

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 25/10/24

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome pupils back after the October holidays. If you were away over the break, I hope you had a lovely time. Staff had a really productive in-service day on Monday, revisiting the values of the school, and how they translate in relationships around the building. This is on-going work, that will involve pupils, parents and carers, so please do keep an eye out for this over the next few weeks.

The S1 Halloween Disco last night was enjoyed by all - and very well organised by our S6. It was great to see all the creative costumes from those who decided to dress up. We have had a group of S5 linguists away in Seville this week on a school trip. It has also been wonderful to see the Diwali celebrations in school this morning - all organised and led by our pupils. We look forward to welcoming all the prospective parents of our new S1 intake for next year, during our Open Afternoon this afternoon.

Thank you to all pupils/parents and carers who contributed to our house challenge to gather breakfast items for Boroughmuir Beans. We collected over 450 items and raised £1025 which should keep the breakfast club in business for a long time to come. House winners will be revealed at the next house assemblies in November. The breakfast club is free for all our pupils, operating from 8am. All are very welcome.

It has been great to welcome all our students back, the vast majority clearly identifying with the school community through their uniform. As we move into the colder months, please remember that we do not have any expectations with regards winter jackets, as we do not expect families to buy multiple coats. We can also access supplies of winter coats, if any family needs support with this. However, we do ask that all hoodies and jumpers worn to school are in line with our dress code policy. We have lots of spare hoodies which we will happily give to families, should that help in anyway. If there are any sensory issues with this, please talk to your guidance teacher and we can find a solution. Also, just a gentle reminder that we have moved to allowing black and black and white shoes and trainers.

Edinburgh Disability and Neurodiversity Hub

Please see information attached with regards a new service in Edinburgh, which some families might find helpful. The Hub is a partnership between The Yard, Edinburgh Council and NHS - and other partner services.

www.theyardscotland.org.uk/edan-hub

Community issues and parking around the school

I have received emails from the community highlighting issues caused by the tiny percentage of our parents and carers who are collecting their child by car at the end of the school day. They have raised concerns with regards parking on pavements and leaving engines running. If you do need to collect your child from school at the end of the day, many thanks for being considerate of this.

Staffing news

We are interviewing next week for a teacher for our new Enhanced Support Provision and for two PSA positions.

Parent Council Corner

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13 November online, so it would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible, so parents can support Boroughmuir High School to go from strength to strength.

Many thanks.

Wednesday 13 November 2024	On-line
Tuesday 21 January 2025	On-line
Wednesday 7 May 2025	In Person in school and hybrid

Have a lovely weekend,

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