

Parent Update – Friday 22 November 2019

NBHS Positive Behaviour Policy

We have recently reviewed and adapted our Positive Behaviour Policy, which is attached to this email and also available to view on the website. The Policy has been shared with our Pupil Council, who will be discussing it at their next meeting, and with the Parent Council. We would welcome any comments or suggestions on the revised policy, which can be emailed to communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk. The Policy will be reviewed towards the end of this session.

Future Asset Competition: S4-S6 Girls

Future Asset Investment Challenge!

We want teams of 3 to 6 girls to take on the role of Investment Analysts:

- Select a company from our Companies Crib Sheet.
- Research information on all aspects of your chosen company.
- Analyse the information, discuss and debate with your team members, and decide why you think that company represents a sound long-term investment.
- Present a clear, persuasive case of why you think we should invest, in writing and in a videoed elevator pitch!

The top teams from the first round will be invited to an expenses-paid final in Edinburgh in June 2020 where they will deliver an extended pitch and be questioned by a panel of investment professionals.

The competition winners will receive £1000 for their school and £200 for each of the team members in vouchers of their choice. Teams will also get the chance to meet with investment professionals, visit their offices and get valuable insights and experience for their CVs and university, college and job applications.

Who can enter the competition?

- Teams **must** be made up of between 3 and 6 girls.
- Team members must be in years **S4 to S6** (or 14 to 18 years old inclusive).

Any interested pupils should go to see Mrs Fox as soon as possible.

NBHS Charities – East Lothian Foodbank Jingles Bags Appeal

This year, the NBHS Charities Committee have chosen to support the East Lothian Foodbank Jingle Bags appeal. Not everyone looks forward to Christmas and it can be a hard time of year for those who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. The East Lothian Foodbank Jingle Bags contain everything needed to celebrate Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. The charities committee has asked each register class to gather together the ingredients for one or even two Christmas dinners. The register classes have been shown the list of items needed and there will be pupils from each class to oversee the collection, to ensure that each item is accounted for. The Charities Committee and East Lothian Foodbank would be very grateful if you are able to support this appeal.

Naming East Lothian's New Town

East Lothian Council is looking for your help in choosing a name for East Lothian's new town. It will be located on a site near Tranent, Macmerry, Prestonpans, Longniddry and Cockenzie and Port Seton, close to the A1. The town will include new housing, a school, business space, shops, sports facilities and parks.

School pupils from around East Lothian were asked to compile a shortlist of names – either chosen from a long list based around themes including local farms, landscape features, people, events and waterbodies, or to put forward their own suggestions.

The name should have a local connection and convey a sense of place and optimism for the future. A panel consisting of councillors and senior officials met to consider school responses submitted by 28 schools. The panel determined that the most popular and suitable names were Charlestoun, Hattonfield, Hopetoun, Muirdale and Nethermuir. The panel also decided that the name Blindwells should be included on the shortlist of potential names for public consultation.

The Council would like to hear your thoughts on the shortlisted names in a public consultation, which can be found [here](#). The closing date of the consultation is Thursday 5 December.

Message from the PTA

We're looking for luxury donations to the hampers raffled at our Christmas concerts. Kind donations of wine, pickles, nice chocolates or anything else delightful will be gratefully received!

Also – SAVE THE DATE! The S6 Burns' Supper is on Friday 24th January, and tickets go on sale in December – get it in your diary and keep an eye out for when tickets are released...

Ski Trip 2021 Deposit

A reminder that the deadline for paying the £100 deposit for the 2021 Ski Trip is Monday 2 December. Payment should be made online using SchoolPay, which can be accessed using the link on the NBHS Website, or by visiting the East Lothian Council SchoolPay page [here](#).

S3 YMCA Lake Windermere Trip Deposit

The deadline for paying the £60 deposit for the S3 residential trip to Lake Windermere is Wednesday 4 December. Payment should be made online using SchoolPay, which can be accessed using the link on the NBHS Website, or by visiting the East Lothian Council SchoolPay page [here](#).

Procedure for when pupils become unwell during school hours

As you are probably aware, the winter months tend to bring seasonal coughs, cold and stomach upsets with them and it is not unusual for a pupil to become unwell during the school day. When this happens, pupils should ask their class teacher for permission to visit the medical room, where they will be assessed and the school will get in touch with parents / carers if necessary. It would be most helpful if you could remind your child(ren) of this procedure, in particular asking them not to contact you to arrange to be picked up before they have visited the medical room. Many thanks for your help with this matter.

Scotland Book Week



The competing demands of teenage life can make it harder to encourage your child to read. We have attached a document to this email with helpful tips from the Scottish Book Trust. Happy reading!

Bronze for Bree for the Second Year Running



Many congratulations to S4 pupil Bree Thompson, who won bronze at the Scottish Judo Championship for the second year running, another fantastic achievement from one of our talented NBHS judoka.

We always welcome hearing about the achievements of all our pupils and would love to include more. Please forward anything which you would like the school to consider including in this update to communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

East Lothian Schools Swimming Championships



Congratulations to our swimming S1 and S3 swimming teams, who emerged winners at the recent East Lothian School Swimming Championships, which meant that NBHS were placed second overall after Ross High. Well done to: Jack Agarwala, Joel Begg, Sam Begg, Mia Blair, Millie Capaldi, Finlay Downey, Zara Fenemore, Sophie Ferguson, Emma Guy, Grace Harley, Lauren Lee, Lucy Lucas, Niamh Mackintosh, Molly MacLean, Ellis Marriott, Callum Masson, Tavia Middleton, Ethan Mulligan, Hannah Ormiston, Gabriella Santos, Daniel Scott, Isla Swinburne, Hannah Wardell, Stan Watson and Innes Wright.

Forth 1 Mission Christmas

NBHS has registered to take part in this year's Forth 1 Mission Christmas appeal, which aims to provide Christmas gifts for impoverished children in Scotland. NBHS will have a drop off point for donations in the foyer outside reception – if you would like to donate, gifts can be suitable for any age from 0-18. Forth 1 asks that donations should be new and unwrapped.

Dates for your Diary

Parents' Evening Dates 2019-20

- S2 Wednesday 15 January 2020
- S3 Thursday 6 February 2020
- S4 Wednesday 19 February 2020
- S5/6 Thursday 27 February 2020

Parent Council Meetings

all at 7.00 pm in Support for Learning classroom

Tuesday 21 January 2020

Tuesday 3 March 2020

Tuesday 28 April 2020

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Concerts

Monday 9 December 2019

Tuesday 10 December 2019

Tuesday 31 March 2020

Christmas Dances

S1 Monday 16 December

S2 Wednesday 11 December

S3/S4 Tuesday 17 December

S5/S6 Thursday 12 December

Should you have any queries about anything covered in this update, or any general enquiries, please contact the School at: communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk