



Penicuik High School Pupil E Newsletter 2







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KINDNESS



INCLUSION



DETERMINATION



RESPECT

As part of our work towards achieving our Gold Rights Respecting Schools award, we have been reviewing our school ethos. Earlier in the year we established our new vision statement for Penicuik High School. *“At Penicuik High School we aim to create a caring community where everyone is respected, included, treated with kindness, and feels safe. We believe in nurturing a learning environment that strives for excellence, values diversity, promotes dignity and encourages personal growth, preparing students to succeed in a connected world.”* As part of this review, we have also revisited our school values. Our PRIDE values have served us well over the years, but it was felt that a refresh was needed. After consulting staff and student groups we believe that Kindness, Inclusion, Determination and Respect will help us achieve our vision for Penicuik High School and serve our community over the coming years. The next stage of the review is to take both the vision and values and incorporate them into our new relationships and behaviour policy.

The newsletter is created by PHS staff with assistance from pupils Bella Holsgrove, Katie McComb, Emily Wilson, Penny Jorgenson and Isla Kerr



Welcome to the latest newsletter.



This section features information about the clubs that are active in school.

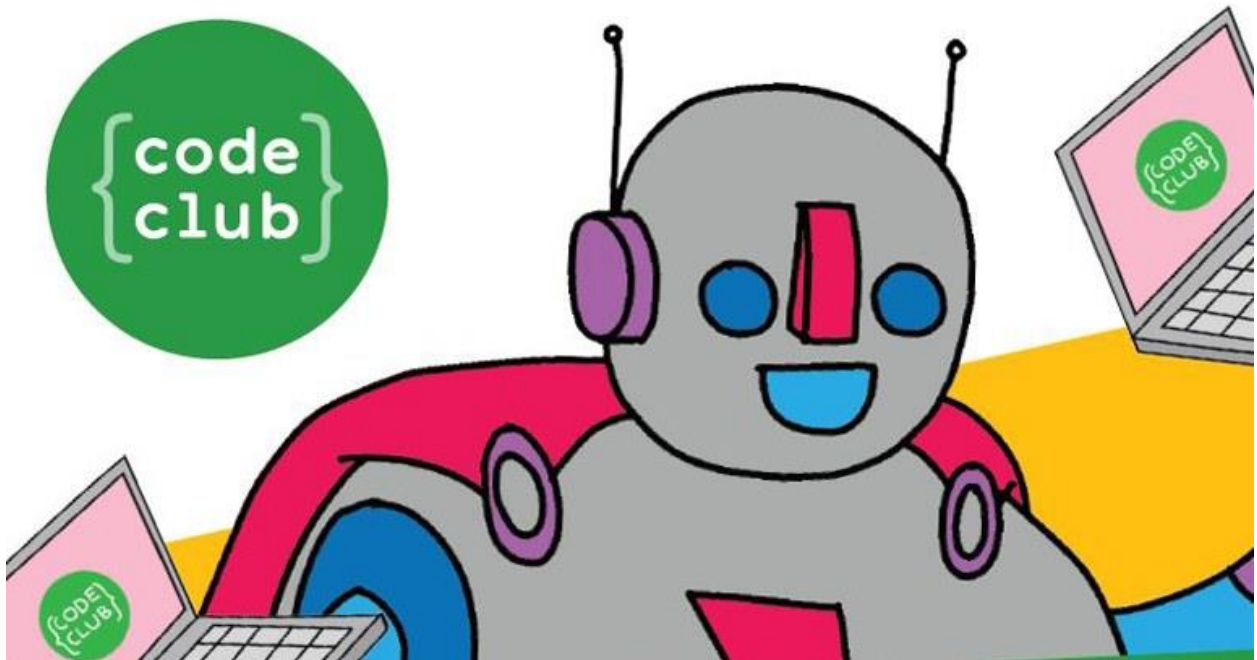


- **Monday Lunchtime**
- **S3-4 Indoor Football (Miss McShannonS1-2)**
- **PHS Swifties (Mrs Sneddon, room 45)**
- **Debate club(Miss Astor) room 42**
- **Burnt Out Records (Music Dept the hub)**
- **BGE ScienceHomework Help**
- **Monday After school**
- **Spin (Miss McShannon)**
- **Senior Vocal Group (Mrs McIntosh room 4)**

