PHS HT Community Update 11/9/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

Instagram

- This update is now available to see on Instagram at highschoolpeebles.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and I hope everyone has a nice weekend.

Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher

S1 Family Learning Event

It was lovely to welcome many of our S1 families to PHS last week with our Family Learning event. S2/3 students treated us to some humorous, personal and reflective tales of how to thrive in S1 and the S2 Academies. Families then took part in a wide range of learning together, from learning to brew the perfect flat white or produce perfect pancakes, to scooting a bike and saving lives with CPR, as well as many more!

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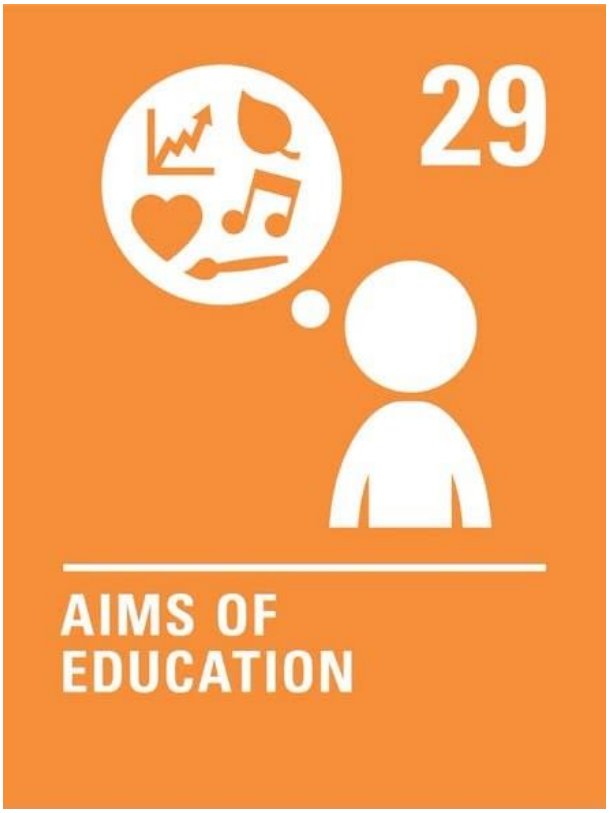
Rowathon

Really proud of PHS Head Team and Dancers who contributed to the Rowathon at West Linton Primary School. Big shout out to Fin Gibbs for his rowing and photography. A fantastic effort!! https://givestar.io/gs/west-linton-community-24-hour-rowathon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Hockey

Peebles HS enjoyed fab hockey matches v Selkirk this afternoon with the 1st X1 winning 3:2 and the S3X1 winning 4:3. Selkirk HS ran out winners in the S2 and S1 matches. Well done to all players, teachers and umpires!

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PHS Wider Curriculum

Looking for something to do at Lunchtime or afterschool? Then why not try some of the Wider Curriculum activities on offer every week. Full details can be found on year group Teams. Great work by our House Captains for pulling this together.

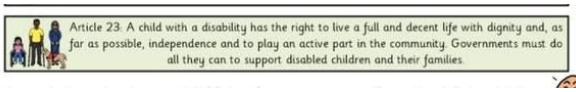
Contribute

Out and About in Peebles with The Glen!

As part of Scottish Learning Disability Week, The Glen learners, teachers, PSAs and S6 Buddies have been out and about in our local community.Being part of the community means being seen, valued and included. Our learners have the same right to enjoy, contribute to and be active members of the communities where they live and learn. These experiences help build connections, confidence and independence while also celebrating the important place our young people have within our community.

Seen. Valued. Included.

Peebles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Safety on the hills

Thank you so much to the Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue Team for giving up their time to come and show the S2 Academies Hill Skills group what they do and how the young people can stay safe on the hills.

