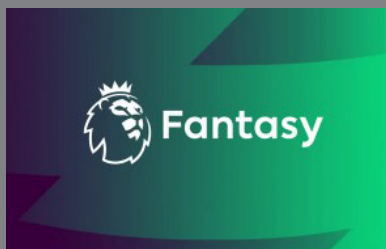




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Head Teacher

Head Teacher's Update

Sports Day!

This year's Sports Day will be on Tuesday 13th June! Pupils will be in classes as normal p1-3 and then Sports Day events will begin p4. More information will follow in due course.

BGE Awards Ceremony

The BGE Awards Ceremony 2023 will take place on Thursday 15th June at 7pm. Letters have been sent home to all prize winners and the names of successful pupils have been displayed at the ballerina for all to see.

There will also be an opportunity to visit drop-in information sessions on new school policies that are being launched in August including dress code, teaching and learning and mobile phones. Parents and carers are welcome to visit these sessions that will be held in the Art department from 6pm onwards. There will also be an opportunity to visit our DHS Achievement Village where departments will showcase pupil work from this session.

This is a hugely popular event, so please inform the school if your child cannot attend. All prize winners must register at 6.30pm before the event and wear full school uniform.

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's hard to believe that the SQA examination season has ended. I know the hard work and dedication that has gone into revision and preparation for the exam diet. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support over this period. I know the young people will have valued your time, patience and advice during this time. A huge congratulations to all SQA exam pupils for their efforts.

We have a busy few weeks left in school. Find below an outline of key events which are due to take place over the next two weeks:

Monday 5th June – P7 Parents' evening
Thursday 8th June – S6 School Prom
Tuesday 13th June – Sports Day
Wednesday 14th June – P7 School visit
Wednesday 14th June – Parent Council
Thursday 15th June – P7 School visit
Thursday 15th June – BGE awards ceremony

Today I have had the absolute pleasure to spend time with our S6 cohort during their induction day. The day focused on their leadership skills, their role within the school and hearing their views about school improvements. We were lucky enough to have secured input from John Loughton BEM, CEO of DARE2LEAD. He was a fantastic speaker and left us with lots to think about as individuals, but also as a collective team. The pupils were outstanding in their efforts. Their confidence to stand up in front of a large audience and present new ideas blew me away. I have lots to think about now as we move into next session. I am really looking forward to working with our S6 pupils to build on what we have, here at Dalkeith High School.

Pupils within our BGE took part in the Sky Academy over the past two weeks. They have spent time in industry creating a news programme. The footage of what they developed during the day is outstanding. There are definitely some budding newsreaders within that group of pupils. A huge thank you to Mr Hamilton and Ms Zhang for organising this invaluable experience for our young people.

As always this time of year we are very busy with recruitment and selection. The following posts are live on myjobscotland :

Teacher of Maths
Teacher of Geography (Fixed term)
Principal Teacher of Enhanced and Complex Needs
Various Learning Support Assistant roles
Pupil Care and Welfare Officer (Fixed term)

Sadly, we have some staff departing Dalkeith High

School. A huge thank you to Kimberly Blair, one of our learning support assistants. Kimberly leaves us on Friday 2nd of June to take up a role in another field. I want to thank her for all of her hard work and education to our young people. She will be greatly missed but we wish her the very best of luck.

A huge congratulations goes to Kirk Shaw, Maths teacher, who has secured a Curriculum Leader post in Earlston Academy. Mr Shaw will be leaving us at the end of term. Mr Shaw has been an integral part of our Maths team and we are very sad to see him go. However, I am delighted that this is for a leadership role and we wish him the best of luck and success in his future career.

Amy Sutherland, PT Enhanced and Complex Needs, was the successful candidate for an Education Support Officer's post with the Additional Support Needs team in Midlothian Council. Amy has built and maintain our Hive provision at Dalkeith. She is a fountain of knowledge and support to the wider Pupil Support team. The care, support and challenge she offers the Hive pupils on a daily basis is second to none and while we are sad to see her go, I am pleased we get to keep her as part of the wider Midlothian Education team.

Finally another congratulations to our Newly Qualified Teachers. Roxi Banks, Art Teacher, has secured a post in Herriots in Edinburgh. Joanna Jarvis, HE Teacher, has secured a post at Beeslack. We are delighted for both NQTs and wish the very best for their future careers.

During the BGE awards ceremony there will be an opportunity for parents to feed into our school improvement plan. These sessions will start at 6pm. We are keen to get your views on next steps and improvements for Dalkeith High School.

Re-coursing has started with senior pupils. Senior pupils are encouraged to make coursing appointments with the Pupils Support Leader using the link sent out to parents earlier in the week.

Finally, a reminder that change of timetable takes place on Monday the 5th of June. Pupils will be given their timetables before they leave on Friday. I am looking forward to the next two weeks in school due to the number of school events we have on. There is a real buzz around the school which is great to see and hear.