- **Chemistry N5 and AH**
- ***Tuesday Lunchtime***
- **Eco Schools (Mr Johnston)**
- **S1-2 Maths homework (Mr Knox)**
- **S1-S2 Indoor Football (Mr Hogg)**
- **Creative Writing Group (Ms Henderson)**
- **Wind Band Mr Walker)**
- **Percussion Group (Ms Waddell)**
- **Guitar Group (Mr Mcleod)**
- **Tuesday After School**
- **S1-3 Netball (Miss McShannon)**
- **Wednesday Lunchtime**
- **LGBTQ+ and Allies (Miss Graham)**
- **Young Carers (Mr Milligen - fortnightly)**
- **S1-S6 Badminton (Miss Gungui)**
- **Rights Respecting school (Mr Murphy)**
- **STEM club (Ms Forbes room 49)Jazz Band**
- **(Mrs MacRae)String Group (Miss Dance)**
- **Wednesday After School**
- **S4-6 Basketball (Mr Witton)**
- **Book & Biscuits (Ms Henderson Reading Room)**
- **Dyslexia homework Support group (Mrs Wood, room 5)**
- **Thursday Lunchtime**
- **S1-2 Cheerleading (Miss Tavakoli)**
- **S6 Indoor Football (Mr Hunter)**
- **Junior Vocal Group (Miss Hamilton rm 3)**

- **Thursday After School**
- **Code Club (Ms Giorgi) 3:40-4:10pm**
- **S1-3 Rugby (Mr Witton)**

Code Club



Code Club will start Thursday 19th of September 3:40-4:10pm and will run in a block of 6 weeks initially. It's open to all year groups and it will be about learning to code -mainly python and javascript (text based) with the option to bring your own code if people want to share. Open to discussing specific requests, too, if any.



Creative Writing Club at lunchtime on Tuesdays. It's open to everyone and will be starting on the Tuesday after September break - 17th of September - See Miss Henderson for further details.



LGBTQ+ and Allies Club - Are you passionate about equality? Do you feel strongly about our freedom to express who we are? Are you willing to stand up for others? You may be interested in our LGBTQ+ and Allies club! The group meet every Wednesday lunchtime in room 28 (Miss Graham's room). All S1-6 are welcome, whether you are a member of the LGBTQ+ community or are a supportive ally. Please see Miss Graham if you would like to be added to our Google Classroom as often club announcements and news is shared here. Miss Graham



Eco Schools this club runs every Thursday lunch time in Mr Johnstone's room (21).

PHS Young Carers



PHS Young Carers Drop In fortnightly at Lunchtime on a Wednesday English Reading Room come along to have a chat with other Young Carers in school - for support or just some food and drink! Mr Milligan

EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS



MONDAY



LUNCHTIME

S3-4 Indoor Football
(Games Hall)

AFTER SCHOOL

S3-S6 Spin
(Spin Studio)

JOIN
THE
FUN!



WEDNESDAY



LUNCHTIME

S1-S6 Badminton
(Games Hall)

AFTER SCHOOL

S3-S6 Basketball
(Games Hall)



TUESDAY



LUNCHTIME

S1-2 Indoor Football
(Games Hall)

AFTER SCHOOL

S1-3 Netball
(Games Hall)



THURSDAY



LUNCHTIME

S1-S2 Cheerleading
(Old Gym)
S6 Indoor Football
(Games Hall)

AFTER SCHOOL

S1-S3 Rugby
(Penicuik Rugby
Club)

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MONDAY - LUNCHTIME S3-4 Indoor Football (Games Hall) AFTER SCHOOL S3-S6 Spin (Spin Studio)

TUESDAY - LUNCHTIME S1-2 Indoor Football (Games Hall) AFTER SCHOOL S1-3 Netball (Games Hall)

WEDNESDAY - LUNCHTIME S1-S6 Badminton (Games Hall) AFTER SCHOOL Basketball S3-S (Games Hall)

THURSDAY - LUNCHTIME S1-S2 Cheerleading S6 Indoor Football (Games Hall) AFTER SCHOOL S1-S3 Rugby (Penicuik Rugby Club)

Senior Awards Ceremony

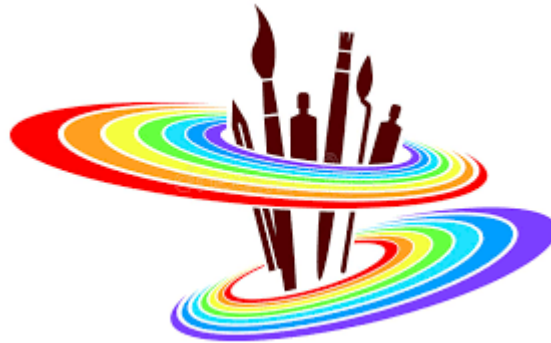


Congratulations to all of our Senior award winners; we hope that you enjoyed the Awards Ceremony. The effort which you have put into your studies and extra curricular interests is a credit to you all and we hope that you are proud of your achievements.

The Junior Awards Ceremony will take place later in the session and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of S1 to S3 then.

Beth Holwill Ellis

Suggested competition from J Dixon PT Art



About ICAS and our 170-Year Anniversary

ICAS (Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland) is the oldest professional body of its kind in the world. ICAS trains people all over the UK to become Chartered Accountants and the qualification is also globally recognised. This year we are celebrating our 170th birthday - which is pretty exciting!

To mark the occasion and to help you learn more about the opportunities in a career in chartered accountancy, we're running a competition where you can design the front cover of our award-winning CA magazine. The winners could also receive up to £500 in vouchers for their school.

What will your design look like?

Join in the celebration and let your creativity shine by entering our competition and submitting a design for the front cover of our digital CA magazine. Be bold, be creative, and have fun!

Themes for your design

Your design should reflect themes that are important for creating a better world for you to grow up in. Think about:

Sustainability: Caring for our planet and its people.

Technology: Using technology in the right way to improve our lives.

Fairness in business: Promoting fairness and ethics in business.

Be bold, be creative, and have fun with your design!

How to enter

1. Download the magazine cover template: [DOWNLOAD HERE](#).
2. Create your masterpiece on the template (make sure to fill in your details)
3. Submit your piece digitally to 170years@icas.com. You should scan your image or take a clear photo. All entries need to be received by Friday 11 October 2024. See the [Terms and Conditions](#) for full details and alternative ways of entering.
4. **Ensure you keep your original copy if you are submitting your entry digitally.** It will be needed for creating the final front cover design. We will ask the winner to provide the original copy.

Winners will be informed of the results within six weeks of the competition deadline. In each category (Primary 1-3/Reception – year 2; Primary 4-7/years 3-6; high school S1-6/Year 7-11), one overall winner will be selected. Additionally, two winners will be chosen from the remaining categories. Prizes include a £500 voucher for our overall winning school, £250 vouchers for the top selections of our remaining categories (with a range of vouchers to choose from), certificates, and publication of the final designs in the December 2024 CA Magazine.

Useful links

To help you get inspired, you can find more information about ICAS and Chartered Accountants here:

ICAS website: [Click here \(https://icas.com\)](https://icas.com)

CA magazine archive: [Click here \(https://icas.com/ca-magazine\)](https://icas.com/ca-magazine)

Inspiration


ICAS's history: [Discover how ICAS has evolved over the past 170 years here.](#)


Future-focused strategy: [Think about where ICAS is headed in the future here.](#)

Becoming a Chartered Accountant: [Explore the steps you'd need to take and the exciting opportunities on offer for those who become Chartered Accountants here.](#)

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Clothes recycling



Our next Rag Bag collection is on Tuesday 1st October.