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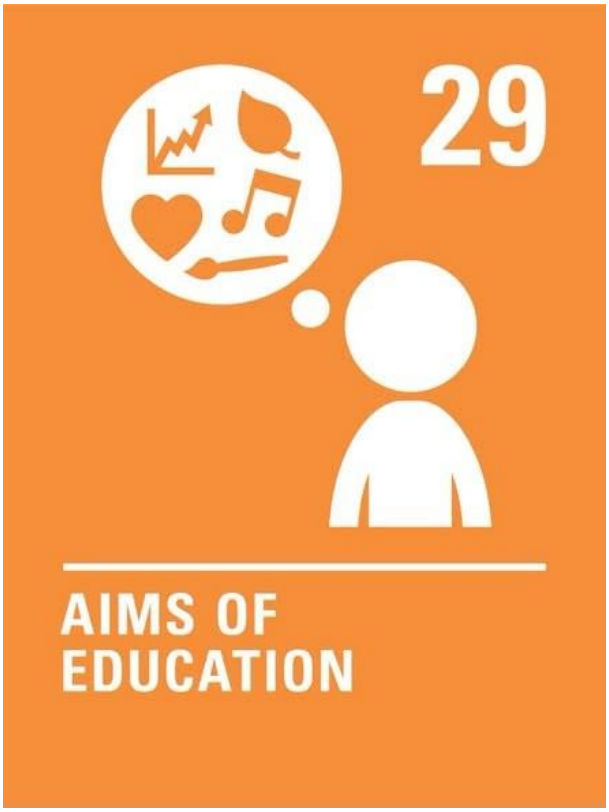

B.A.N.G. Borders Additional Needs Group

PHS Student Parliament

The Student Parliament met this week to discuss lots of exciting projects and leadership opportunities taking place across the school. We heard about:- Rights Respecting School Award- Inclusion Group - ADHD- S2 Academies- Digital Schools Award- Learning and Teaching - House Captains - Head Team The young people embodied our school values and their participation is a great example of how we uphold Article 12 of the UNCRC.

PHS Head Prefects

The Head Team had an amazing opportunity today at Tweedbank to meet the other Borders Secondary schools head teams. They had a full day of team building and workshops which helped develop their leadership skills. They also planned for next month's meeting at SBC headquarters where they'll attend a committee meeting in Council Chambers and meet elect members.

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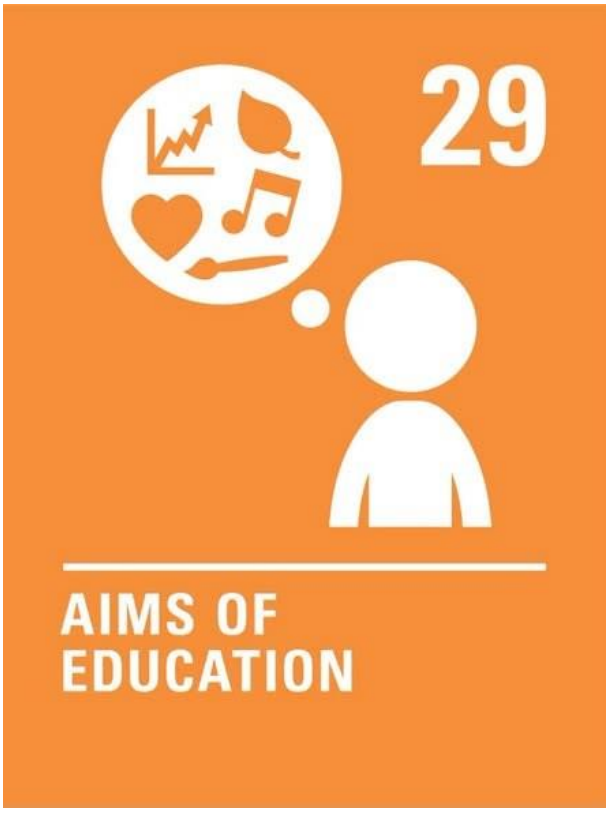
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Netball Success

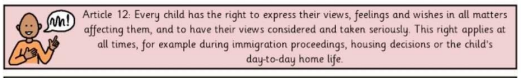
Last week, our Nancy T was off to Loughborough to represent Scotland as part of the U15s at the netball UK School Games. We're super proud of her. Go Nanc!

