



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday 7 May 2020

Victory in Europe Day

Here are 2 messages about this important historic occasion.

From East Lothian Council

Friday 8 May marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Following public consultation it was designated as an additional day's holiday in East Lothian, recognising families' desire to commemorate this historic occasion. While the current Covid-19 restrictions mean that gatherings or services are not possible, there are still ways to mark the occasion in a safe and socially distanced way. (See below in Mrs Brownlee's post.)



From Mrs Brownlee – Please share with your children

With Berlin surrounded, Adolf Hitler committed suicide on 30 April 1945.

On 7 May 1945, Nazi Germany formally and unconditionally surrendered to the Allied Forces, bringing to an end six years of War. The following day was declared VE (Victory in Europe) Day and millions of people celebrated, marking the victory with street parties, dancing and singing.

Many people in Britain didn't wait for the official day of celebration and began the festivities as soon as they heard the news on 7 May. After years of wartime restrictions and dangers – from food and clothes rationing to blackouts and bombing raids – it was understandable how eager they were to finally be able to let loose and enjoy themselves. Colourful bunting and flags soon lined the streets and villages, towns and cities across Britain. One the eve of VE Day, bonfires were lit, people danced and the pubs were full of revellers.

The Scottish Government has moved the May Bank holiday to Friday 8 May to coincide with the VE Day anniversary. This is why you have tomorrow off school. What will you do to commemorate?

The Royal British Legion has published a timetable of activities for the day itself where the nation can commemorate VE Day within the current guidelines, including a 2 minute silence at 11am and a doorstep 'Toast to the Nation' at 3pm.

Have a look at the Imperial War Museum and Poppy Scotland for more information.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-ve-day>

<https://www.poppyscotland.org.uk/ve-day-75th-anniversary/>

<https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/news/article/13225/ve-day-75th-anniversary>



Mrs Brownlee has added some additional VE information in the history googleclassrooms for pupils to read if they want to find out more.

HMI Inspection of North Berwick High School - Update

As you know, a team of HMI inspectors carried out a full inspection of NBHS in the week beginning 24 February. The Senior Leadership Team and Nick Trussler, our Quality Improvement Officer, were given verbal feedback by the inspectors on the Friday afternoon of inspection week. We were able to tell the school community that we were delighted with the feedback, but we can't share any detail until the report is published. The Summary of Findings (SIF), together with a letter for parents and carers, would normally have been published within ten weeks of the inspection taking place. However, the SIF and the parental letter will not be forthcoming for some time yet; HMI has not yet shared the draft report with the authority and SLT. HMI is not currently engaging with schools on any aspect of inspection, due to the Covid-19 situation. We will update you when we hear from HMI.

School Library Service

The school library may be closed, but the service is still running and Miss Wilson, the librarian, is still available for queries relating to books, reading, literacy and research. The NBHS Library Classroom code is **xgxyhat** for reading and writing challenges, book reviews and recommendations, and more.

Careers Information

We have been asked by Skills Development Scotland to let you know that you will be able to continue to contact the Careers Adviser for support. This will be done via telephone, Skype or online. Please be reassured that SDS Careers Advisers will continue to proactively contact pupils to offer them ongoing support. They also update information and post vacancy information at edubuzz.org/careers and Twitter [mickburns2](https://twitter.com/mickburns2). Any school leaver from S4 to S6 who needs help can contact our Careers Advisers by calling the local centre on 0131 665 3120, or contacting the NBHS Careers Advisers directly at:

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Communication

Just a reminder that if you wish to contact school you can email us at the address below, or contact your child's guidance teacher directly.
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Enjoy another long weekend!