

Boroughmuir Highlight Reel



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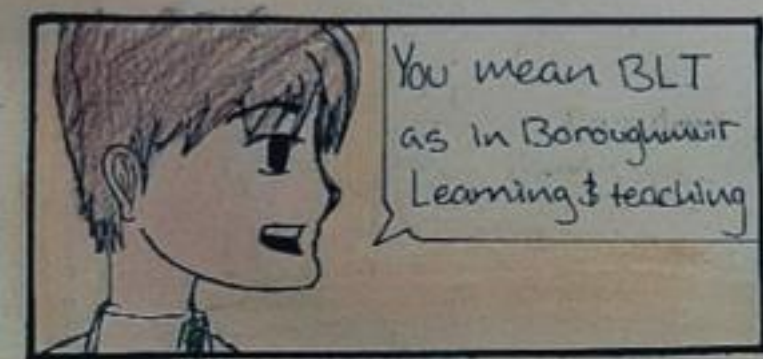
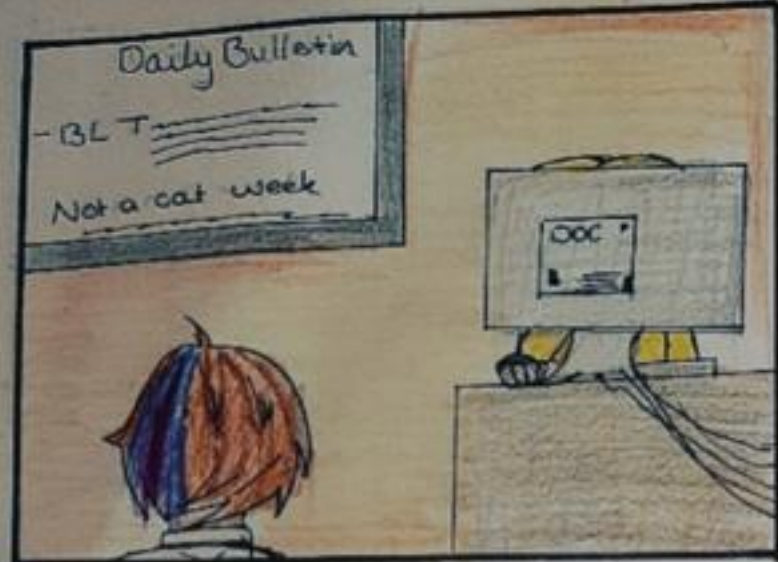
The once known BLT – Boroughmuir Learning and Teaching (Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato) – has returned as the new, made by pupils, Boroughmuir Highlight Reel!

Us, the BLTeam – the name was too good to change, have come together to bring you an issue of the school's magazine to 'highlight' the best parts of Boroughmuir High School Spring 2020 term, what's happened and what's to come.

As this issue is coming out at the climax of the P7's transition, hopefully going to be read by new pupils and their parents. We wanted to also include articles on clubs and places around the school with the theme of inclusivity to help make pupils feel more welcome around the school as well as sharing the spotlight on lesser known groups around the school...



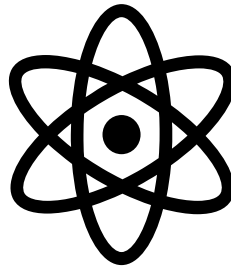
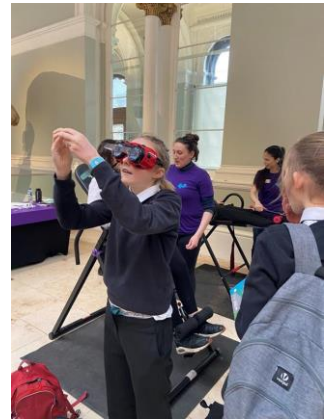
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S2 Visit to the National Museum of Scotland

All 220 S2 pupils braved snowy conditions to attend the “Careers Hive” at the National Museum of Scotland this February! This is the largest careers and skills event in Scotland with over 3000 pupils attending over the week. This was the 5th year in a row the event has run. It was a great chance to meet some amazing individuals and learn about exciting new developments in STEM. Our pupils greatly enjoyed the chance to try some keyhole surgery, engineering skills and some amazing technology including Virtual Reality. There was also a great opportunity to talk to experts about their exciting careers in STEM related subjects and find out about jobs they didn't even know existed!. They participated in a skills workshop and listened to the experience of a former Boroughmuir pupil now a Senior Threat Intelligence Analyst at RBS.

