



PHS HT Community Update 18/9/26

Scotland's Wee Read

- On Wednesday 7th October we want everyone in the school community to take part in [Scotland's Wee Read](#) and take a pledge with us to read (for a few or fifty minutes). Even reading for just six minutes has been shown to reduce stress so join us and enjoy the pleasure of reading.
- The ENGLISH / RMPS faculty plan pledge that all BGE classes and teachers will read for pleasure during their English lesson that day. We'd love others in the school community to pledge to join us.
- School colleagues might read to their class (e.g. from a favourite novel) or offer pupils the chance to read in class. Perhaps you might lead a discussion of what you and your students are reading.
- Parents might read to, or with, their young people or visit the library or bookshop to find their next read.
- Discover the joy of reading in whatever form you choose—novels, poetry, comics, magazines, cookbooks or blogs. Every kind of reading counts.
- Please let me know what you're doing so we can ask our Tweed Read leaders to chronicle the events of the day – email simon.charles@glow.sch.uk

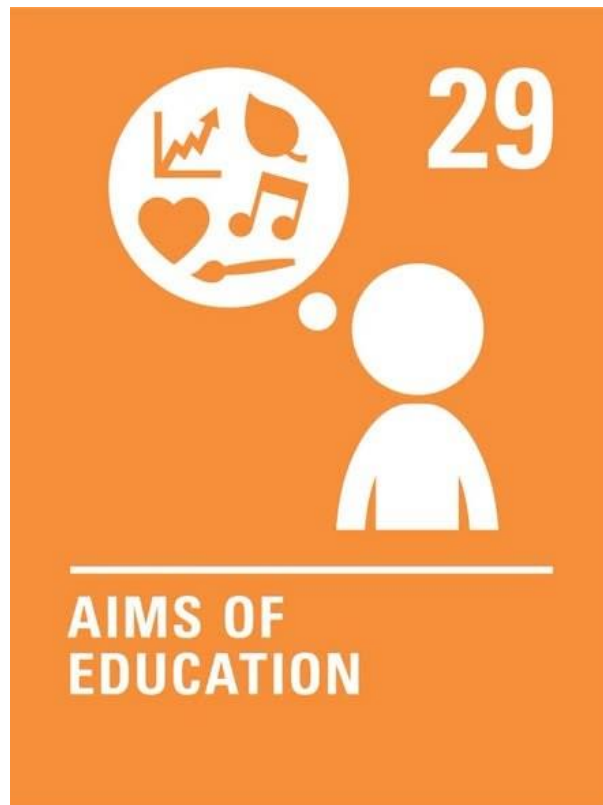
This is a simple invitation for everyone to stop, take a few minutes, and enjoy the pleasure of reading.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Presentation Evening

The Duke of Edinburgh Programme for this session launched last week with an awards evening celebrating the achievements of around 80 Bronze and 35 Silver Participants. Many thanks to Oenone Weild, Erin Hanekom, Frankie Smellie, Erica Munnis, Isla Davidson, Katie

Bramhall and Bella Moran who spoke beautifully about their experiences. Completing the award means showing commitment to volunteering, physical activity and developing skills, as well as completing a demanding but enjoyable overnight expedition. Congratulations to all involved!





European Day of Languages

We are getting ready to celebrate **European Day of Languages** at Peebles High School next week!

A quick reminder that we'll be celebrating with a range of fun activities throughout the school.

Pupils will have the chance to celebrate different languages and cultures, while also recognising the importance of being able to communicate with people from around the world.

Please see the attached poster for more details.

Hello! Bonjour! Ciao! iHola!

European Day of Languages Week

w/c 21st September

European Day of Languages is a celebration of languages and cultures, highlighting the benefits of learning languages and the diversity of languages spoken across Europe and beyond.

1 Tuesday Lunchtime - Face Painting

Our S6 Language Ambassadors will be in the canteen at lunchtime offering face painting inspired by different countries and flags.

2 Wednesday - Country Colours Day

Each year group has its own country:

S1 - Sweden	S4 - Finland
S2 - Norway	S5 - Czechia
S3 - Poland	S6 - Hungary

Wear your normal school uniform, but you can wear a jumper or top in your year group's country colours. No football tops please.

