



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Bulletin



Swimming



Ritchie Saunders represented Dalkeith High School at the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships on Friday 24th January, and had a fantastic set of results. He finished 5th overall in the 100m backstroke, improving his ranking from the heats and doing a 4.5 second long course PB. He finished 9th overall in the 200m breaststroke, improving his ranking from the heats and doing a 7 second long course PB.

This was an excellent performance given it's an aged 15/16 event, so Ritchie at 15 years old will be able to swim in the same age group next year!

A huge well done to Ritchie, a fantastic achievement and we are all very proud of you representing Dalkeith High School.



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latest news and more. Keep reading!

Edinburgh Schools Table Tennis Championships

TRAINING PAYS OFF WITH A GOLD FOR MORAY!

Moray Milne (S1) competed in the Edinburgh Schools Table Tennis Championships on the 8th of December at the Royal High School. Playing in the highly competitive U12 age category Moray topped his qualifying group before taking part in the medal playoff. After winning the semi-final Moray came out on top of a tense final to claim the Gold medal winning 3-2.

A fantastic achievement and great reward for all the training he has been doing over the last year. Fantastic achievement Moray!



Ice Hockey!

Lauchlan Trainer, S1, was selected to represent Scotland against England at Ice Hockey during the Christmas holidays, down in Sheffield.

The Sheffield tournament brought a mixed bag of results with 2 wins and 2 defeats, but he had a great time regardless.

Congratulations Lauchlan!

Scottish Landscapes

Inspired by the recent Art Project with Mural Artist, Chris Rutterford, the senior Hive students have created their own 'Scottish Landscapes' using the drawings and paintings they made last term.



Classroom News

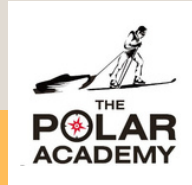


Learners in the Orchard Room have been working on line control and observational drawing, including some self portraits.

Learners in The Hive have been continuing to develop their kitchen skills. First item on the menu for 2025 was French Bread Pizza!



The Polar Academy



TYRE HAUL CHALLENGE

The team's progress in completing two of the three scheduled tyre hauls is impressive, showing their endurance and teamwork. The first, a 20k trek near Callander, involved a unique challenge where they had to run up and down a small hill while carrying the tyres. This tested their strength and coordination. The second, stretching 30k, began with a challenging uphill segment, adding difficulty to an already tough task. Their commitment to weekly hour-long Insanity training sessions has clearly paid off, giving them the stamina needed for these challenges. Midway through the second haul, they collectively completed 500 push-ups, highlighting their ability to collaborate under pressure.



SEA ICE EXPERIMENTS

The team's expedition involves conducting scientific experiments beneath the sea ice to measure water temperature and salinity, as well as investigating wind speed, temperatures, and barometric pressure. Before their journey, they visited St Andrews University for hands-on experience with these experiments and to enhance their understanding of polar climates. They also practiced essential tasks like setting up tents, operating stoves, and reviewing necessary clothing to ensure they are well-prepared for the challenging conditions ahead.



HELICOPTER TRAINING DAY

The expedition team's journey to Greenland promises an unforgettable adventure involving planes and helicopters. While most are accustomed to planes, the helicopter ride stirred some nerves, so the team participated in a helicopter training day, which eased anxieties and heightened excitement for the extraordinary experience ahead.



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DHS Pool Champion!



Congratulations to Kai Keogh for becoming the DHS Christmas Pool Cup Champion! It was impressive to see such enthusiasm and participation, with over 20 pupils competing throughout the week. The event not only showcased the talent and skill of these young players but also fostered a sense of community and friendly competition. For those interested in getting involved, the Nurture Base offers a great opportunity to hone your pool skills every Wednesday lunchtime. It's a perfect chance to enjoy the game, make new friends, and perhaps even prepare for next year's tournament! Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, everyone is welcome to join in the fun and excitement.

ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION



The Dalkeith High School Music Department recently showcased its talented students at the 'Young Musician Competition' hosted by the Rotary Club of Dalkeith on January 13, 2025. Four representatives, each displaying remarkable musical prowess, took the stage to perform. Caillan Greig captivated the audience with his guitar rendition of "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osborne, while Ben Matson impressed with "Maria Luisa," a piece he is preparing for his upcoming grade five exam. Snowy Chen dazzled with her piano performance of "Jester's Jig," and Rebecca Collins enchanted the crowd with her vocal rendition of "Never Fall in Love with an Elf" from the musical 'Elf.' Their performances were met with high praise, with Caillan earning a second-place finish and Snowy securing third in the Instrumental category. Gratitude is extended to the families for their unwavering support, essential for participation in such events. The school is now preparing for the Instrumental Services' 'Senior Young Musician Competition' on February 24 at St John's and Kings Parish Church. Aspiring participants should contact Mr. Pyper or Mr. Carvel to be considered. Upcoming events include the Junior Young Musician competition on May 28, the Spring Concert Series from April 1-3, and the Dalkeith High School Summer Showcase on June 17.

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Mural Unveiling

NEW YEAR, NEW ARTWORK FOR DALKEITH RESIDENTS

The collaboration between mural artist Chris Rutterford and Dalkeith High School's Art and Design department marked a unique and inspiring venture at the old Dalkeith High School site. Known for his ambitious and community-focused projects, Chris engaged over a hundred pupils to create a large-scale mural reflecting Scottish nature, animals, and folklore. Through meticulous planning and execution, the students, primarily from S3, contributed creatively at every stage, from initial concepts to detailed execution. The mural, nearly 4m tall and 18m long, features striking elements such as a Celtic sunrise and tree of life, interwoven with magical elements like fairies and unicorns. The unveiling of this vibrant artwork brought significant pride to the school community, highlighting the students' immense talent and dedication. Chris expressed gratitude for the collaboration;

“Working with the talented pupils at Dalkeith High School was an absolute joy. The school gave me a room in the art department and I turned it into a professional mural factory for the duration. Once you strip a mural off the wall and put it into a van it becomes very large very quickly! So it didn’t take long to transform it into another world. The parts of the mural were bursting out of all parts of the room.

I’m very grateful the entire art department got so behind the project. In many ways I feel like a benevolent pirate when I invade a school, but once we got started the ripples of joy and creativity soon echoed throughout the whole school. I could feel the pride of ownership in the pupils who took part.

The final touch for me was to take the mural back to the studio to unify it and add some feature illustrations to counterpoint the pupils’ artwork. Their exuberance and my experience combined make this mural a truly collaborative piece.

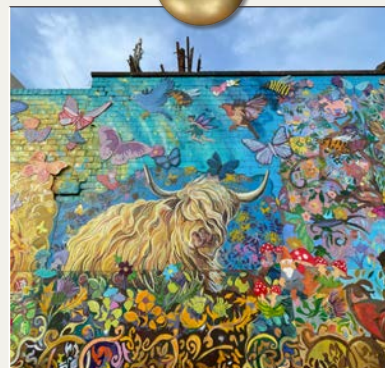
I’m delighted with the final product, it feels sunny and joyful, rooted in optimism, with a very professional feel. When I installed it some local children in the estate spontaneously went off and made thank you cards and gifts. A really touching moment, I can’t wait for the pupils from the school to come and see what they’ve made. They should be very proud of themselves. They’ve given this new place a real sense of soul.”

Mrs Zielinski, Ms Kyle, Ms Mackay and the pupils involved extend their thanks to Chris for inviting them to be part of this unique, engaging and rewarding project. Everyone involved learnt an array of skills as well as exploring self-expression and above all, we had a great deal of fun! We very much look forward to working with Chris again in the future and wish him all the best on his upcoming artistic projects.





Chris Rutterford



OTHER NEWS...

Teenage Booster

Teenage Booster vaccinations are scheduled for March 2025. Consent packs have been issued to all pupils in S3 and any pupils that have missed the vaccination previously. If you have still to return the completed consent form please can this be returned to the school office ASAP.

HPV

HPV vaccinations are scheduled for May 2025. Consents packs will be issued to pupils in S1 and anyone that has previously missed the vaccine in due course.

Help with school meals during holidays and strike action

Where a pupil is eligible for free school meals because of low income, they may get extra help during school holidays and in the event of strike action.

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants/2

Free school meals and clothing grants updates		
Payment	Paid to bank accounts	Details
School Holidays Monday 10 February to Friday 14 February	Tuesday 4 February	£10.50 per primary school pupil £12 per secondary school pupil

Historian of the Month!

Our first two winners of the Historian of the Month award were Ben Clarke from 1B2 in December and Lauchlan Trainer in 1L1 in January. Both boys were nominated by their teacher for showing a real enthusiasm for History, hard work ethic in every lesson and a polite and considerate attitude. Each of them has received a merit, a postcard home, a new book and some chocolate. Well done, boys!



2013S PLAYERS WANTED



WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS BORN 2013 TO JOIN OUR INIESTA DALKEITH SQUAD. IF YOU HAVE THE TALENT, DESIRE AND MINDSET WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

WHAT WE OFFER

- ⚽ 2 x TRAINING SESSIONS A WEEK
- ⚽ ALL SESSIONS LEAD BY SFA QUALIFIED COACHES
- ⚽ MATCH DAY & TRAINING KIT PROVIDED
- ⚽ PLAYER PATHWAY TO EOSFL



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