Biology and Chemistry Commendations

Our S2 and S3 pupils were recognised this week for their exceptional efforts in Biology and Chemistry, receiving commendation certificates for outstanding academic achievement and for consistently modelling our school values. Whether through working hard, showing kindness, or contributing positively in class, these young people have set a brilliant example for others. We're incredibly proud of their dedication and the enthusiasm they bring to their learning.

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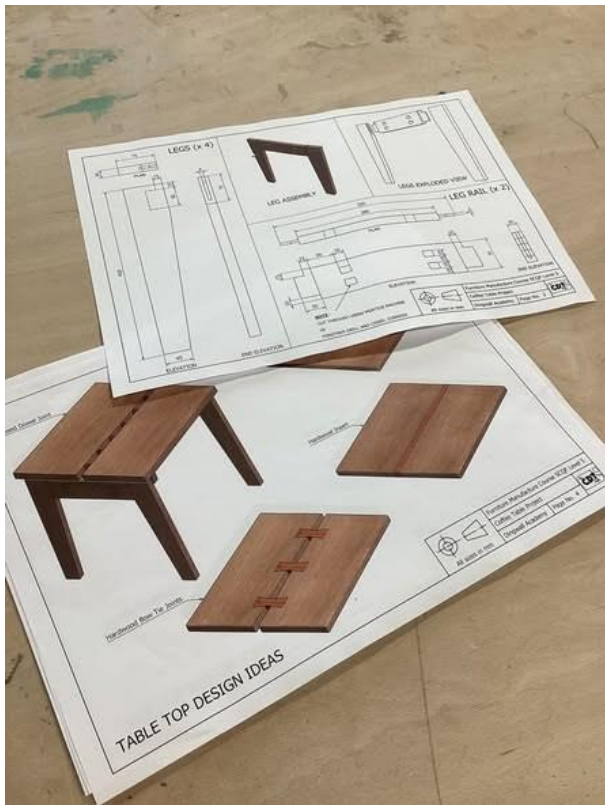
NPA Furniture Making

Congratulations to all the NPA furniture makers who got their full SQA/ QS award through the letter box early last week. This academic year we have changed part of the senior NPA furniture making course to include an introduction to French polishing unit. What an incredible high level of manufacturing skills on show throughout projects with a tight tolerance of 1mm for each individual joint crafted needed to pass. Well done everyone

involved. Showing key critical thinking and self-management skills throughout this difficult senior Technical department NPA option.

Work hard.











Germany Music Exchange

Following our visit to North Rhine-Westphalia in September, we are delighted to be welcoming back our partners from Ursulinenschulen Werl on Friday. We will spend the week rehearsing for a concert which takes place on Thursday (18th June) at 6.30pm in the auditorium. No tickets are required, but donations at the door are welcome. The concert will feature a wide range of music, from the Beach Boys to Metallica, with some traditional Scottish tunes too. As well as working together on our musical programme, we'll have a sight-seeing trip to Edinburgh, a history tour of Peebles with Fiona Dunlop and a friends and family ceilidh on Tuesday (16th June) at 7pm.

Work hard.

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Peebles High School & Ursulinenschulen Werl

**Music Exchange
Concert**

**Thursday 18
June 2026
6.30pm**



**Peebles
High School
Auditorium**

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P7 visit

Well done to all our new S1s - great to welcome you to your new school!! Thank you to all S6 who are supporting yesterday and today. Well done to the P7s who will be a brilliant S1!

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Contribute.















Football Success

Massive well done to Lucas and Brodie — Scottish Cup winners, and now League Cup winners too. Through illness and injury, they persevered. Their hard work and determination have never faltered!

Work hard.

Contribute.



Tanzania 2027

Pupils and parents from [Peebles High School](#) will be offering to bag pack in Tesco tomorrow (Saturday 13 June) to raise money for housebuilding projects in Tanzania. Please look out for them - the pupils will be happy to talk about their trip to Moshi in June 2027. All the money raised goes towards the project and will fund building materials for homes. Donations can be made by cash or card. Photo is a mock-up to show the group's branded T-shirts kindly sponsored by [Thomson Gray](#) construction consultancy.



Inspiring Young Minds

IYM TRIP TO ROYAL MILE - Wednesday 27th May The IYM group enjoyed a visit to Edinburgh's Royal Mile in glorious sunshine. We took in some historical landmarks including the Castle Esplanade and the Heart of Midlothian and enjoyed views of Calton Hill at lunchtime. We visited the Museum of Childhood and enjoyed seeing the games and toys of yesteryear - we even tried our hand at the wooden ball-in-cup game. We learned some historical facts about Edinburgh from Miss Geddes, including why there is a place called the World's End in the Royal Mile; and saw for ourselves where they used to hang witches and criminals in The Grassmarket. Some literary inspiration came in the form of visiting Cockburn Street and Victoria Street, both thought to be the basis for Diagon Alley in Harry Potter; and we visited some of the shops to see the many arts and crafts available, including those handmade by local artists. We even saw an amazing street performer! Miss Geddes and Miss Waldie would like to thank Khayden, Lewis, Phoebe and Rubin for their excellent behaviour and for making it such a good day out.

Contribute.





Maths Success

Congratulations to Lewis Riddell who has been awarded the Gold Award in the [UK Mathematics Trust](#) Pink Kangaroo Maths Challenge.

Work hard!



Art Success

One of our talented students has achieved amazing success in a global art competition. Michael Ryzhykov has officially become one of the finalists in the international French Art competition, "Graines d'artistes du monde entier". Over 7400 art works were submitted from 84 countries. Michael attends a local art group and is studying Art in our school. What an amazing achievement. Work hard.