Ideas for accessories:

- face paint or small painted flag
- nail polish in the colours of the flag
- ribbons, hair accessories or other small accessories

3 Languages Quiz in PSE

In PSE classes, pupils will take part in a quiz about the importance of languages, language learning and languages around the world.

4 The Masked Singer - Languages Edition!

Mystery members of staff will be disguised behind masks and singing in a foreign language.

★ S1-S3 will watch the videos in class.

★ Senior Phase can watch by scanning the QR codes.

Can you guess:

- Who is the masked teacher?
- What language are they singing in?
- What's the song?

Legal and Criminology class

On Thursday, the Level 6 Legal and Criminology classes got to hear from two trainee solicitors from Thorntons-Law. Pupils learned about pathways to working in a legal profession, day-to-day jobs of a trainee solicitor and got some good tips for UCAS applications. Pupils also got to engage in a mock-trial and learned more about when to call an individual to the stand in a criminal court case.

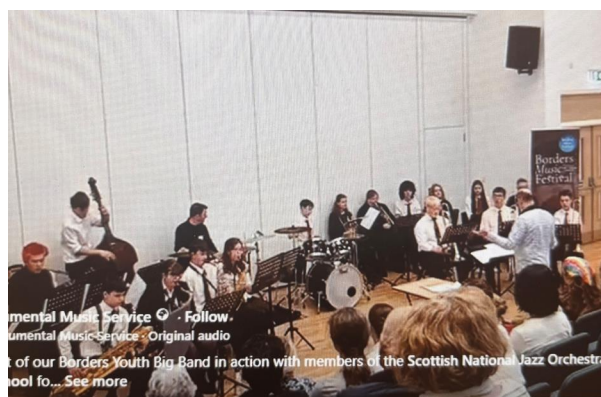
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Scottish National Jazz Orchestra at PHS

Another highlight of our Borders Youth Big Band in action with members of the [Scottish National Jazz Orchestra](#). A big thanks to [Peebles High School](#) for providing their auditorium, classrooms, friendly and supportive staff throughout yesterday for what was a great event supported by [Borders Music Festival](#) and [The Hugo Burge Foundation](#). A delight to have 5 of secondaries represented from across [Scottish Borders Council](#) - Peebles High School, [Galashiels Academy](#), [Kelso High School](#), [Earlston HS](#) and [Jedburgh Grammar Campus Secondary](#) - well done everyone!



Staff Contributions

Our CDT Technician is part of the [Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue Team](#). Today Roddy was called out with the team then it was back to PHS! Very important work for our community!!

Contribute.



Dancing Opportunity

Fiona Henderson
School of Dance
Dance for Performance



8-9 pm Thursdays | S1-S6

**NEW
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Are you in S1 - S6?
Have you always wanted to dance but
never quite got around to starting?
Maybe you danced when you were
younger but gave it up?
Want to dance now for fun and
fitness?
Then this is the class for you.

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Oenone and Project Trust

I am challenging myself to complete the Three Peaks to raise money for a year teaching English at schools in Peru with Project Trust after S6! The challenge involves climbing and descending the highest peaks in Scotland, England, and Wales within a 24-hour period. The 24 hours includes walking and driving, beginning when I start climbing the first mountain and ending when I descend the last. I aim to start around the 14th of October, depending on the weather. All of the money I raise will be sent to Project Trust (a registered charity) to cover the expenses of my year-long placement in Huaraz, Peru, where I will be teaching English to children in local schools. My fundraising goal of £7,450 covers flights, health insurance, accommodation, living costs, and training. I would be extremely grateful for any donations!

