



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 31st March 2023

Message from HT

Bursting with pride this week – the Spring Concert was magnificent! It was a fantastic evening celebrating the talented pupils and staff of our wonderful school – huge thanks to all parents and carers who joined us for the event. It was Mrs Casson’s last concert at NBHS – many of you will know by now that she has chosen to retire in June and will leave some impossibly big shoes to fill. It is testament to her impact on our community that so many former pupils and staff came along to sing a beautiful lullaby in her honour. Not a dry eye in the house, including mine.

I have also been on the judging panel for the S3 Youth Philanthropy Initiative Final – a privilege, as always. I’m so proud of our young people and their support of their identified local charities – also, their presentations were outstanding! It was a tough decision but I was delighted to present the £3k cheque to Abbie Gurney 3C, Lily Churn 3C and Freya Harley 3C for their chosen charity, Steps to Hope – a local charity of volunteers dedicated to supporting the homeless.

I confess I am looking forward to the holiday. I’m going to Cork and Kinsale with my family for a few days and then planning on catching up with friends and making time to read and watch boxsets. Nothing too exciting but a most welcome break.

Wishing all in the NBHS community a pleasant spring break.
Mrs Moore

Spring Holiday

School closes today Friday 31st March at 12:15pm and reopens at 8:30am on Monday 17th April to all staff and pupils. Wishing you a very pleasant spring break.

Your Exams 2023

This week, the SQA launched Your Exams 2023 for learners sitting National Qualifications. It is now available to view and download from their website. The publication includes helpful advice and important rules learners must read and understand before they sit their exams.

Hard copies have been given to learners.

[Visit the website](#)

S1 French café

This week the S1 students took part in a French café experience where they had the opportunity to sample some delicious French cuisine. However, they had to order in French! Everyone participated and embraced all aspects of the experience as well as enjoying la musique Francaise. Senior Spanish students also offered their services as serveurs!



S3 Netball Scottish Schools' Plate Final - Friday 17 March

It was an early start for the S3 netball team, as they set off to the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, to play their Scottish Schools' Plate Final, against Gleniffer HS. There was a definite sense of excitement on the bus, but from the moment the girls stepped into the venue, there was a confident calm about them. Despite the large venue, and crowd of vocal supporters, the team started the first quarter well, and led by 11-10 at quarter time. A few wise words from coach, Sally, and the girls extended their lead to 24-16 by half time. Some excellent netball followed, with some fantastic shooting, and strong, reliable defending - NBHS led 40-26, going into the final quarter. Another strong quarter, and NBHS were crowned Scottish Schools' Plate winners 2023, with a 53-31 win!

Every member of squad took to the court in the final, and everyone really contributed to a fabulous squad performance.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support on the day, and special thanks to coach, Sally Hetherington, for all the time and efforts she puts into NBHS netball.

Squad

Anna Mackenzie
Rosie Weir
Ellina Dickie
Lilianna Way
Rose O'Rouke
Julia Cathcart
Rosie Buchanan
Tamzin Ralph
Francesca Watts
Eleanor Stirling



S2 Scottish Schools' Plate netball – Thursday 30 March

Huge congratulations to the S2 netball team, who secured their place in the Scottish Schools' Plate Final, with a 23-20 win over Monifieth High School on Thursday.

They now face Clydeview Academy / Williamwood HS in the final, on 27 April.

Well done!

Community Etiquette

All NBHS pupils are reminded of the importance of being respectful and safe when travelling on public buses. We encourage active travel and therefore, taking public buses for short distances when walking would be appropriate (for example, returning to school after lunch) is not recommended.

Pupils are also asked to enter local shops when purchasing items rather than a whole group accompanying one friend who is buying something. This is to ensure all members of the public are able to access shops at all times and to avoid unnecessary crowding.

Representing our school in the community positively is everyone's responsibility. Please think, manage your time and act responsibly.