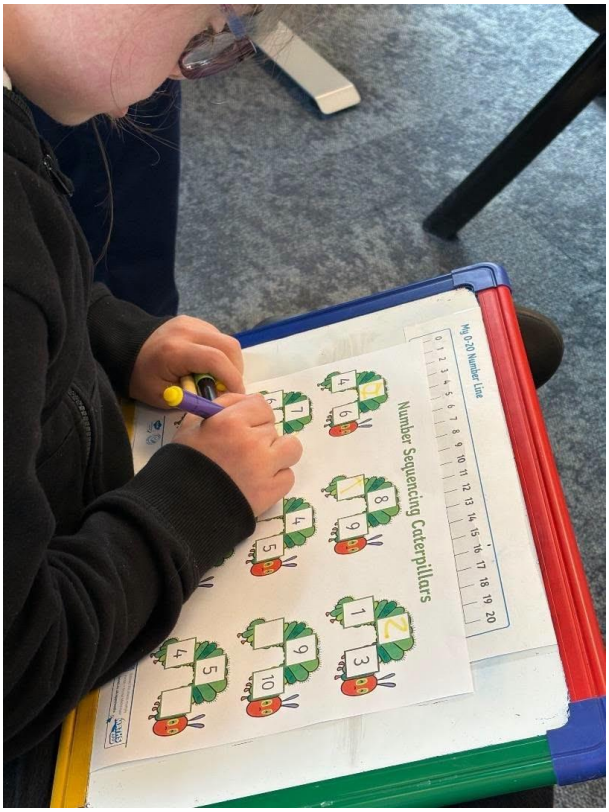
Scottish Learning Disability Week

As part of Scottish Learning Disability Week and this year's theme, our learners in The Glen have been celebrating the importance of being seen, heard and valued.

Having choice is an important part of learning and play. Our learners are supported to share their preferences, make decisions and have their voices heard in ways that are meaningful to

them – whether through words, signs, symbols, communication aids, actions or expressions.This reflects Article 12 of the UNCRC, which recognises every child and young person's right to express their views and have them taken seriously.In The Glen, pupil voice looks different for every learner – and every voice matters.





Mountain Biking at SCQF Level 5

A new Customised Award in Mountain Biking at SCQF Level 5 has officially launched, creating an exciting new vocational pathway for young people and adult learners interested in developing practical skills and careers within Scotland's growing mountain bike sector.

The award was developed through a partnership between Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBinS), Qualifications Scotland, and key education partners including Peebles High School, the qualification combines practical riding, leadership, maintenance, fitness, and trail management skills.

Leaning will take place both practically and in classroom-based learning to provide students with a broad introduction to the mountain bike industry. The award has been designed for delivery within schools, colleges, and training providers and offers a flexible structure that can be adapted to suit available facilities, teaching expertise, and learner needs.

Learners completing the qualification will gain experience in areas including mountain bike riding fundamentals, athletic performance, bike maintenance, trail inspection and maintenance, and riding skills progression. The qualification has been developed to provide both progression opportunities into further education and direct pathways into employment across Scotland's outdoor recreation and cycling industries.

The award has also been designed to support development of core employability skills including communication, teamwork, leadership, problem solving, organisation, and safe outdoor practice.

Caroline Wallace, PE Teacher at Peebles High School, said: "Peebles High School was proud to play a role in developing this qualification and ensuring it reflects both the needs of learners and the realities of the mountain bike industry."

"This award provides an engaging and practical way for young people to build confidence, develop transferable skills, and explore future career opportunities connected to Scotland's outdoor economy. We believe it will be hugely valuable for learners who thrive through hands-on and vocational learning experiences."

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Scottish Learning Disability Week 2026

The Glen have continued Scottish Learning Disability Week 2026 by creating badges that reflect the school values and their right to be included in education. H very proudly wore his S6 badge. Mr S in drama showed that by using symbols to communicate learning and his symbol lanyard to support instructions, he could include all learners.

