



Priorsford Newsletter



January 2025

'Supporting each other to grow and learn together'

Priorsford Primary School, Marmion Road, Peebles, EH45 9BE, 01721 721236

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have started the new term braving freezing temperatures and weathering Storm Eowyn and I am thankful to report that there was minimal damage to our school building and grounds. Well done to all our families for switching to home learning, at very short notice, for the morning of Friday 24th January.

This term we have already provided opportunities for you to actively engage and share in your child's learning journey. It was super to see so many families join us for our open afternoon this week. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to join in the learning with their child in their classroom. You will have received the Curriculum Overview from your child's class teacher/s. This outlines the learning that each teacher has planned for this term and the Summer term.

We have also issued Showbie log-in details for parents/carers to access their child's online learning portfolio and Class Noticeboard. As the school community becomes more accustomed with the Showbie app we will continue to enhance it's capabilities. I hope all these opportunities provide you with a greater insight into some of the learning activities that take place in our classrooms.

I am delighted to announce that our Sportshall Athletics team performed well at the Gytes on Wednesday 22nd January. They displayed excellent sportsmanship competing against all the schools in Tweeddale Cluster. Our team have now qualified, alongside the team from Kingsland, to represent Tweeddale at the regional finals in Galashiels next month. The team will be continuing to work hard with Mr Edge to improve their performances. We wish them good luck and hope they have great time competing at the Borders final. Mr Edge and the children would be delighted for any support from parents—if you can make it to Gala on the 13th, they would love to see you there.

A reminder that we will recognise Thinking Day on Tuesday 25th February when children, who are members of any uniformed organisations, can come to school in their uniform.

Susan Woodyer
Headteacher

Health Guidance

If your child experiences a bout of sickness or has an upset tummy, please follow NHS Borders health protection advice. 'Where a child has shown symptoms of diarrhoea or vomiting, he or she should not return to nursery/school until a 48-hour period has passed, during which time there has been no diarrhoea or vomiting.'

Please adhere to this advice and keep your child off school until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness, to avoid infection of other children and adults in nursery and school. Thank you.

Tesco Tokens for a Preloved Uniform Sharing Shed

We are once again successful in applying to the Stronger Start Programme in Peebles store. We have applied for further funding to support the groundworks for the Sharing Shed we are planning to erect in our school grounds. Voting has started and runs until March.

We hope that families who shop in Tesco pop their blue tokens in to the voting unit in store. The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1500, second place £1000 and third place £500. We would be grateful to receive any of these monetary amounts.

Parent Council

Anyone wishing to be part of the Parent Council please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 5th February at 6.30pm 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@scottishbordersnps.org.uk

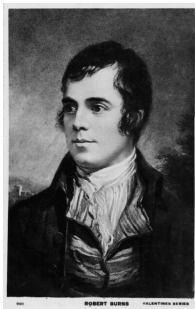


Dates For Your Diary

Wed 5 th February	6.30pm - Parent Council Meeting in person in Staff room
Thurs 6 th February	P1 and P7 dental checks
Sat 8 th February	6-9pm—PTA Family Ceilidh in Peebles Burgh Hall Final tickets available by emailing the PTA and handing money into the school office
Thurs 13 th February	Sportshall Athletics Regional Final at Galashiels
Fri 14 th February	Mid-term break begins - school closes at 12.50pm
Mon 17 th February - Fri 21 st February	School closed (Nursery open)
Mon 24 th February	INSERVICE DAY - School closed for pupils
Tues 25 th February	Thinking Day 1.30pm -Rotary Schools Quiz for P6 & P7 Teams
Thurs 27 th February	2.30pm - Together Time
Fri 28 th February	Swimming lessons begin for P3S & P2/3H at Peebles Swimming pool

Scot's Poetry Celebration

We held our Scot's Poetry Celebration yesterday. Each class chose an overall winner to perform their poem in front of the whole school. They all did a great job and have been invited to perform at the PTA Ceilidh on Saturday 8th February. Our winners are:



P1G - Lochie B - My Doggie

P1/2C - Seren D - The Elephant

P2K - Tommy R - The Crocodile

P2/3H - Flo M - The Heiland Games

P3S - Phoebe R - The Heiland Games

P3/4D - Ava L-J - Street Talk

P4C - William B - Street Talk

P5P - Rowan McK - A dug, a dug

P5/6SL - Peggy W - The Jannie and the Slide

P6W - Corey W - Address to the Toothache

P6/7C - Max D - Address to the Toothache

P7E - Ethan R - Address to a Haggis

P7M - Kayla P - Scot's Wha Hae (Song)

PTA

Our PTA are holding our very first Family Ceilidh on Saturday 8th February in Peebles Burgh Hall. The evening begins at 6pm with live music from The Penny Drops Ceilidh band calling the steps of all the traditional ceilidh dances. We are also looking forward to entertainment from our school poetry winners along with some Highland Dancing from Fiona Henderson School of Dance. Tickets are still available by emailing priorsfordptaevents@gmail.com and handing payment into our school office. We would appreciate the monies in a sealed envelope with child's name and the number of tickets requested. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening!



The next exciting event on the PTA calendar is Taylor Swift afternoon! We are calling all 'Swifties' to book their tickets for Sunday 2nd March, 2.15pm - 4pm in the Peebles Burgh Hall. Priority tickets have been given to Priorsford pupils and after today, this event will be opened up to children from other schools who are keen to attend.

Attendance and Lateness

It is in the best interest of your child's education that they attend school regularly to ensure they have continuity in their learning and have the best opportunities to achieve and make steady progress.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable and if your child is unwell, or needs to attend an appointment, please advise the school office via email Priorsfordps@scotborders.gov.uk

There are some children regularly coming in to school late via the main entrance throughout the week. We would encourage all parents/carers to ensure their child is in the school playground for 8.45am so they can enter their classroom with their peers.

I would appreciate if the main entrance could be kept free to welcome visitors in the morning.

I have been monitoring the attendance and late comings of all children and I have a responsibility and a duty of care, in line with the SBC Attendance policy, to contact families of children who are falling below 90% attendance or have accumulated a number of late comings. If families wish to discuss their child's attendance record then please make an appointment with the school office or contact me directly.

I hope that we can all work together to promote good attendance and timekeeping.

Star Pupils



Pupil Achievements

Sportshall Athletics Team



Judo



Writing



Running



Rainbows



Football



Podcasting



Swimming



Dancing