ELC Parental Engagement Strategy

The East Lothian Council Parental Engagement Strategy was launched in 2017 and aims to ensure that all Parents/Carers are encouraged and supported to engage as partners in their children's learning, and to become involved in the life of the school. The strategy also ensures that it can continue to build on good practice and create further opportunities for our parents and schools to work together. There are 6 strands to the strategy and we are seeking responses to evaluate the impact of each of them. The Full strategy document is available at [Parental Engagement Strategy | Parental Involvement | East Lothian Council](#).

This survey (Consultation Hub) is for completion by the Parent Forum. Parents only need to complete one survey if they have multiple children at your school, but will need to complete more than one survey for children at different schools. <https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/parental-engagement>

Hayward Review – Phase 3

Parents, carers and young people might be interested to note that the Hayward Review (looking at what our qualifications and assessment structure in Scotland will look like in the future) is now entering Phase 3. There is an interim report which is worth a read available here: [Independent Review of Qualifications & Assessment in Scotland Interim Report March 2023 \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

All parents, carers, staff and young people are able to share their response to the draft proposals and thoughts via a survey which now closes on **14th April (*please note extension)**: Phase Three: [Phase Three: The Proposed Model \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](#)

Update on NBHS campus expansion (NBHS parent council, March 2023)

NBHS parents/carers can visit the FB page North Berwick High School Parent Council for further information on this. Parents/carers without Facebook access can contact the Parent Council via the direct email of: Parentcouncil.nbhs@gmail.com

NBHS Dress Code – mythbuster

Contrary to rumour, staff at NBHS are keen to see young people dressed appropriately for school in our agreed dress code. This contributes to our positive school ethos. We ask for your support with this.

The November 2020 dress code can be found here:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh/schoolinformation/school-dress-code/>

National Offer – Easter Study Support

Please see below for national online revision sessions during spring break:

[Digital learning from Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar | e-Sgoil](#)

PTA



PTA EASTER RAFFLE - [Buy your tickets NOW!](#)

We are delighted to announce that so far your donations have raised 75% of our target amount...so please keep buying tickets!!

There are lots of great prizes up for grabs from our pals in East Lothian, together they are worth hundreds of pounds...so let's see if we can **raise even more** and **increase funds to support the S6 Leavers event, create improved outdoor learning spaces, purchase a projector and lots more.**

Tickets are £5 each. To enter, visit the ticket form on [Jotform here](#) or via the [PTA website here](#).

Winners will be drawn Friday 28th April.

The NBHS PTA needs new committee members and a new Chair. We support school events and raise vital funds for the school and its students and can't do it without volunteers. To find out how you can get involved and make a difference please drop us an email at ptanhbs@gmail.com or come along to our next PTA meeting.

Bus Turning Circle

Parents and carers are respectfully asked not to come into the bus turning circle at the beginning and end of the day to drop pupils/students off. Signage states this is for Authorised Vehicles Only.

Thank you

Support MYPAS annual Bluebell Trail Run as Team North Berwick!

MYPAS are reaching out to schools in East Lothian and Midlothian connected with MYPAS, to let them know about their annual fundraising Bluebell Trail Run. Each year they hold the Bluebell Trail Run in the beautiful Dalkeith Country Park. This year our event is being held on Sunday 14th May 2023.

All schools across East Lothian and Midlothian can enter, with pupils entering free of charge. In the past, schools have put forward a dedicated team representing their school. In 2022, for example, Penicuik High School participated and they raised an amazing £1,559.73 in sponsorship!

MYPAS would be so grateful if any teachers or students (or both!) would like to participate in our fundraiser. The entry cost is free for students, with the option to run either the 5K or 10K event.

Taking part of a sponsored challenge is optional; however, every penny raised goes towards providing additional support for young people in your community.

For more information and to sign up, please head to our Bluebell website at <http://www.bluebelltrail.co.uk/>. If you are interested in raising sponsorship, please email fran.armour@mypas.co.uk

Family events at the Scottish Seabird Centre over Easter for school newsletters

LIVE SCIENCE SHOW: WaaatttsZaaap!

Egghead has some great new gadgets and toys but no batteries! He needs some clean power from renewables and perhaps using turbines and tides or turning the sun into fun might just help? Join us to find out more.