If you are fortunate enough to have any clothes for recycling it would be wonderful if you could bring them into school, in a bag for us to get them recycled. The clothes are either passed on if in good quality or repurposed if not. Whichever method is used the clothes do not go to landfill helping to reduce waste.

The school also benefits as we get a small amount of money from the collection which helps with supplies for the Eco School group.

If you have anything please bring into school and I will store the items ahead of the collection date. All donations are welcomed and need to be in school at the latest on Monday 30th September

Many thanks in advance,

Mr Berry Room 23

PE Survey

In PE we listen to what you say!

You said....	We did....
The changing rooms are too small, there is no privacy and they often smell.	You can now attend school in PE kit on the days that you are timetabled for PE.
We don't like mixed classes and there is no choice over the activities we do.	Where the timetable allows we are splitting into girls/boys classes. Where facilities and staffing allows we are offering a choice of activities.
The activity blocks are too long.	We have changed from termly activities to teaching an activity for 4 or 5 weeks at a time.



CAREERS INTERVIEWS with Caroline Steele and Dearbhla Gallagher IN THE CAREERS ROOM

Students should make their way to the careers office in time for their appointment. If you are unable to make your appointment please let your guidance teacher or Caroline know asap.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Tuesday 17 September

Period 2 Morgan Wilson (S5)

Period 3 Oliver Young (S5)

Period 4 Harrison Young (S5)

Period 5 Imogen Larkins (S5)

Wednesday 18 September

Period 3 Luke Aitchison (S4)

Period 4 Hayden Wilkes (S5)

Period 5 Auley Beattie (S4)

Period 6 Grace Johnston (S4)

Period 7 Kal-el Chan (S4)

Thursday 19 September

Period 2 Dylan Coutts (S4)

Period 3 Darren Campbell-Steward (S5)

Period 4 Isobel Crease (S4)

Period 5 Zoe McGinley (S4) Period 6 Liv Davenport (S4)

Friday 20 September

Period 1 Calum Dunlop (S4)

Period 2 Lucy Young (S5)

Period 3 Abi Easson (S4)

Period 4 Mollie Easton (S4)

Tuesday 24 September

Period 2 Evan Fraser (S4)

Period 3 Luke Haggart (S4)

Period 4 Duncan Hind (S4)

Period 5 Isla Kerr (S4)

Period 6 James Lilley (S4)



Save the Date! Thursday 21st November, 6pm-8pm, Careers Fair at Penicuik High School. We will have representatives from all the major Universities, local colleges and a range of employers, some of whom will have active apprenticeship opportunities. This is open to all students from S2 upwards as well as parents and carers.

Out of school achievements



Benjamin Gilpin and Iain Fell in S3 competed at the Scottish Lifesaving Championships on Sunday 8 September for their team, Beeslack Lifesaving Club. They won bronze medals in the Junior boys category.



Fern Noble and Summer McCloskey are continuing to support "Once Upon a Star" the charity they represented when they won YPI. They will be zip lining across the river Clyde this Sunday, 15 September. If you would like to support them the link to their "just giving" page is below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/fern-summer-1725450680337?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Ffern-summer-1725450680337&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Getting To Know You

In the hot seat this edition is PCWO Attendance Adele Walters

Q: Can you tell us about previous work experience?

A: I've worked in the school office and a doctors surgery.

Q: What was your favourite subject at school?

A: History.

Q: What are your favourite musical artists?

A: Benson Boone.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I have 2 dogs and 2 cats!

Q: What is your proudest achievement?

A: getting my degree.

Q: What's your favourite book or book series?

A: Law and order SVU.

Q: And finally, favourite food??

A: Indian.