



Penicuik High School Pupil E Newsletter Issue 8







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KINDNESS



INCLUSION



DETERMINATION



RESPECT

Our new school values

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 behavior policy.

A message from Mr Biddick Headteacher



Happy New Year!

Welcome back everyone - I hope you had a great break and have come back to school ready to learn and be positive. The vast majority of you continue to behave well and work hard.

This week I have had a few concerns about uniform and toilets. I would like to remind you about the uniform code and I'll be putting something up on Google classrooms as a reminder. Crop tops are a definite no go. Remember to be fair and follow what we all agreed!

In terms of toilets please let us know if you see vandalism, feel threatened in those spaces or they do not have things like toilet paper or are dirty etc.. If you don't tell us we may not know.

I hope I will be able to see you around this week to catch up

Mr B



Letter from Prostate Scotland to PHS

Mr Craig Biddick (Head Teacher) Penicuik High School

39a Carlops Road Penicuik Midlothian

EH26 9EP

7th January 2025

Dear Mr Biddick

I am writing on behalf of Prostate Scotland to thank the staff at Penicuik High School for taking part in Movember and fundraising a fantastic £690.26! This is such a generous donation, and it was so very kind of you to think of us. Where possible, please pass our thanks to everyone that took part and to the students that so kindly contributed to this amount.

Your fundraising will directly help towards developing a range of services to help men across Scotland.



Free Study Support from e-Sgoil

Registration for the 2024/25 National e-Learning Offer Evening Study Support programme is now open. This Scottish Government funded provision is focussed on delivering equitable access to all Senior Phase learners and is completely free. Students will need their Glow login and password to access. Students should see their guidance teacher if they have lost their details.

Study Support comprises live, interactive webinars and are delivered by experienced, GTCS registered teachers. In excess of 50 different webinars are on offer each week during term time, covering the most popular curricular areas as well as an extensive range of other subjects.

Link - <https://e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/#FAQs>



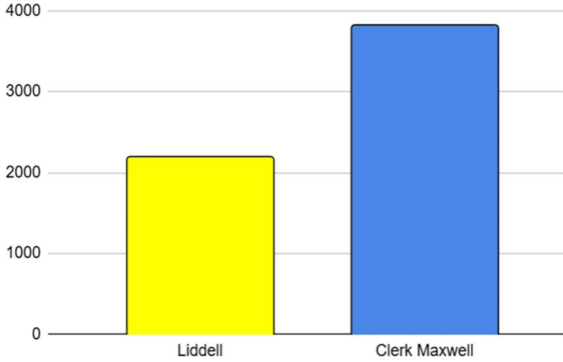
50/50 Club

Do you want to be in on a chance to win some cash... and help us raise funds for our Parent Partnership at the same time? Sign up to our 50/50 Club for £5 per month (multiple entries allowed) via this online form.

<https://forms.gle/uxkWKo4racL4Krym9>

We give out 50% of the entries to one monthly winner and keep 50% towards fundraising. This helps us support things like prize giving, uniform costs, hygiene products, and hopefully some families with the cost of trips.

HOUSE POINTS



NEW CLUBS!

New S2/3 Lunchtime Basketball

Club Starting Monday 20th January

Games Hall 1.15pm - 1.40pm

ALSO

Wednesday Badminton will now also include Pickleball as well

- **Monday Lunchtime**
- S3-4 Indoor Football (Miss McShannon)
- S1-2 PHS Swifties (Mrs Sneddon, room 45)
- Debate club (Miss Astor) room 42
- Burnt Out Records (Music Dept The Hub)
- BGE Science Homework Help
- Basketball (Games Hall)

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)
- Modern Languages Homework Club Mrs McEvoy's Room

Wednesday Lunchtime

- LGBTQ+ and Allies (Miss Graham)
- Young Carers (Mr Milligen - fortnightly)
- S1-S6 Badminton and Pickleball (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

- S6 Indoor Football (Mr Hunter)
- Junior Vocal Group (Miss Hamilton rm 3)

Thursday After School

- S1-S6 Songwriters club (Mr Murphy)

A Thank You email



FAO Headmaster

Good morning

I am currently a school crossing guide (lollipop staff) with the responsibility of crossing children at the road outside the Roadhouse public house. A lot of negativity often surrounds today's children but I would like to put on record I have found your pupils to be polite with all but a few saying thank you when crossing. It is really appreciated on these cold dark mornings. Not sure if

you still have assemblies or indeed newsletters but can you ensure that their politeness has not gone unnoticed.

