



# Priorsford Newsletter



February 2025

'Supporting each other to grow and learn together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Saturday 8th February I attended our first PTA event of 2025. There was a wonderful atmosphere at our very first Family Ceilidh held in the Burgh Hall. It was great to see our school community join together for a social event with live music from The Penny Drops Ceilidh band. We were entertained by our own poetry winners with their recitals, along with dancing from the Fiona Henderson School of Dance. Forsyth's pies and a well stocked bar ensured everyone was fed and watered throughout the evening. Thank you to the PTA for organising a super Ceilidh and I hope we can look forward to a similar event next year. I am looking out my sequins and cowboy hat for the Taylor Swift Tribute this weekend! This is a joint venture with the other primary schools in Peebles and I hope it is a great success.

Our Sportshall Athletics team formed with P6 & P7 pupils, represented Tweeddale Cluster at the regional Scottish Borders finals event in Galashiels on 13th February. Our team came a very close second place and although they were disappointed, they displayed great sportsmanship. Well done to Kingsland PS who won overall. A huge thank you to Mr Edge for his dedication and commitment to our team and for all his encouragement and enthusiasm to ensure everyone tries their best.

Last month, we shared information with all parents/carers about Showbie. I would like to thank everyone who has managed to get signed up on Showbie to access your child's online portfolio and Class Noticeboard. We have had a 38% uptake and we hope that the remaining families will get signed up soon. There has been very positive feedback from parents/carers about what is being shared on Showbie by the class teacher, giving families a snapshot of some of the learning in the classroom. If you still have not signed up yet please use the details issued in January or get in touch with the class teacher to get your unique code for your child's portfolio and the Noticeboard. Please remember there are 2 parts to Showbie:

1. your child's 'Portfolio'
2. Class Noticeboard

It has been highlighted to me that some families have only registered for the Portfolio and have not realised they could get photos, videos and class information from the Class Noticeboard. Please sign up for both!

In March we will be sharing your child's progress report via Showbie. This is current practice at Peebles High School in line with digital-first approach and moving towards the Council's plan to meet net zero. I will be issuing more information about our reporting process in the coming weeks.

Please note that new costumes for dressing up are available at school if your child would like one for Book Week. Feel free to stop by the school office to make a request.

Susan Woodyer  
Headteacher

## Borders Primary Badminton Championship

We were delighted to hear three P7 boys had competed in the Borders Primary Badminton Championship on Sunday 23rd February. All three - Hector, Sam and Ethan achieved great results. Hector reached the quarter finals and Sam reached the semi finals, with both being narrowly beaten by their opponents. Ethan, pictured below, won the championship overall and is now the Borders Primary Badminton champion! Well done to Hector, Sam and Ethan for their outstanding efforts. We are extremely proud of your achievements and a special congratulations to Ethan!



## Dates For Your Diary

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.15pm - 4pm - PTA Taylor Swift event in Burgh Hall - Ticket only
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Week begins Book Swap
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Dress up as a character from a book - costumes available from the school Author's Live visits for P6 & P7 Egg Box competition to be completed
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - wear pyjamas 9.30am - 11.30am P7 Transition event at Peebles high School Author's Live visits for P1, P2 & P3
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Author's Live visit for P4
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Residential Week at Dalguise
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Author's Live visit for P5
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March	P6 Euro Quiz Team
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief - wear a red item (e.g. socks, hairband etc) to school or a red nose - Donations will be welcomed.
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm - Together Time 7pm - PTA Meeting (online) Link to be shared via email
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reports to parents via Showbie & jotters home
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6pm - 8.30pm - Parent Consultations
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	4pm - 6.30pm - Parent Consultations
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am - Whole School Dance Festival at the Gytes
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term - School closed until 21st April. Nursery remains open.

## PTA

### Calling all 'Swifties'

What: Taylor Swift tribute afternoon

Where: Burgh Hall, Peebles,

When: Sunday 2nd March 2.15pm—4pm

Who: All ticket holders will be issued with wristbands-please complete each child's wristband with emergency contact details.

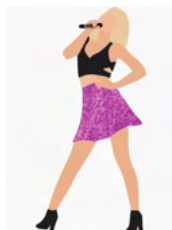
Why: To sing and dance to Taylor Swift songs and have fun!

Our next PTA meeting will be held online at 7pm on Thursday 27th March. A link will be shared nearer the time. All parents/carers are welcome to join this meeting to hear about the fundraising events planned for the Summer term.

The PTA are looking at organising some new events and are hoping that smaller groups of interested parents/carers can work together on an event. Please come along and get involved.

The PTA are a vital fundraising group for the school and so far in the last year they have funded 2 SMARTboards for classrooms, our P6 & P7 trip to the Eastgate Theatre and the Pantomime visit to school for P1- P5 pupils at Christmas. They also provided the gifts for P1 & ELC at Christmas, as well as the party food for our Christmas parties.

Without the fundraising efforts of our PTA our school would not be able to afford many of the wonderful 'extras' listed above that just help to make our school special and a lovely place to be. We are deeply thankful to all the organisers working behind the scenes to make fundraising events possible. Their dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.



## Parent Council

Anyone wishing to be part of the Parent Council please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 14th May at 7pm in the school staffroom. Come along and find out what is up for discussion or please contact the joint Chairs; Nicola McLellan or Stephen Crombie by emailing:

[pcpriorsfordprimaryschool@scottishbordersnpfs.org.uk](mailto:pcpriorsfordprimaryschool@scottishbordersnpfs.org.uk)

## National XC Championships

Torin represented Moorfoot's Running Club at the National XC Championships in Falkirk on Saturday 22nd February and did an outstanding job competing against much older athletes. We are all incredibly proud of his performance in his first national competition!

Throughout the winter Torin also participated in the Borders Cross Country series, finishing an impressive 4th overall, despite only being able to compete in a few races due to the challenging snow and sleet conditions.

Now Torin is eager and ready to take on the upcoming hill running season! Good luck Torin!



## Peeblesshire Rotary Primary Quiz Heat

We entered two teams into this year's Peeblesshire Rotary Primary quiz heat which took place online on Tuesday 25th February.



The quiz featured 8 rounds of questions, followed by a tie-break round and an ultimate tie-break question to settle any ties.

Although neither of our teams claimed victory, they all performed admirably, finishing in 4th and 5th place. A tie-break and the ultimate tie-break question was required to determine 2nd and 3rd places. Well done to Kingsland and St Ronan's who will go on to represent Peeblesshire in the Borders Area Competition.

Our teams were made up of both P6 & P7 pupils. They were:

Team A - Anna S, Euan S, Ivy D and Leon H

Team B—Aeilsh W, Max B, Ethan R and Reuben V

Reserve: Emma McN

A big well done to all our team members for dedicating their time to improve their general knowledge and quizzing each other on a variety of subjects.

## Star Pupils



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## Pupil Achievements

### Sportshall Athletics Team



### Judo



### Taekwon-Do



### Dancing



### Fund Raising



### Swimming



### Golf



### Equestrian



## Uniformed organisations



Football



Football

