



PHS HT Community Update 19/6/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

PHS Events

- We welcomed out new S1s to PHS last week - it was a really positive couple of days and great to meet parents and carers again.
- Our Model UN conference saw a wonderful day of dynamic debating with 14 schools visiting our new building.
- Our Sports Day was a superb event - the spectators and participants created a fantastic atmosphere.
- We welcomed our friends form Werl in Germany for our music exchange which culminated in a fantastic concert on Thursday,
- We are looking forward to our Prizegiving on Monday next week.

Beltane

- We hope all our young people enjoy a safe Beltane - we are sure they will contribute well to the celebrations.

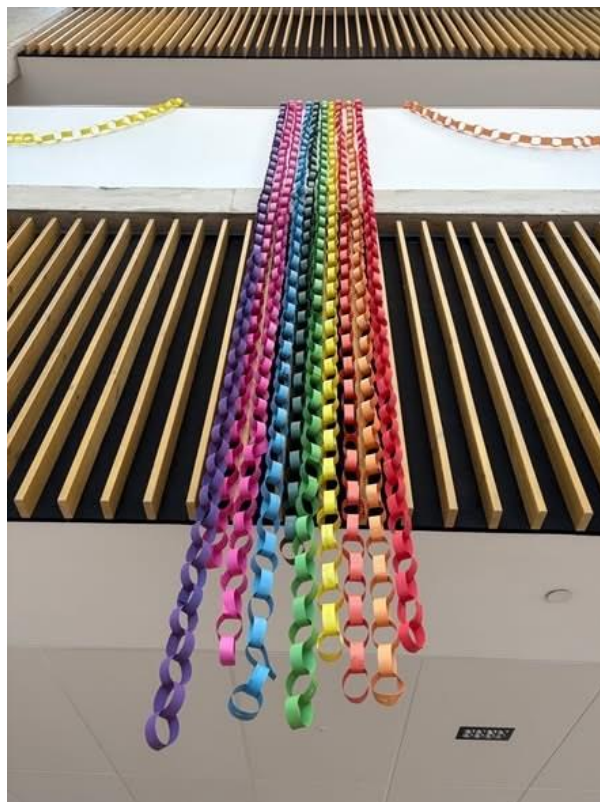
Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support,

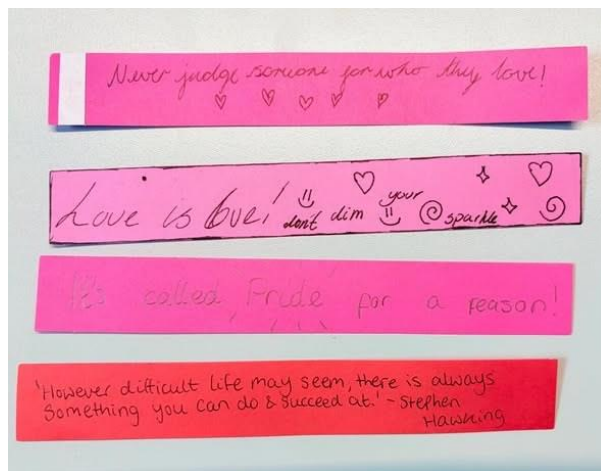
Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher

Pride Month

As part of our Pride Month celebrations at PHS, all pupils in PSE have been learning about the history of LGBT rights and had the chance to write a message of support on over 1,300 paper chains that have made up our Pride Flag. Kindness and inclusion in action.





Good luck Scotland!

Thank you to our wonderful staff and pupils musicians giving us all a cheer at break today!



Music Success

A proud moment for [Peebles High School](#) pupils, James - alto saxophone, grade 8, passed with merit Mariana - alto saxophone, grade 5, passed with distinction Rose - flute, grade 5,

passed with merit Erin - clarinet, grade 2, passed with merit. Some of the many exam successes this term. Thank you to our woodwind instructor, Mrs Short for her work and support from families. Well done all!