Best wishes moving forwards

John Blain



The annual PHS Christmas Hampers were a huge success again this festive season. An incredible amount of items were donated and distributed to those in need. Well done to all who donated and/or helped with the making up of the hampers.

Congratulations

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

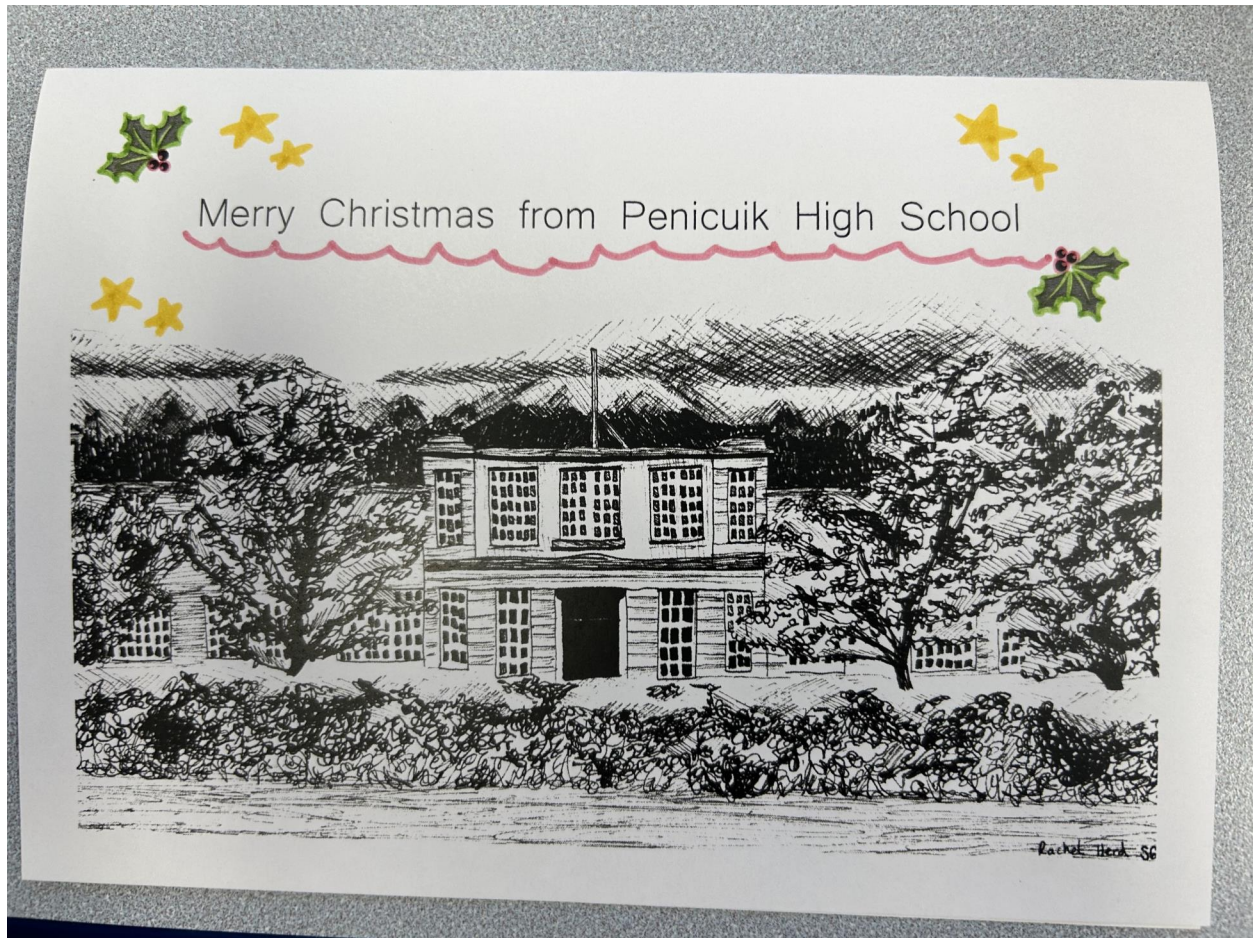


On Sunday 15th December, Scottish Rugby hosted their National Youth Cup Finals weekend at Murrayfield, with boys and girls teams from all across Scotland competing in the U16 and U18 National Cup & Shield finals.

