



PENICUIK HOUSE POINTS NEWSLETTER

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HOUSE UPDATES AND MAIN EVENTS:

Modern Languages T-Shirt Logo: 26th September

All pupils from S1-S3 took part in the annual European Day of Languages T-shirt competition. This gave the opportunity for students to show off their artistic skills and create a T-shirt logo to promote European Day of Languages. The Modern Languages department had many excellent designs. The categories were as follows:

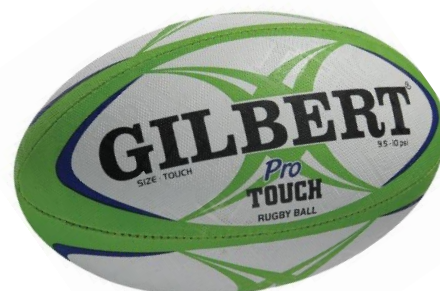
- Best Art work
 1. Ellie Dugan Riddle 2C1
 2. Maya Walker 2C3
 3. Sienna Ogilvie 1C1
- Best Overall Logo:
 1. Bella Holsgrove 3C1
 2. Rose Waugh 2C5
 3. Oliver Todd 2C1
- Outstanding Effort:

Nicole Connachan 1C5
- Best Original Idea:
 1. Lucy Doody 2C3
 2. Isobel Crease 3L2
 3. Adam Smith 3L4



Touch Rugby Tournament: 9th October

S1s and S2s had another opportunity to grab points for Liddle and Clerk Maxwell during a competitive Touch Rugby Tournament. In an intense couple of matches, Clerk Maxwell came out on top with an impressive **320 points** over Liddle with just **280 points**. As they say, there is always next year Liddle!



Remembrance Day – History House Competition: 13th November

In the Social Subjects Department, students had the chance to become creative and commemorate those who lost their lives in past or present conflicts. They could either present this creative piece in a poem, a postcard, drawing or story. All pieces were written beautifully but the top writers deserve some recognition:

1st Place: Alfie McLean 1L2 = 100 points

2nd Place: Matis Hay: 1L2 = 75 points

3rd Place: Harry Hayes 2L4 – 50 points

Best Presented: Elodie Hillis 1C3 – 50 points

Most Creative: Olivia Loughran 1C5 – 50 points



Congratulations to our creative writers!

Art Christmas Card Competition: 4th December

During the festive period, the Art Department held a Christmas Card Competition allowing students the freedom to be creative and design cards that were not already used by the big brands. The following winners, once again, manage to earn points for their houses:

1st Place: Sai Ching Lai – Clerk Maxwell: 100 points

2nd Place: William MacKinnon – Liddle: 50 points

3rd Place: Nicanor Ukanwa – Clerk Maxwell: 25 points



Christmas Dodge Ball Competition: 18th December

Despite Clerk Maxwell winning against Liddell in the Touch Rugby Competition, Liddell had the chance for redemption in the Christmas Dodge Ball Competition. Spectators saw a valiant Liddell team fighting for a win, although once again, Clerk Maxwell were champions with **176 points** edging out in front from Liddell with **156 points**. Will Liddell ever catch a break?



Christmas Music Competition: 21st December

The Music Department held their annual music competition, which allowed students and teachers to team up and win the big prizes. Some very creative and imaginative rounds tested all participants. Do you know famous Christmas songs sung by high-pitched Elves, would you know the exact moment George Michael starts singing "Last Christmas", and how well can you play a brand new instrument made out paper? Well, at least one team did:

1st Place: Clerk Maxwell – 52 points

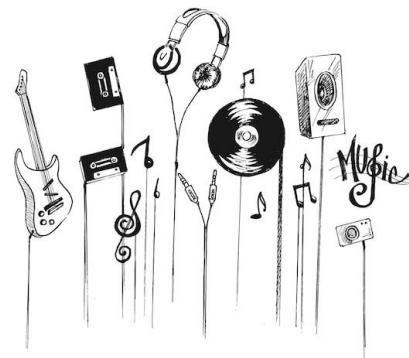
- Teachers: Vale & Wood
- Students: Lana Hood, Caitlin Murray, Niamh Wood, Ruby Waddell

2nd Place: Clerk Maxwell – 48 points

- Teachers: Knox & Bainbridge
- Students: Nicole Lithgow, Lilly Todd, Taea Symington-Cairns, Ava Edington

Joint 3rd Place: Clerk Maxwell + Liddle – 39 points

- Teachers: Proctor, Kinmond, MacDonald, Tining
- Students: Lucy Wilson, Beth Thomson, Carla McGarry, Olivia Davies, Daisy Wilkinson, Kat McDonald, Imogen Watt, Holly Hadwen.



Christmas Door Competition: 22nd December

Now for the annual, exclusive Teacher Christmas Door Competition. Of course, students were allowed to help teachers with their doors but all the credit and glory goes to the teachers. The S6 Leadership team had a tough job judging all the doors however, only 3 doors were victorious:

1st Place: Ms McEvoy – Cerk Maxwell: 200 points

2nd Place: Advanced Higher Art Door – Liddle: 150 points

3rd Place: Miss Tavakoli – Liddle: 100 points



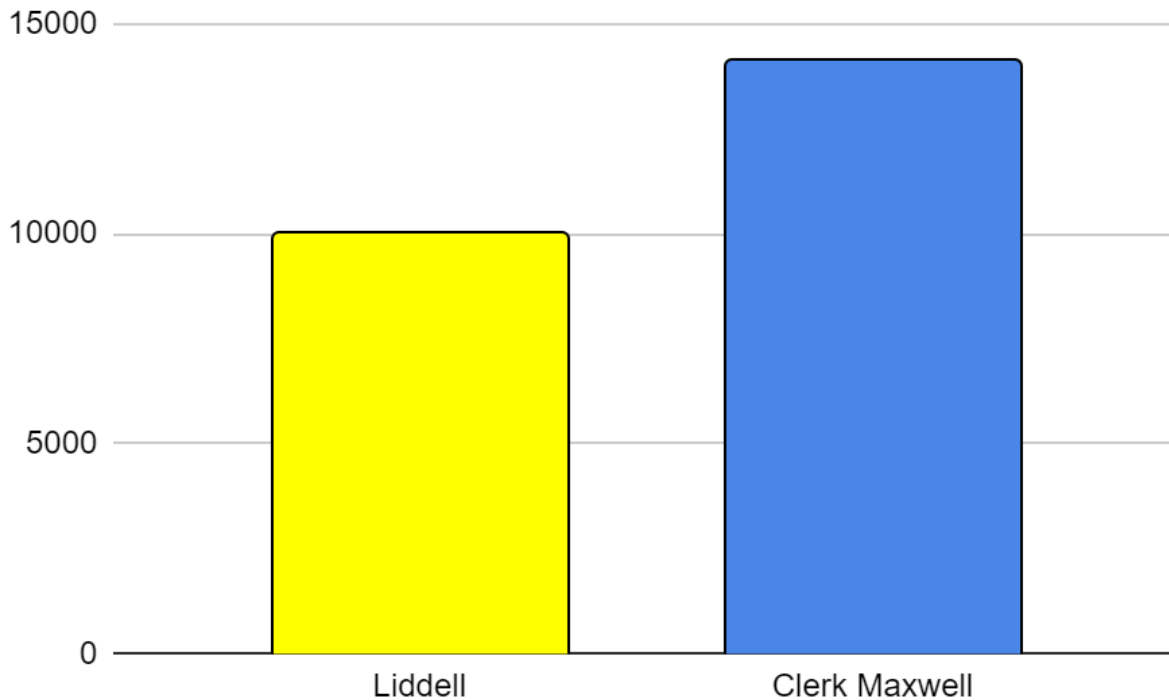
TOTAL POINTS so far:

LIDDELL

CLERK MAXWELL

10037 points

14095 points



***A STRONG PERFORMANCE FROM CLERK MAXWELL
BUT WILL LIDDELL EVER CATCH UP?!***

It is a close race so far this term but more events and house competitions are coming soon where more points can be won for your house.

The number of points for each house will be displayed on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Base, on X (formally known as Twitter) @PenicuikHS and the school website.

EVENTS/HOUSE COMPETITIONS COMING SOON!

- Design and Tech Structures Competition (29th January)
- LGBTQ+ History Month Poster Competition (5th February)
- Science Murder Mystery Competition (19th February)
- S1/S2 “Read in March” Readathon (4th March)



House points will be awarded in the following categories.

PRAISE postcards will also be awarded throughout the year as recognition of achievements. **10 points** will be awarded per postcard under their corresponding categories.

PRIDE points are the updated House points system. The points are as follows:

- **Participation**: 20 points for participating in House events.
- **Respect**: 30 points awarded by teachers throughout the year for exceptional acts and successes.
- **Inclusion**: 30 points for each club you attend (this will be reviewed termly).
- **Determination**: 20 Points to all pupils with 100% attendance each term. Doesn't include authorised absences and off sick.
- **Excellence**: Up to 100 Points for the winners of House events.