

## **Head Teacher Weekly Update – 02.05.25**

**Dear all –**

What a glorious week it has been. I hope you have all managed to enjoy the weather. A reminder that school is closed for pupils on Monday and Tuesday next week.

### **What is happening this week in school**

- SQA exams running smoothly so far. Many thanks for all your support.
- Latest S2 tracking reports currently being completed by staff.
- Duke of Edinburgh meeting for parents and carers last Monday evening. Our S3 groups are commencing their practice walks this week.
- Preparation for staff in-service day on Tuesday. In the afternoon, all our primary colleagues from our learning community will be joining us as we work together on teaching and learning, including digital learning skills.
- Summer Fair & Brufts – preparations are well underway! This event takes place on Saturday 21st June from 12–2pm, in front of the school, as part of the Canal Festival. Last year's event was buzzing with energy, live music, and community spirit. We're now inviting members of our school community to sign up for a stall – a great opportunity to raise money for the school while keeping any profits you make from the day. Stalls cost £30. Last year our Parent Council ran a fantastic raffle, there was live music and a big range of stalls. Brufts our Dog Show will take place on the same morning from 10-11.30. Please complete this form if you would like a stall at our Fayre. [Summer Fayre 2025 Stall Sign Up](#)
- **Please note the final parent council meeting is next week - details below.**

### **Senior pupils accessing school for study**

- Should students wish to study in school, they are welcome to come and use the atrium, Should they wish to seek support from their subject specialist teacher, they should email in advance to arrange a suitable time, as staff may not be available. If students in S4-S6 are coming into study, we would appreciate your support in reminding them they need to sign in and out at the office and they should come in wearing school uniform. This is important from a health and safety perspective.

### **Pupil success**

- A reminder that sporting successes are generally celebrated on X (formerly Twitter). We're currently reviewing how we share achievements to ensure we're recognising the wide range of successes across our community. Work on our new school website is also nearing completion.
- This week on @BoroughmuirHS, you'll see celebrations of Lorcán and Cilleán Morrison. Both have represented Great Britain, Ireland, and Scotland across three major disciplines: cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and waterskiing. They have also competed at a regional level for hockey and athletics.

### **Staffing news**

- We currently interviewing for vacancies in Health & Food Technology, Music, Physics, and Chemistry.

### **Further supports for parents and carers – all repeated from last week**

- Teen Triple P Parenting group opportunities running May-June 2025 - please see attached for information.
- Skills Development Scotland (SDS), one of our key partners, is keen to gather feedback from parents and carers, about their services. Please see information attached.
- Support for Healthy Heads - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homepage/10532/wellbeing-edinburgh>. As we enter assessment session, can I highlight the section support health and well being, via this [link](#).

### **Parent Council Corner**

#### Fundraising:

The planned cheese and wine night has unfortunately been cancelled. The logistics proved too difficult for the event to be held outside school. We do intend to have another event in the future. The fundraising team will now focus all efforts on the summer fair on the 21st of June. There have been some donations given to school and by Forth Canoe Club - thank you for these, they are much appreciated and we would intend to use them for a raffle at the summer fair.

The Just Giving page remains open, noting some conversations on Facebook about this - any money raised goes directly to the school. We fund Active Schools and teachers bid for money for items they need for classes and school teams. We contributed to the wellbeing hub last year too. The requirement for this money hasn't gone away and the fundraising team have supplemented events like the cheese and wine event with Just Giving.

This came about because we can't hold some events at the school anymore. Holding events that involve alcohol have to be replaced and we are trying to do that, in reality they don't raise as much money and we are going to have to rent somewhere at a cost to hold the event.

We can make sure the school has some income from Just Giving and Easy Fundraising and parents can contribute if they want to. Thank you to everyone that has contributed.

Here are the links:



[Help raise £750 to Support our parent council to provide much needed clubs, activities and resources within our whole school community. – JustGiving Crowdfunding](#)  
[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)

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Future Parent Council meetings

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

Many thanks,

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