Florence 2026

What a week! Eighteen pupils and three staff have returned from an unforgettable five days in Florence, full of culture, history, food and new experiences. Throughout the trip, pupils explored some of Italy's most famous sights, including the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, Santa Croce, Piazzale Michelangelo, Pisa and the Uffizi Gallery. They also enjoyed a guided walking tour of Florence, visited local markets and, of course, made plenty of stops for delicious Italian gelato along the way! One of the highlights of the trip was a hands-on pasta-making workshop, where pupils learned traditional Italian techniques before enjoying the meal they had helped to create. The trip gave pupils the opportunity to experience Italian language and culture beyond the classroom, develop their confidence and independence, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Most importantly, our pupils were a credit to Peebles High School throughout the trip. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and willingness to embrace every opportunity made us incredibly proud. A huge thank you to the pupils, staff and parents who helped make the trip such a success.













Football Success

Well done to S2 students Finlay Gibbs and Frankie Dodds on their recent football achievements with Penicuik Athletic Youth Football Club. An excellent cup run saw them through to the Division 2 East of Scotland League Cup Final against North Merchiston, who had gone unbeaten all season and had already secured the league title. Penicuik reached the final after winning every game in the competition; a fantastic achievement in itself. The final was a great game which finished level at full time, meaning a penalty shootout. Remarkably, both sides matched each other through eight penalties before North Merchiston eventually came out on top. While the boys were naturally disappointed not to win the trophy, they

should be extremely proud of what they achieved - a great example of the commitment, teamwork and resilience they have shown throughout the season. Great effort!



Mountain Biking

Congratulations to recently-left S6 Stan Nisbet for his efforts in the recent UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Downhill Series. Stan achieved his best result to date in South Korea, taking 7th overall! Stan is in his 2nd Junior year with AON Racing. Next, the series takes him to Europe, America, and Canada, where is is hopeful to improve on this result. Follow his team and Stan's progress @AonRacing Good luck Stan!



PHS Traitors and Peeblesshire Foodbank!

This was an imaginative fundraiser! staff at Peebles High School played a game of Traitors, with Mrs Ferguson as Claudia...the game lasted six weeks and raised hundreds of pounds that came to the foodbank. Thank you so much, looks brilliant fun! #onepeebles



Sports Day 2026

What a fantastic Sports Day! A brilliant atmosphere at Whitestone Park then at the school where everyone came out for the Relay Championships. Everything One Peebles is about, terrific encouragement and noise from the spectators, a very high level of competition and a day where inclusion and kindness were there for all to see. It was very close - Dunrig won overall Athletics Championship, Meldoun win the Relay Cup and Cademuir win the Inter House Trophy. Thank you everyone who made this a great day.













































Scottish Schools Under 18 100m Boys Champion

The whole school community salutes Rory Smith in this fantastic achievement. A first for PHS and this outstanding student and athlete who embodies our school values. Good luck representing Scotland, Rory. It was great for the whole school to give Rory a cheer at Sports Day today.

Work hard.

Contribute.





Scottish Schools Athletics Championships

Peebles High School pupils competed at the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships at Grangemouth Stadium over 2 days at the weekend. Friday started off with the 1500m events and 4 of our pupils taking part. Rowan Farquhar ran in her first national championships and posted a PB in the girls U16s race. Also, with a PB in the U18s boys race was Lewis Riddell who had the worst of the days conditions to contend with. Bella Moran ran in the final of the girls U18 1500m and narrowly missed out on a PB. Jack Foley just missed out on a place in the boys U18 final but he goes away next weekend with our best wishes as he competes for Scotland in a hill running event in Southern Italy, good luck! Friday afternoon was the turn of the sprinters for the 100m events. Cara Murray and Ada MacLaren in the U16 girls race were both competing for the first time too. Getting personal bests for sprinters on Friday was proving to be difficult as there was a strong tail wind helping the runners down the track and mostly making their times illegal. Cara ran very well in her heat finishing 4th and Ada progressed to semi-finals to be the 10th fastest female on the day in her age group, again just missing out on the final. Amy Champan and Evita Teika both competed in the U18 girls race, with Evita getting to the semi-finals and setting a PB on the way. James Cockburn and Rory Smith both ran in the U18 boys race, both getting PBs in the same semi-final. Rory progressed to the final winning his semi in the fastest time and James just missed out by 0.06s. The U18 boys final was the last race of the day and if Rory could repeat his efforts in the final a gold medal awaited. Rory got a blistering start and left his fellow finalists in his wake from the gun to win the final by 1.5 metres. His winning time of 11.14s was wind assisted and did not count but nevertheless he was crowned Scottish Schools Champion for 2026! On day 2 (Saturday) it was 200m, 400m and triple jump time. Evita Teika and Rowan Flynn both ran in the girls U18 200m and both set new PBs. Rowan also competed for the first time in the triple jump and jumped a very commendable 9.16m in conditions not ideal for jumping. Arthur Tomyak and James Cockburn ran in the boys U18 event with James making up for Friday's disappointment not getting to the 100m final with a PB in the 200m and a spot in the final. Unfortunately, James had to withdraw from the final with a hamstring injury picked up in his heat. Harry Aitken and Robert Horton also made it to finals in the 200m U16 boys and the 400m U18 boys races respectively. Both runners set new PBs in their heats with Harry 6th and Robert 8th in their final. A great 2 days of athletics from PHS pupils with PBs and finals galore. Congratulations to Rory once again, King of the Sprints!!

















