

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 23.05.25

Dear all,

What is happening this week in school:

- Today is Sports Day. I am most excited for my first Boroughmuir Sports Day!
- S1 reports will be sent home to families.
- S3 reports open for completion.
- Boroughmuir on Tour continues - visit to St Peters' this week.
- The Munich trip has returned, and preparations are underway for the exchange partners to visit Boroughmuir.
- Celebration of numeracy day across the school, led by Ms Turner.
- Plans for School Summer Fayre on-going.

Pupil success:

- Rohit Gopalkaje's Gold certificate for his outstanding performance in the 57th Chemistry Olympiad has arrived at school. We celebrated this earlier in the year.
- Anastasiya Usora has won a competition, supported by the CDE department, to design a new logo for the Boroughmuir High School Pipe Band. Her logo is attached. Many thanks to Mr Hunter and Ms Spinks for supporting.

Staffing news:

- Huge congratulations to Tanya Howden. She has been appointed acting CL for Computing and Business at Tynecastle. She will start there at the change of the new timetable. There is a current vacancy advertised for a computing teacher to replace her here.
- Interviews for English this week.
- Interviews for positions in Modern Languages, HFT and RMPS next week.
- PE is moving to advert. There are final couple of staffing vacancies we are finalising and will get up for advert.

Further supports for parents and carers:

- Edinburgh Partner Support Partnerships - Umbrella Hubs - Information from Children First - We are excited to share with you information on the **Edinburgh Family Support Partnership (EFSP) – Umbrella Hubs**. This new service provides early help within local communities where families can access a range of services to support their family's needs. All families also have free access to wrap around support from the Children First support line, where they can also receive financial wellbeing support and guidance.

To access the EFSP-Umbrella Hubs families can simply pop along to one of our hubs (please see QR code) or they can give the Children first Support line a call or use the web chat function where support can be provided, if further assistance is needed families will be connected into the EFSP – Umbrella Hubs. All the information is in the attached flyer.

- 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.

Our total for this term is £676 and I'd like to say thank you to every person who has taken the time to donate.

It's going to help the school support the teachers and external people to run clubs and provided equipment right across Boroughmuir.

Thank you again everyone who has made this possible.

Here are the links:

[You spend, brands donate to Boroughmuir High School Parent Council.](#)

easyfundraising.org.uk

Future Parent Council meetings

Next year's dates to be finalised.

Many thanks,

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