

Head Teacher Weekly Update 15/11/24

Dear Parents and Carers –

Our S4 prelims have completed this week. There is an incredible team of invigilators within the school who helped make the process smooth and calm. I have been so impressed with how the young people have coped and moved through the two weeks, gaining that crucial experience of what an exam feels like, as well as demonstrating where they currently are with regards their knowledge and understanding.

There was the second parent council meeting of the session on Wednesday evening. Many thanks to all those parents and carers who managed to attend. The minutes will follow.

On Friday afternoon there is a Learning Community professional development session, focused on digital learning. Teachers from all the primaries in the learning community, along with all Boroughmuir High School staff, attend work shops lead by colleagues with the key focus on continuing to strengthen digital learning across all our schools.

Children in Need 15 November - Dress Down Day & Bake Sale

Today has been a dress down day and Bake Sale for Children in Need. If you would like to donate to Children in Need you can do so on parent pay.

S4 Prelims

Well done to all the S4s who've been doing their prelim assessments over the past two weeks. We have been delighted with their behaviour and attitude to work. The next step is for them to think carefully about their strengths and weaknesses and use that information to help plan for the rest of the year.

Mr Hayes

Communication policy

Please find attached an overview of our communication policy. Our website is currently being redesigned. I am hopefully this will be ready to launch before Christmas.

Staffing news

We currently have a vacancy for a full time Support for Learning Teacher and two PSA positions, who will be working as part of our Enhanced Support Provision.

Celebration Dinner - 120 years of Boroughmuir

Hopefully, you are aware that the school is celebrating 120 years of educating young people on the south side of Edinburgh.

We are holding a celebratory dinner to mark this significant date in the school's history, which we would love parents and carers to come along. The information is below -

Date Friday 29th November

Time - 6.45pm

Venue - Canalside, Meggetland, part of Boroughmuir Community Sports Club.

Menu - attached

Price - £35

We really want the evening to be a celebration of the community of Boroughmuir High School, and would love to get a couple of tables of parents and carers, representing the current generation of Boroughmuir families.

We would love to see if we gather two, or even three, generations of former Boroughmuir students! Are there any grandparents, parents and children out there, who all attended Boroughmuir?

Numbers are limited, so please do complete the form below if you are interested. If you would like to gather a group of friends to sit on a table together, please state on the Form, and we will arrange that. I will request payment details separately.

[Form](#)

We really do not want finance to be a barrier, and I am aware that Christmas is fast approaching. If you would like to attend, but the cost is a barrier, please do get in touch, and we will see what we can do.

Movember - a message from Mr Beattie - week 2 images attached

'Staff at Boroughmuir are participating in the Movember challenge for the month of November. Movember is a charity that provides financial aid to groups that support men dealing with mental health struggles, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.

For Movember, staff are growing a moustache and/or moving 60km to highlight the global number of male lives lost to suicide, hourly.

If you wish to donate or follow our progress, please visit the link:

<https://movember.com/t/boroughmuir-high-school-staff?mc=1>

Thanks,

Mr Beattie & the Movember team.'

Parent Council Corner

Meeting

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended this week's online Parent Council meeting, a summary will be in next week's newsletter.

Fundraising

The Fundraising Team are testing a couple of easy fundraising ideas this year in part because of changes to Council policy, and to make it as simple as possible for parents to donate if they want to.

Did you know that the School has an Easyfundraising account? Easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra as the cost is covered by the brand. With a couple of clicks, a small percentage of your online purchases are paid to the school, as a kind of commission. This month alone, we made £166.80, all thanks to those small amounts that add up! This is so effortless and valuable, that we wanted to shout about it now, especially coming up to Christmas, when more online purchases may be made.

To take part, you add an extension to your browser to remind you to donate - all instructions are on the app:

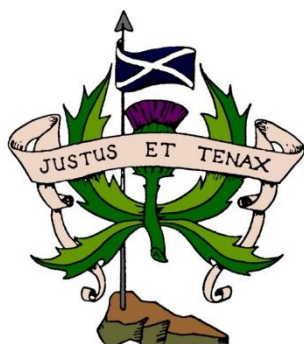


The banner features the Easyfundraising logo on the left. The main text reads: "Raise free donations for us as you pick up Christmas gifts!". Below this is a yellow "Sign up" button. On the right, there is a grid of brand logos including John Lewis, eBay, Etsy, HM, Debenhams, M&S, Asda, Tesco, and Next. Below the grid, it says "and 8,000+ online retailers...". The background is dark red with white stars.

[easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Secondly, we have a Just Giving account which we will use for facilitating our events, but contributions can be made at any time.

Your donations come directly back to the School to support your young people.



[Help raise £500 to support our parent council to provide much needed clubs, activities and spaces within BHS.](#)

justgiving.com

The School will be very grateful for any donations that come via any of these methods. Pupils benefit from what the PC collects, which is discussed and voted on at PC meetings and goes toward things like the sports teams, science labs, spaces for young people to use, and much much more. We encourage you to come along to any PC meetings to get involved or to find out more!

Future meetings

Tuesday 21st January - online

Wednesday 7th May - hybrid - in person and on-line

Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend,

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