- Dates: 1,6,7,8,13,14 & 15 April
- Time: 2pm
- Location: Discovery Experience Theatre, Scottish Seabird Centre
- **Free for kids** £5:50 for accompanying adults
- Book [here](#).

LIVE SCIENCE SHOW: Animal Avengers

Taking inspiration from a whole host of superheroes, Professor Egghead will show audiences how animals can defend themselves from attack in weird and wonderful ways. From exploding ants, squirting octopi to spitting birds, you can decide who is the best animal avenger.

- Dates: 2,5 & 12 April

- Time: 2pm
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick
- **Recommended ages 6+**
- Free for kids, £5.00 for accompanying adults
- Book [here](#).

Puppet Show: What's for Snack

An interactive puppet show with Craig the Crab. With sing-a-long fun, our young visitors will be asked to help Craig, as he has eaten some marine litter by mistake.

- Dates: 15 April
- Time: 11.00am
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre, Discovery Experience Theatre
- Recommended age: under 5s
- Entry **FREE** for children, £5 for accompanying adults.
- Book [here](#).

Seaside Storytelling

Bring your kids along for an hour of escapism, with a series of wonderful marine-themed stories.

- Dates: 1 April
- Time: 11.00am
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre, Discovery Experience Theatre
- Recommended age: under 5s
- Entry **FREE** for children, £5 for accompanying adults
- Book [here](#).

Total Adventure

The dates and times for the Total Adventure online bookings going live are -

SUP Sessions goes live [01/04/23/@6.00pm](#)

Dinghy Sailing goes live 01/04/23 @6.00pm

Sailing Sessions goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

Beginners Surf Sessions goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

Improver/Intermediate Surf Sessions goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

Wakeboarding Session 1 goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

Wakeboarding Session 2 goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

To book - <https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-total-adventure/>

Neurodiversity Easter camp in partnership with Team United



NBHS Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is up and running on Tuesday and Thursdays, 07:50-08:20, in the canteen, nearest the Assembly Hall.

All welcome!

Any questions, please contact Miss Parry in P.E. - cparry@elcschool.org.uk



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ELC Apprenticeships [here](#)

Independent Living Support - Personal Assistant NB [here](#)

[Latest MA and vacancies here](#)

[Scientist experience placement at the University of Edinburgh for S5 June here](#)

[Law Work Experience Opportunity here](#)

Barratt Developments: Apprentice Programme – Bricklayers and Joiners [here](#)

Jay Bird's Larder - Cafe Assistants [here](#)

ICE QUEST Undergraduate Scholarships open for applications [here](#)

Print & Business Administrator – Musselburgh [here](#)

Jerba Campervans vacancy [here](#)

Scottish Power Apprenticeship vacancies [here](#)

Leuchie House – offers a variety of employment and volunteering opportunities and you can out more [here](#)

BBC Young Reporter Competition [here](#)

[Archerfield House vacancies here](#)

Torness vacancies [here](#)

Apprentice Electrician [here](#)

Ski and Snowboard Instructor Internship Opportunities [here](#)

Attendance Mailbox

We would like to remind you that NBHS has a dedicated email address for all attendance matters. There is no need to phone the school – just send an email to the attendance address below, giving the detail of absence, appointments etc. **Please be sure to include the reason for your child being absent from school**; we need this information to ensure that all absences are recorded correctly. We recommend that you add this email address to your contacts so this it is quick and easy for you to access:

attendance@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

NBHS Communications

Just a reminder that if you wish to contact school you should email us at the communications email address below, or contact your child's guidance teacher directly. If your child is absent from school, please contact the dedicated absence line.

communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Friday 31st March – school closes for Spring holiday and reopens on Monday 17th April 8:30am for all staff and pupils

Monday 24th April – Friday 3rd June inclusive - SQA Exam Diet and Study Leave. All return for change of timetable on Monday 5th June.

King's Coronation – Monday 8th May – school closed

NBHS Parent Council meeting 7-8:30pm in school:

- Thursday 25 May