PHS Sports Day Fun for The Glen!

PHS Sports Day Fun for The Glen! What a fantastic day at Sports Day! The excitement started with face painting as our Buddies arrived in The Glen to help everyone proudly show off their house colours. From there, it was off to the relay races, with brilliant support from staff, our Buddies and Sports Leaders. The encouragement from the crowd was amazing and helped make the day even more special. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all who helped make the day such a success. Inclusion was the real winner today!











German Music Exchange

Fabulous first day of exchange rehearsals with the Scottish and German students.









Help Graham match Caroline in his fantastic challenge - good luck!!

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Diabetes Fund Raising

On Sunday the 14th June, Roman Nash and Emily Dodds took part in the Breakthrough T1D walk in Edinburgh. The girls walked/ran 10k to raise awareness for Type 1 diabetes and to raise funds for research into a cure. Over £15,000 was raised collectively from the Edinburgh walk. What a fantastic contribution to a very important cause. Well done!!



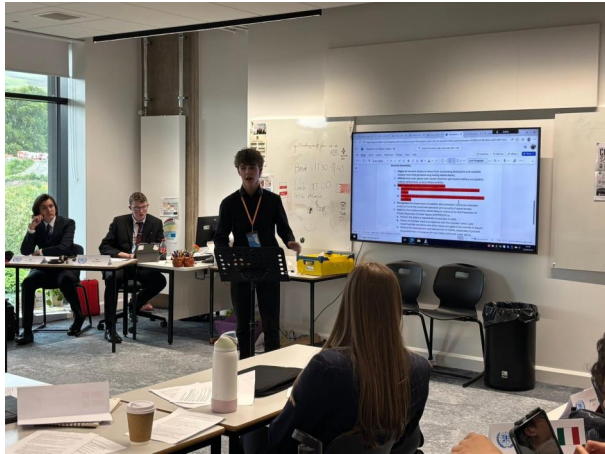
Model UN Conference

We are very pleased to welcome delegates to our Model UN conference. Fantastic to see young people from different schools working together. This is more than debating; it is an investment in the leaders of tomorrow. In a global context of polarization, Model UN gives us hope and speaks directly to our own values. Work hard. Show kindness. Contribute.











UN Commission on the Status of Women

Sponsors: Somalia

Signatories: Malaysia, Vietnam, Germany, Spain, Latvia, Brazil, Nigeria, Italy, USA, Pakistan

Topic: Period Poverty

Observing the significant issues and barriers faced by those experiencing period poverty,

Noting with deep concern the disparity between the two sexes that exist in the world even today,

Recognising all previous efforts of relevant UN bodies,

Stressing the need for imminent action and implementation of international measures,

1. Calls for the development of a worldwide curriculum for all young girls and women in school on issues such as:
 - a. Menstrual health;
 - b. Female genital mutilation and the dangers and complications it causes;
2. Emphasises the importance of eliminating cultural taboos on menstruation and women's health through education of all generations and both genders;
3. Encourages nations to provide free sanitary products for all young girls and women both in:
 - a. All schools;
 - b. Public restrooms;
4. Urges countries to build safe and clean toilet facilities with running water in schools to be available and accessible to all girls;
5. Requests states to bring in training programs for women of all generations to be taught how to make reusable sanitary products starting in the most vulnerable communities and countries;
6. Recommends the creation of a service in schools to provide pain medication and management services to students experiencing pain due to menstruation;
7. Calls upon states to ensure their schools have work that can be completed at student's homes if they are unable to attend school due to periods;
8. Require schools to have teachers or volunteers trained in menstruation in case of situations of students facing abnormalities.