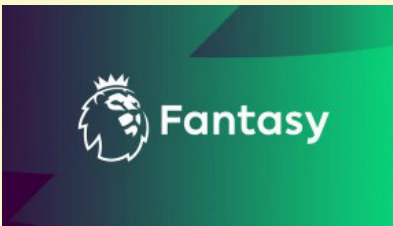
Have a lovely sunny weekend.
Emma Ormerod

Fantasy Football

The winner of the Dalkeith High School fantasy football league is Mr Galbraith!

Mr Galbraith gained 2373 points over the season. Mr Gordon was 2nd with 2354 and Ms Bones came 3rd with 2323 points. The highest pupil was Sam Pearson in 4th with 2316 points.

Well done to everyone who took part. The league will return next year in August and we will see if anyone can knock Mr Galbraith off the top spot.



Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to Mrs McCabe's S1 class who are the Accelerated Reader Premiership Champions 2022/23.

Accelerated Reader is a reading programme where pupils set quizzes on the book they have read and are awarded points if they score 85% or more on the quiz.

Mrs McCabe's class managed to gain a great total of 285 points accumulating 2 million words read.



Textiles

S1 Textile classes have been working on their own designs for a hand made mobile phone case, using hand stitching and machine sewing. Here are two designs by pupils:

S1J - Olivia McClair (Flower)

S1J - Murray McLean (Pigeon)



DALKEITH HIGH SCHOOL
**EXPRESSIVE ARTS
SHOWCASE**
21ST JUNE 2023
18.00 - 20.30



TICKET PRICE: £3 (UNDER 5'S GO FREE)
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

S1 Healthy Living Day

5K RUN



A 5k run, beautiful bracelets, tug of war, painting and drawing, handball, rounders, and making some delicious healthy food were just some of the many brilliant activities on offer for our S1 Healthy Living Day on Wednesday, 24th May.

The purpose of the day was to participate in fun activities that have a positive effect on both our mental and physical health. As well as sports and games, we were also given the option to get creative with lots of different art forms including painting, weaving, and even making our own keyrings and badges.

One of the S1 pupils said: "S1 Healthy Living Day was great because I got to do new activities and hang out with my friends."

TUG OF WAR



According to Mr Duncan, the best part about the 5k run was "working with children in a different environment and seeing them so motivated". Mrs Zielinski, who ran the badges, bracelets, and keyrings activity said that it was great that we were "having some time off the normal timetable to do things that are linked to wellbeing because wellbeing is so important". She added: "People think wellbeing is all about healthy eating and keeping fit but wellbeing is about mental health too, and that's what S1 Healthy Living Day is all about."

By Vaila Elliott (S1)



FRUIT KEBABS



BADGES & BRACELETS



GAMES



GAMES

S1 Healthy Living Day



SMOOTHIE MAKING



The Midlothian Rugby Development officer Jason Hendrie delivered two sessions on the S1 Healthy Living Day and the pupils had a great time. S1 pupils involved completed some fun tasks developing their core strength, speed and agility before applying these to a game of touch rugby.

A reminder for any pupils who enjoyed the sessions and to all S1-S3 pupils who want to give rugby a try that there are extra curricular rugby clubs on at the following times:

Tuesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm: Girls Rugby (S1-S6)

Wednesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm: Rugby for all (S1-S3)



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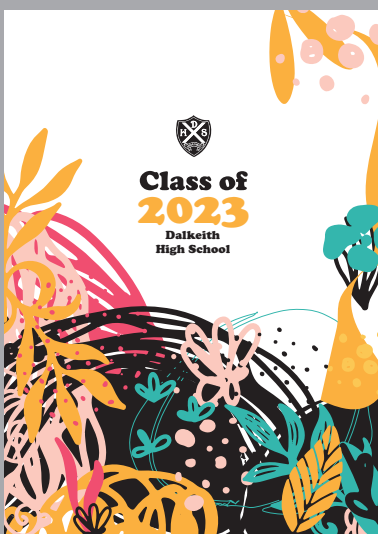
Pupils created their own mural, inspired by artist Yinka Ilori. "His work is underpinned by the belief that art and design should be accessible to all. Humorous, provocative and playful, his projects demonstrate how design can bring together communities and have a positive impact on society, evoking a sense of joy and optimism. Often using the city as his canvas, he reimagines spaces to encourage a sense of community and invites audiences to engage and participate in his work and its surroundings."

(<https://yinkailori.com/about>)



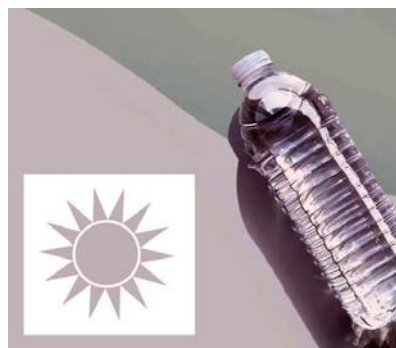
Yearbook

The Yearbook is at the printing stage and should be delivered in July. A text will be sent out from the office and the Yearbooks will be distributed during the summer break as usual.



Sunscreen & Water

This week has seen some beautiful sunny weather! Between now and end of term, PE classes will likely be outside doing summer games and athletics. In the event of continued hot weather (more than we are used to), please encourage your child to bring sun cream that they can put on before heading outside as well as a bottle of water.



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