

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 21.03.25

Dear Parent/ Carer,

It has been lovely to see the bright sunny weather this week, as we enter the final couple of weeks before the Easter holidays. We are looking forward to the TED talks in school this afternoon. We have also been marking neurodiversity week. Our pupils who attend out NEST group (neurodiverse peer support group) have written an informative and thought provoking assembly to all pupils in assemblies this week. Their work and delivery has had a real impact and the whole school is really grateful for their insight and messages. We are also starting our process of self evaluation as a school. To really help us with this, can I ask all parents and carers to consider completing the questionnaire included in this newsletter. It is really important to us that we listen to the views of our community, which will allow us to work together as a school to decide what our priorities will be for next year. Your voice is really important in this process.

Parent/carer evaluation Form

Family supports available

Dyslexia Scotland South East is pleased to host a Dyslexia Masterclass for parents with Sharon Hall on Thursday 27 March at 7 – 8.30pm on Zoom. Full details and free tickets here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dyslexiascotland2/1614252>

Whole Family Wellbeing Parents & Carers Event

Wednesday 14th May Edinburgh Napier University, River Suite at Craiglockhart Campus. Please see flyer attached for more information.

Support for Healthy Heads

This is a new resources from City of Edinburgh for pupils and their families.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homepage/10532/wellbeing-edinburgh>

This week, can I highlight the section for parents and carers in relation to neurodiversity, within the additional support needs section . This [link](#) will take you directly to that section.

Supporting your child with on-line safety

There is one hour session for parents and carers of young people with ASN needs delivered by Police Scotland and the Lucy Faithful Foundation.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keeping-your-child-safe-online-porn-nudes-and-online-sexual-harm-tickets-1221008632689?aff=erelexpmlt&keep_tld=1andrea

They also are offering an in person session at Drummond HS (details in the link) but this is not specifically for parents/carers of children/YP who have ASN.

[Keeping your child safe online: Porn, Nudes and Online Sexual Harm](#)

Join the Grove Community Garden at Boroughmuir High School to sow seeds for spring! Come along to learn about the progress so far and how you can get involved in making the Boroughmuir school garden a haven for pupils, plants, and wildlife. We'll be sowing seeds for the annual RHS "[Grow With It](#)" celebration. Saturday, March 29 · 10:30am - 12:30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grow-with-the-grove-at-boroughmuir-high-school-tickets-1259311738309>

Careers ENGAGE Event

Our next Careers ENGAGE event is taking place on the **25th March, 2025 between 18:30 and 20:00** and we have a fantastic set of speakers to educate pupils about their jobs, industries and their journey. We are keen to have as many pupils attend this event as possible so they learn what sort of options await them when they leave school. The event is once again hosted at **Myreside Pavillion, 79 Myreside Rd, Edinburgh EH10 5DB.**

Our Speakers:-

- Keara Murphy- Global Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader/HR Leader, Amazon
- Jeremy Balfour- Member of Scottish Parliament (MSP)
- Debbie Byers- Director of a Public Relations company, Beeline PR
- Richard Fraser- Director of a Stonemasonry & Plastering company, Limerich
- Daniel O'Hara- Award Winning Film & Television Director, Writer & Producer

Each speaker will chat to the room for around 8 minutes each and then host a table to answer more specific questions from pupils. Parents/carers are always welcome to accompany pupils.

Please use the below link or the QR code on the poster to sign up for the event so we can gauge numbers of who will be attending. No ticket is required for entry on the day though.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/engage/engage-careers-event/2025-03-25/18:30/t-norpyed>

Study Support

Please find attached the in-school study support programme.

Please consider signing up the e-Sgoil programme over the Easter Holidays - [Easter Study Support | e-Sgoil](#). Pupils were emailed their Glow username and password. They can email the school office or see me for their Glow username and password.

If pupils are using a school iPad to access Glow and/or e-Sgoil then pupils must follow the instructions in the link below:

[Accessing Glow on an Empowered Learning iPad – Edinburgh Learns Digital](#)

Parent Council Corner

Fundraising

The Fundraising Team have five ways you can help support the school:

1. **Would you have some spare wood?** The Woodwork Club at school are looking for some clean, dry wooden blanks so they can manufacture high-quality products such as bowls, spurtles and chopping boards! This helps to develop the pupils' practical skills and encourages creativity and problem-solving! If you can help, **please email** Jonny.Ross@boroughmuir.edin.sch.uk
2. **Sign up to easy fundraising-** turn your daily shopping into funds for the school! Shop from the easyfundraising website or app and part of what you spend is donated to Boroughmuir High School. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by over 8,000 participating brands. **We have raised £132.65 in the last 3 months** – that enables the Parent Council to say yes to more funding requests to benefit the school community. Thank you shoppers, **sign up here:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boroughmuir-pc/payments/9f5880/>
3. **Donate via our Just Giving account-** which will be used to support our school in many different ways **-we have raised £500 this year**. Come along to one of our Parent Council meetings to hear the details of funding requests and find out what funding is approved by vote. **Donate at any time:** https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bhs-fundraising?utm_term=32ERnm3jx
4. **Fundraising event date for your diary-** Plans are in progress for a fundraising event on Saturday 24 May 2025. We will be looking for parent and carer volunteers on the day and in preparation. Keep an eye on the Parent Council Corner for more details to come over the next couple of months. If you are available to help, please email: pcfundraisingboroughmuirhighsc@gmail.com

5. Art and Photography Showcase Exhibition Thursday 3 April 2025 - The PC Fundraising Team will again be supporting this showcase event of the Senior Pupil's exam portfolio work from S4-6. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents, carers and friends to see all the student's hard work and creativity in one place! This gives you an example of another way the PC Fundraising Team support the school, by providing and serving soft drinks and nibbles on the night. No helpers needed for this one- we've got it covered, just come along and enjoy!

Future Parent Council meetings

Wednesday, 7th May - hybrid - in person and online.

Many thanks,

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