This was a well-timed outing to coincide with S2 course choices being made. This opportunity highlights the importance of developing a broad range of inter-disciplinary skills. Thanks to all staff who went along to help, it was greatly appreciated. We're so glad our pupils had this chance to learn more about the amazing technologies which they could work on in the future!



Girl's choir

The Boroughmuir Girl's Choir and String Ensemble were proud to perform in the Resonate concert at on the 5th of March. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase some of the amazing musicians learning at



S1 and 2 Netball Match Victory!

On the 11th of March, Boroughmuir High School played in a friendly against The Mary Erskine School and, if it's appropriate to say, smashed them. We're very proud of our Netball team for their 21 to 2 victory. It was amazing fun for all who came along, and many more matches are planned for the future.

The netball team for first and second year meets every week on a Tuesday after school to practice and it's a great club to be involved in. It's a n amazing way to meet girls from the other year group and everyone always has a laugh along the way. Not many pupils learn this sport at primary school so you can try something brand new at high school and learn a new skill with your friends. We would like to encourage anyone interested to come along and join us to learn the sport and participate in matches.



S4 Prefects



The S4 prefects took on this role while our S6 prefects were on exam leave. They very effectively helped monitor the corridors and atrium areas during break and lunch time.

Most were involved in helping at the S4 Parents' Night by registering Parents and giving out Tea and Coffee. They were a great help – and the Parents thought they were amazing. Well Done and Thank you.

P7 science show

Our annual P7 Science Show took place on Thursday 16th January. This was the first time that our 2020 S1 cohort from all our feeder primary schools met as one group. This showcase event was presented this year by our team of chemistry teachers Mrs Hearnden, Mr McDonald, Mr Dunn and Dr MacMillan who put on a display of colours, bangs and explosions which the pupils all loved with plenty of 'Ohhs and Ahhs.' It is all great fun with some learning thrown in there too.

But all this amazing stuff doesn't just happen. We spent many hours preparing the sections of the show, from making solutions, preparing gas jars, making different gas balloons, organising glassware and equipment, testing experiments and ensuring everything was ready (including the fire safety) and ran smoothly. And then there was the cleaning up and putting everything away at the end! Hard work, but so worthwhile when we see how much the pupils (and their teachers) enjoyed the show. It's definitely a highlight in our life as Science technicians here at the Boroughmuir, the job we love!

So, what do we do? As a science technician our role is to support the science department in delivering a first-class education to our students and maintain high standard of the labs. No two days are ever the same and the job is never boring with something always there to keep us busy. We prepare experiment kits, maintain stock and equipment with some admin work including budget management. We also cover health and safety such as COSHH & risk assessments and we are part of the school's first aid team. We work closely with senior students and give support and guidance in their projects providing training and confidence on results. We are also the 'go to' people when no one else knows what to do, broken school bags, ink or chewing gum on their clothes or chasing round the third floor with a net to rescue a pigeon that had got through one of the vents. Life is never dull!

Mrs Pauline Wearing, Science Technician

Dr Karthika Paranthaman, Senior Science Technician



P1 woodwork

The CDT department went to south morning side primary to make some bird boxes with the p1s. It went well and they successfully made some bird boxes for them.

"It was a delight to work with the South Morningside P1s. I really enjoyed this experience as well as being able to prepare them for transition in a few years!" Greg Head Boy



S2 French Fashion Show

Ooh la la! Monsieur Nelson's S2 French class excelled themselves on the catwalk in a recent "défilé de mode". Working in pairs, they each narrated each others performances and marks were given for style and language. Some excellent use of the third persons singular and plural were combined with stunning drag and teenage flair. On aime leur style.....moitié citadin, moitié punk! Très chic!



A Day In A Life Of An S1

One of our first years wrote a day in their life at school.