Contribute.





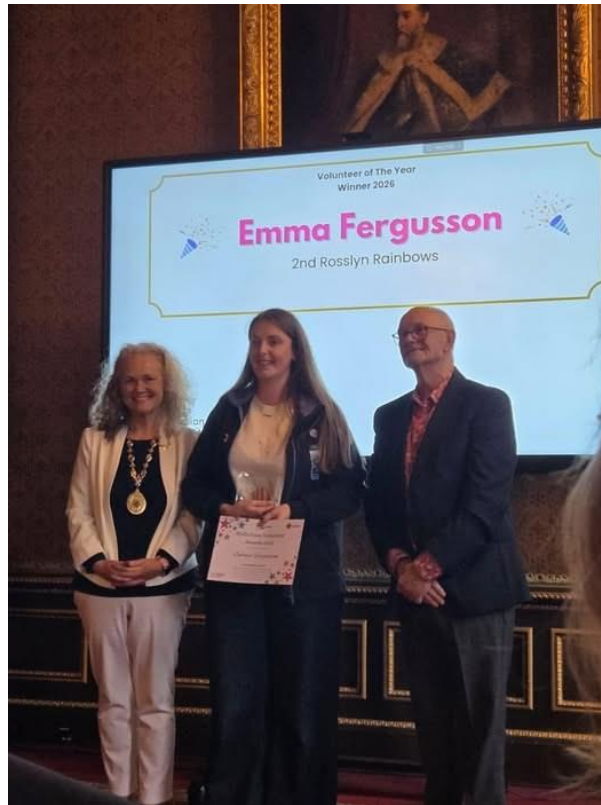
Volunteer of the Year

Well done Mrs Ferguson!

Mrs Ferguson was named Midlothian Volunteer of the Year for her work leading a Rainbows group. Presented by Midlothian Provost Debbie McCall.

Work hard.

Contribute.



Orienteering Success

Orienteering Success Congratulations to Maria O'Hara who placed 3rd in the S1 class at the Scottish Schools Orienteering Championships at the weekend. Well done!

Work hard.

Contribute.



P7 - S1 Netball Tournament

Facebook post from Tweeddale Active Schools

P7:S1 Fun netball tournament Well done to everyone who took part in P7/S1 Netball tournament Great sportsmanship was shown by all players Thank you to Ms Watterson for supplying medals and seniors to help umpire, scoring, time keeping etc and to primary staff for bringing pupils along. The winners were Peebles High S1 team closely followed by Peebles S1 team 2. The bronze medal went to Halyrude Primary School. Also congratulations to other individual medals. Enjoy your netball next term at Peebles High.

Work hard.

Contribute.





Senior Pentathlons

Senior Pentathlons Well done to everyone who competed in the senior pentathlons last week. There were brilliant distances and times recorded, and it was great to see so many seniors supporting each other. Well Done to our senior Sports Champions 2026, Leah P and Stuart W. The boys compete for the Tennant of the Glen Cup and the girls for the Susan Hunter Cup. The Tennant of the Glen Cup has been awarded to the Boys Sports Champion since 1900. A tremendous piece of history.

Contribute.



**SENIOR
PENTATHLON
RESULTS**

1st - Stuart Whiteford 221 points
2nd - Oliver Drummond 200 points
3rd - James Cockburn 175 points
4th - Alexander Welsh 173 points
5th - Lewis Ho 158 points

**Well Done to everyone on producing some
fine performances!**



**SENIOR
PENTATHLON
RESULTS**

1st - Leah Philip 111 points
2nd- Rowan Flynn 109 points
3rd- Evita Teika 107 points
4th- Connie Knox 99 points
5th - Amy Chapman 98 points

Well Done to everyone - lots of super jumps,
times and throws. it was a super competition
in a very supportive environment!

The poster features a graphic of a hand holding a trophy at the top left. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. The background is white with a gold border.





Scottish Schools Relay Championships

Scottish Schools Relay Championships PHS had 7 teams running at this national event. Fab Peebles kids! Winning medals but also being us. Values and hard work. Sprint Club and weeks of training paying off. Senior boys second in Scotland. U16 third! Amazing!

peebleshssport Well Done to the PHS relay teams that travelled to Glasgow this afternoon to run at the Scottish Schools Relay Championships 🏃🏃⚡🇸🇨
Congratulations to our U18 boys (4x100) for taking silver 🥈 and our U16 boys (4x100) for taking bronze 🥉 - brilliant achievements!
A huge Well Done to everyone for producing strong performances at a very competitive level ❤️❤️





St Ronan's Silver Band

On Friday night West Linton celebrated their annual Whipman Play festival. The sun was blazing and the crowds were out in force. St Ronan's silver band have participated in the festivities for over 30 years. This year, some of our talented young people took part in their first marching engagement with the senior band. A major achievement for these young musicians! Well done and well played to Samuel Bramall, Caitlyn Robb, Cameron Hogarth, Archie McMillan & to future PHS pupil Vivien Giegerich.

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Football Success

Facebook post from Peebles FC:-

Last night, our 2013s played in the Colin Campbell Cup Final at Kings Park in Dalkeith against Leith Athletic Reds. They played easily their best game of the season and came away with the trophy after a 2-0 win. As always, Leith were tough opponents, but Peebles thoroughly deserved their victory. Every player had stand out moments and contributed to the win. All of the coaches and parents are very proud of the teams's achievements in their first season at 11-a-side. Congratulations and well done from everyone at the club!

Goals - Daniel, Henry

POTM -everyone