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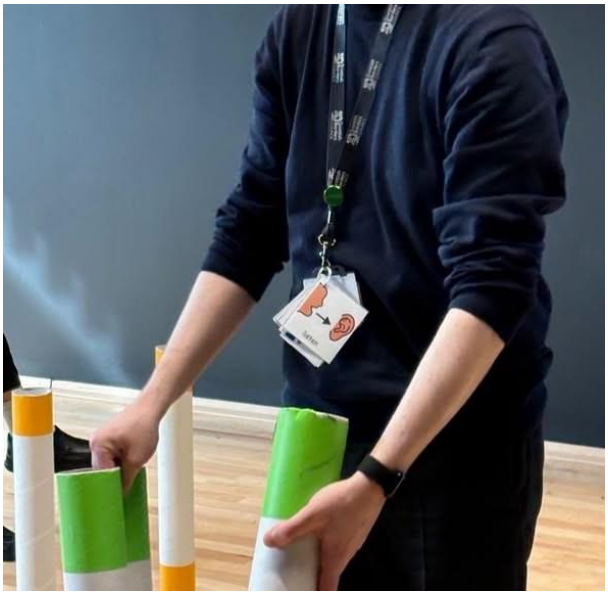
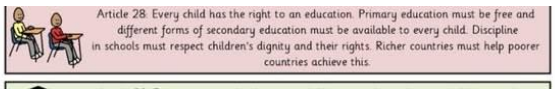




Scottish Learning Disabilty Week

In The Glen this week we shall be celebrating Scottish Learning Disabilty Week.The theme for 2026 is: I am here...to be seen. We will highlight being seen in Peebles High School.
https://scotldweek.com/2026-theme/

Being seen means:

- People listen to you
- People include you
- People value your strengths
- People respect your choices
- People see who you really are

What does “to be seen” mean?

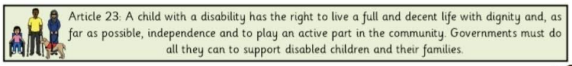
People with learning disabilities often feel they are not seen.

Not being seen:

- People talk about you instead of to you
- Your ideas are ignored
- You are left out
- Other people make decisions for you

This year, we are not just saying ‘I am here.’ We are saying ‘I am here... to be seen!’

Article 23: children
with a disability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Tanzania Duck Race

Our Tanzania team held their duck race along the Cuddy this afternoon and winners have been informed. Congratulations to all those who bought and sold ducks, as well as all those who took part today. We are so grateful for your generosity - it will make an enormous difference.

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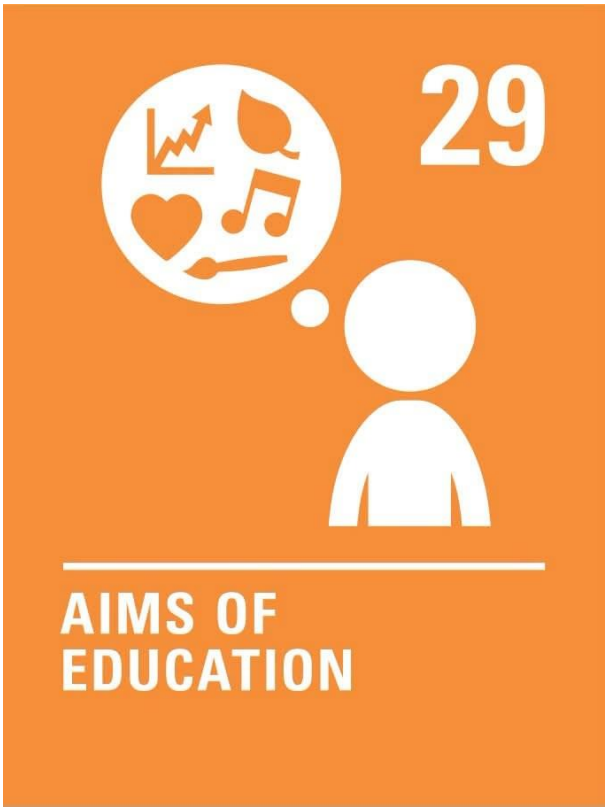
Rugby

A lovely morning of rugby v George Watson's College. Our S1, S2 and U15 team all achieved wins and lots of boys playing too! Thanks to all teachers, refs, volunteer coaches and players for making it all happen.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