

Parent Update – Friday 13 March 2020

Coronavirus Update

We are aware of comments within the school community about a member of staff having the Coronavirus. I would like to confirm that, as of this date, there are no members of staff confirmed as having Coronavirus. We would like to reassure our pupils, parents and carers that North Berwick High, as with all other East Lothian schools, is following national guidelines around Coronavirus. We are also working closely with East Lothian Council and following their advice and guidance. I will be in touch with any further updates should the situation change.

Lauren Rodger
Head Teacher

Drama Practical Exam Performance – Thursday 19 March

Senior pupils studying drama will be giving a performance of their exam pieces on Thursday 19 March in the drama classroom. The National 5 performance of *DNA* by Dennis Kelly will start at 6.30 pm and the Higher performances - which will be extracts from plays including *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Jay Presson Allan, *Iron* by Rona Munro, *The Wasp* by Morgan Lloyd Malcom and *Dracula* by Liz Lochhead - will start at 7.15 pm. Family and friends are warmly invited to come along and support our talented pupils.

Sports Update

It has been a busy couple of weeks for our pupils with a number of excellent results!

Badminton

At the end of February, the U19 badminton team were deserving winners of the Scottish Schools' Quaich! After an opening loss to Boroughmuir in the pool games, the team bounced back with victories against Kirkwall Grammar School and Holy Cross, securing a semi-final place. They faced tough opposition from Dunblane High School, who were the winners of the other pool. After some very close games, NBHS emerged victorious 3-2. The final, against Berwickshire High School, was equally challenging. Wins in the girls' and boys' singles got the team off to a good start, however a 22-20 loss in the boys' doubles meant that it was all to play for. A close victory in the girls' doubles secured the win, and the national title for NBHS!

Huge congratulations to our fantastic team: Ellie Bent, Harry Bent, Isabella Davis, Jamie Higgs, Lewis Higgs, Finlay Jack, Jess Rae and Lois Turnbull.

Boys' Hockey

Last week the U15 boys' hockey team put in a great display of hockey skills to win the East Lothian Tournament and defend their title. Well done to the team: Harris Darge, Ed Duncan, Benji Edmondson, Luke Felton, Ben Hay, Jacob Jolly, Ben Leslie, Adam Little, Callum Masson, Toby Ralph and Stan Watson.

Girls' Hockey

The NBHS teams recently competed in the East District year group tournaments.

S1 - Plate runners-up

S2 - Cup semi-finalists - losing on sudden death running penalties to the eventual winners!

S3 - Plate runners-up

Netball

Congratulations to the S1 netball team, who won the East Lothian Schools' Netball Tournament, emerging undefeated in the 2 competitions. Our Senior team lost in a very close Scottish Cup quarter-final match, against a strong Kirkwall Grammar School team.

Pupils Raise Money for Charity



A shout out to two kind-hearted pupils who have recently raised money for charities. S4 pupil Poppy Chambers organised a delicious bake sale, raising over £100 in aid of Australian bush-fire relief funds. Meanwhile S1 pupil Olivia McCulloch took part in a sponsored cycling challenge and has raised £300 for the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home. Well done to both Poppy and Olivia and thank you to everyone who supported them.

PTA - Raffle Prize Donations

The PTA will be holding a raffle at the Spring Concert on 31 March, and would be very grateful to receive any foody treats for the hamper: wine, nice chocolates, luxury biscuits, etc. Please email ptanbhs@gmail.com to arrange drop-off/pick-up. Many thanks.

Golf News

After the successful inaugural NBHS Golf Invitational last year, we are pleased to confirm that this will be running again this year and we are hoping to make it even bigger and better! Look out for further details coming soon. In the meantime, a reminder that the Glen Golf Club offers a 50% discount on membership fees for NBHS pupils.

U13 Football – East and Midlothian Schools League Fixture

The U13 NBHS football team will face Lasswade High School on Wednesday 18 March. Kick-off is at 4.30 pm on the 3G pitch at the Recreation Park. All welcome to come along and support!

North Berwick Tree Planting – Saturday 14 March

Sustaining North Berwick and North Berwick in Bloom, with help from North Berwick Trust and the Rotary Club, are overseeing the planting of 400 trees which have been donated by the Woodland Trust. The trees will be planted in the new Country Park and along the edge of the NBHS playing fields. Anyone willing to volunteer to help would be gratefully welcomed. The group will be meeting at 10 am at the end of Farquharson Rest. Further information can be found in a flyer for the event attached to this email.

Junior Explorers

If you are looking for something to keep younger children occupied during the Easter holidays, you might be interested in the East Lothian Countryside Rangers Junior Explorers days. Aimed at children between 8-12 years old, the sessions include a Coastal Safari and Bushcraft Skills. Further information about these and other family activities can be found [here](#). A flyer has also been attached to this email.

Dates for your Diary

Parent Council Meetings

all at 7.00 pm in Support for Learning classroom

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