On a Thursday I have maths first, and we get to do a variety of different things and it is well organised with many different booklets.

Next, I have English. At the moment we are writing an essay on 'Cats vs. Dogs' but we have also read the play 'Frankenstein' which was very interesting. One of my friends said they

"loved the 10-minute reading we get at the start of each lesson."

After break I have Science, we do a whole range of things in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. ' We do lots of practical work and sometimes even expositions'.

Then it is drama. It is very fun and you get to do a lot of it yourself

'You can be creative while having fun'

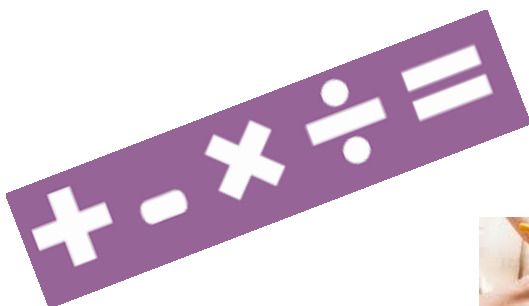
After lunch is history, we get to learn about things from all over the world

' You can learn something new everytime as everything is different'

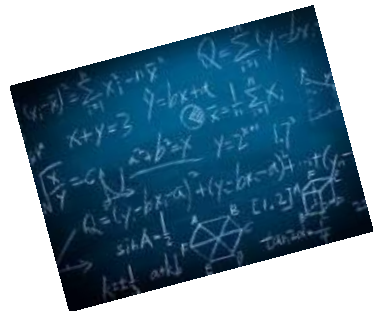
Lastly I have CDT where we make everything from key fobs and spatulas to cars with fireworks in!

'It lets you bring your imagination to life'

And that is a day in the life of an S1



Thursday rap



In maths we do different things

I do algebra, subtractions

Lots of fractions

I hop down two floors and read ma book

And write some essay for the teachers to look



After break I got some science next

I do cool experiments and write some text

I act away as I jump into a new character

After lunch I sit in my chair

While I look into the past with despair

I sit and imagine then I create wonderful
things with words I make

The bell goes and that's ma Thursday in a rap



The old school bell returned



The bell alongside Head team Gregor Holmyard, Isabella Della Sala, Head Teacher David Dempster, CALA Project Manager Craig Donaldson, Imogen Moran and Greg Manson

In early January, the old school bell was returned from old building to new. Speaking after receiving the bell, David Dempster, said: “We’re delighted that CALA has recognised and restored this significant part of our school’s long history. The bell will remain with us as a reminder to all of our staff and pupils of the past.”

Rise Up competition

In December 2019 we entered a competition where we had to design an advertising campaign for the WWF. Our idea was about a public stunt which included filling famous water fountains with plastic to show the hypocrisy of plastic pollution, if plastic isn’t okay in our waterway why is it okay in theirs? We won the first round and then travelled to the Dentsu Aegis offices for our presentation to be filmed and sent off to the finals in London. We ended up coming second out of the whole UK and were Highly commended.



Anna, Anne, Anneliese, Catherine, Menaal (S3)

RMPS Visit

The National 5 and Higher RMPS classes enjoyed a visit from members of different faiths affiliated with the Edinburgh Interfaith Association. The Q & A allowed students to ask a range of questions on life, morality and religion. Information from representatives of the Buddhist, Jewish, Christian and Sikh faiths helped students understanding for assignment topics as well as seeing the similarities which exist amongst faiths and, essentially, all humanity. A great learning event which both staff and pupils enjoyed. The panel were very impressed with the behaviour of the students and the high quality on the questions.

Mr Igoe and the RMPS department



UK Mathematics Competition

On Friday 6th February, four Boroughmuir HS pupils from S1 and 2 entered the first round of a National maths competition at the Edinburgh University Informatics building. They were against nearly 30 schools, both public and private, from around Edinburgh.

We participated in four rounds: a shuttle, crossword, question round, and relay where students were running up and down the hall passing questions and answers! It was an exciting day with a lot of hard-working brains in one room.

Everyone worked their hardest and Boroughmuir was proud to come 14th at the end of the day. A great time was had by all involved and we hope Boroughmuir pupils will return to the competition next year.

