

Parent Update – Friday 24 January 2020

Parents of S3, S4 and S5 pupils:

Senior Phase Learner Pathways Information Evening

Tuesday 4 February, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Are you wondering about the structure of the senior phase curriculum? Do you want to know more about the range of qualifications on offer, both within school and through partners on the ‘travel afternoons’? Are you wondering what Foundation Apprenticeships are? Come along to the information evening and we will answer all these questions and more. There will also be presentations from Sean Smith, lecturer at Napier University, and Katie Higgins from East Lothian Works. We hope to see many of you there.

Rights Respecting Schools

North Berwick High School is hoping to become a Rights Respecting School. The Award recognises a school’s achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond. Unicef works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

We have just started working towards the Bronze Award - as a school we already have a strong set of values and principles that are at the heart of the school’s ethos and culture. We would welcome any volunteers from the parent or wider community (to join pupils and staff) to become part of a new steering group, to help lead the actions of the whole school so that we can hopefully receive Rights Respecting accreditation. We would like to thank the PTA for providing funding to support the School whilst we undertake this Rights Respecting journey. If you would be interested in joining us as a volunteer, or you would like any more information, please contact Mrs Munro or Mrs Martin.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/the-rrsa/introducing-the-crc/>

S1 Pupils Interviewed by BBC Newsround

Last week, six of our S1 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to have their say about Scotland’s place in the UK and the question of independence when they were interviewed by BBC Newsround. Martha Blacklock, Charlie Bowdler, Evie Drysdale, Rab Ellis, Fergus Kinnaird and Murrin Sinclair had all given careful thought to the questions ahead of the interview and gave excellent, insightful responses. The BBC interviewers were very impressed, both with their eloquent answers and how well they adapted to being filmed! The Newsround crew also visited three other schools across Scotland and the final piece is due to be broadcast on Thursday 30 January. Charlie, Rab and Fergus also had the chance to record a segment on the Scottish FA’s decision to ban headers for children under 12, as the story had just broken before the Newsround crew arrived at the school. In spite of not having any time to prepare, the boys rose to the occasion and were able to give thoughtful opinions on the new policy. This segment was then broadcast the following day and can still be viewed here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51132004>.

Message from the PTA: Burns' Supper Tonight!

If you are an S6 parent attending tonight's Burns' Supper, please make sure you bring cash! You'll need it to buy raffle tickets for the fabulous prizes we have on offer. Another great way to raise money for the school!

Creative Cakes

Staff have been very impressed to see the display of beautifully decorated cakes which are the result of the recent prelim exam for our Practical Cake Craft course. Here is a selection of the fantastic designs:



Roo Sails to Victory!

Last Saturday, S1 sailor Roo Purves represented NBHS at the Scottish Team Racing Association School Sprints, held at Linlithgow Loch, winning his class in his Topper dinghy. Congratulations on another great result Roo!

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

Fundraising 5k Run

There is to be a fundraising 5k run on Sunday 2 February, which aims to raise money towards the setting up of the first East Lothian Parkrun Junior. This will be a free community event which takes place weekly, encouraging children aged 4 - 14 to run 2k. For further information, please see the poster attached to this email.

Dates for your Diary

Senior Phase Learner Pathways Information Evening Tuesday 4 February

Parents' Evening Dates 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 3 March 2020

Tuesday 28 April 2020

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Spring Concert

Tuesday 31 March 2020

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