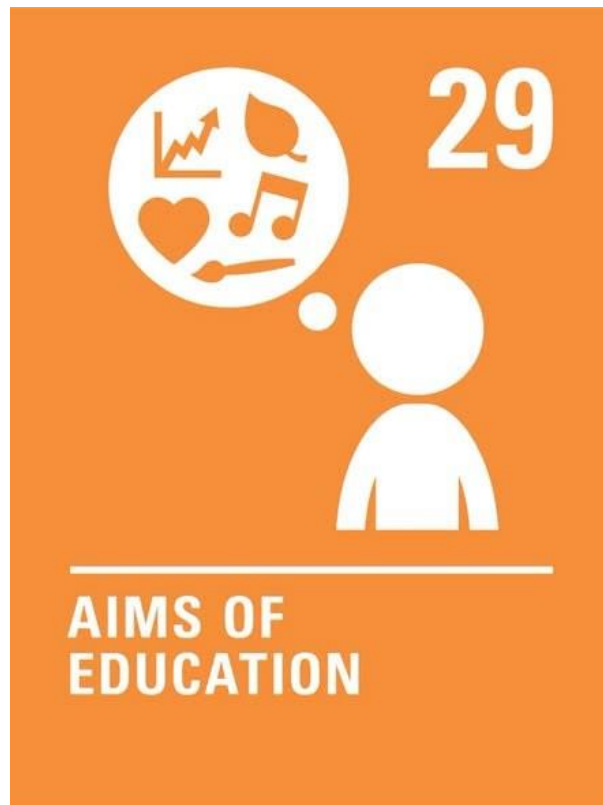


House Captains

It was great to meet up with our wonderful House Captains at their weekly meeting. They have put together a really good range of House Competitions this year - all in year group teams.

Contribute.





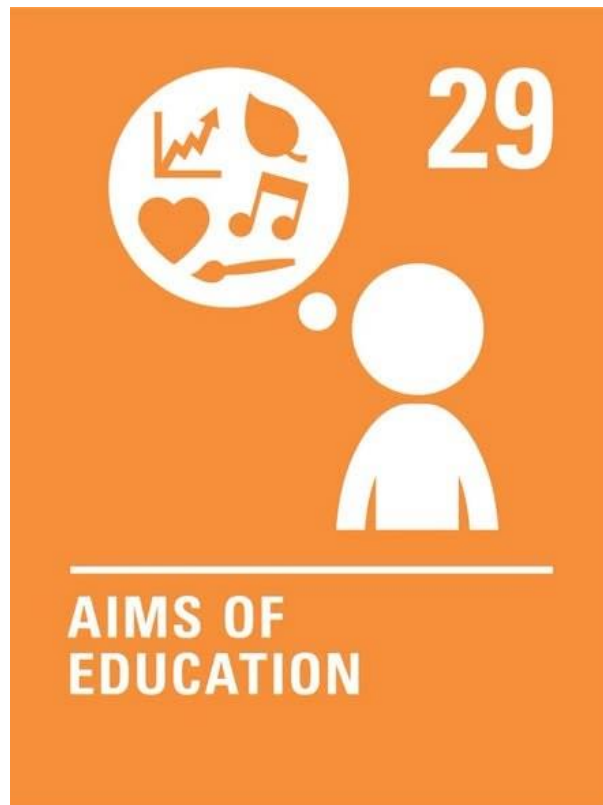
Tweed Reads

It was fantastic to hear some of our [Tweed Reads](#) leaders open our staff meeting last night. Well done all!

Contribute.







Edinburgh Kiltwalk

Well done to Calum Peebles, Robert Horton and Mr McMordie on completing the 21-mile Edinburgh Kiltwalk yesterday! All funds raised will go towards our Tanzania expedition in June 2027. (Also pictured, team mascot Fred!)





Model UN Conference

Well done to all the PHS students who took part in the Model UN conference at George Watson's today. Congrats to all our prize winners and to everyone who came along - especially all our first timers.

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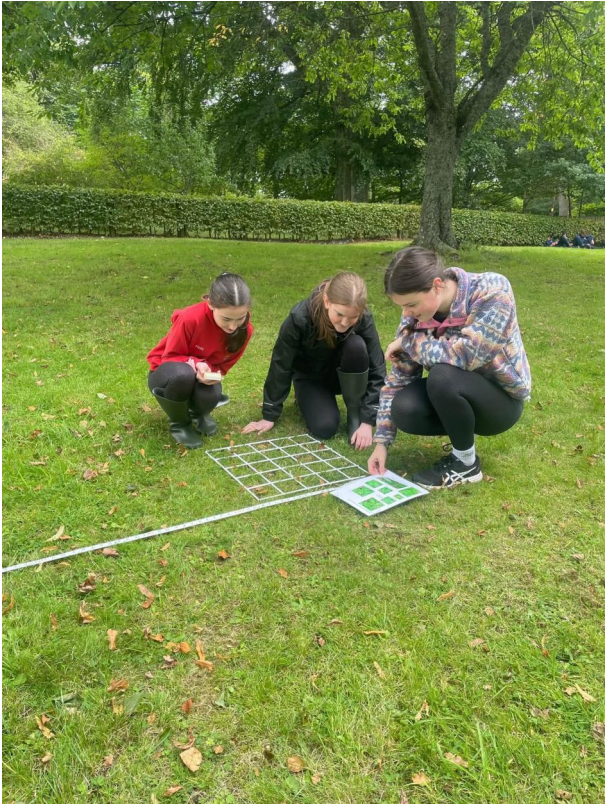


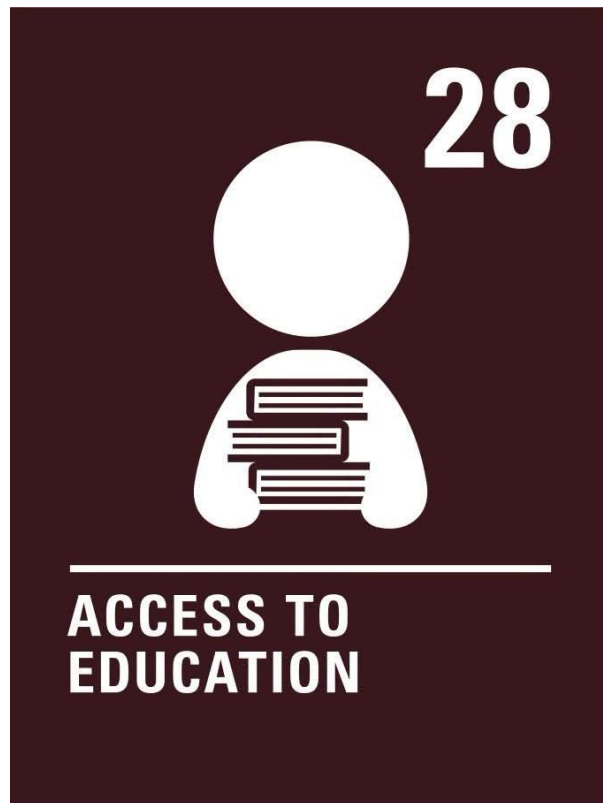
Biology

This week the National 5 Biologists have been out experiencing fieldwork techniques and learning about the biodiversity that can be found on our own doorstep! It's always wonderful to discover the variety of living organisms that thrive in Crookston Burn, and for our young people to put their learning into a real world context.









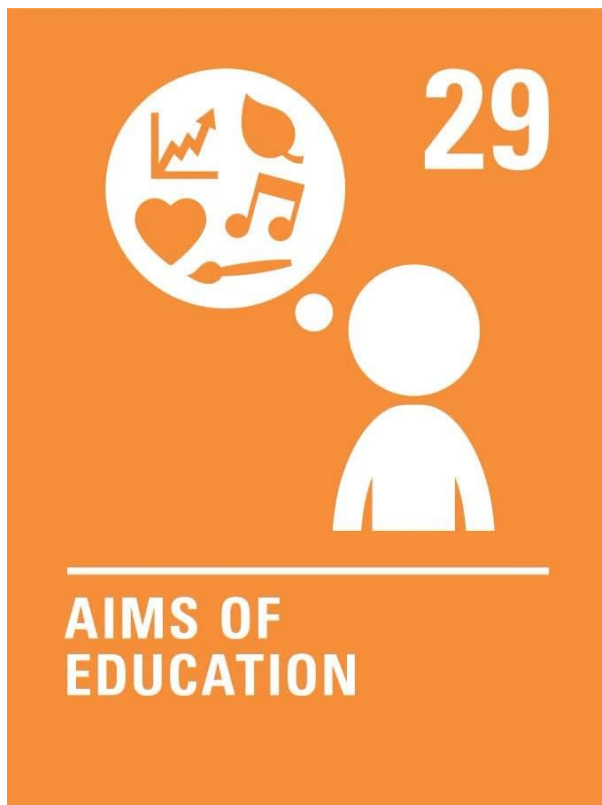
Rugby

A fab set of rugby fixtures v our old friends at Galashiels Academy. Peebles S1 and S2 were both victorious with the Academy winning the U15 fixture. Lots of fun had by all.









Tanzania Fundraising

A very kind and talented amateur artist has donated these beautiful painting to the group of PHS students fundraising for their trip to Tanzania. Please check out these gorgeous works of art and get in touch if you would like to purchase one. All money made goes to a very worthy cause.