Current PHS pupil, Gregor Ritson (S5), along with former pupil Cameron Wilson, were playing for Boroughmuir in the U16 Cup Final, winning a tense and exciting game 20-15, against Currie.

Lewis Carter (S6) was playing for Peebles in the U18 Shield Final. Peebles also won their game, 40-33 over West of Scotland.

All 3 boys started their rugby journey at Penicuik and it's a testament to the coaching and encouragement they received at the rugby club and through the school, that they have achieved so much.



Before the Xmas holidays, some of our RMPS pupils in S3/5 and S6 wrote Xmas cards for the visitors to Broomhill Day Centre next door. Our S3 elective RMPS class delivered the cards to the centre.



A huge congratulations to the following S3 pupils who have made it to the YPI final. In March they will present their pitches to judges who will decide on one of the following to win £3000 for their chosen charity.

Change Mental Health - 3L2

Seun, Abbie, Grace, Aaron, Sam, Joe

Simba - 3L2

Olivia, Olivia, Carla, Beth, Ellie

STAND International - 3L4

Atanas, Alex, Alistair, Christopher, Josh

VOCAL - 3C3

Struan, Andrew, Dominic, Finlay

Bright Sparks - 3C3

Maya, Nicole

When You Wish Upon A Star - 3C5

Rheia, Lily, Erryn, Lily

Cancer Card - 3C5

Rose, Connor, Euan

The YPI final will take place in the assembly hall on Thursday 13 March 2025.

S6 Leavers Hoodies



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This years leavers hoodies will be supplied by Brown and Out, supplier of the new school uniform. To order, please see link below to the school eShop. <https://www.browbandout.co.uk/product/leavers-hoodie-2025-penicuik-high/>

The price is £29.95 each. There is a choice of 10 colours and 5 size options. These are available to see and try on in the Clerk Maxwell Guidance Base.

The hoodies are available for personalisation. We would recommend you use your first name or surname. If you chose to use a nickname please be aware these will be checked by school prior to printing. All personalised hoodies are non-refundable.

Deadline for orders is extended. Please get your order placed the new few weeks if you wish one.. All hoodies will be delivered to school free of charge around February holiday so you can wear these in school for your last few weeks at PHS.

Any questions or concerns around payment, please see Miss Campbell



Homework of the week winners from the end of last term.

Josh Wilson-Oosterhoff 1P5

Louis McCall 1P1

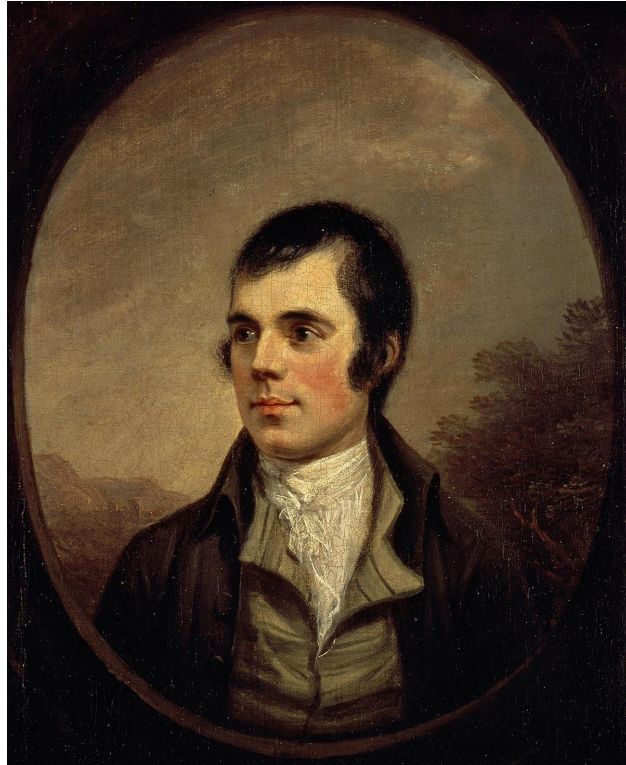
Molly Neil 1P1



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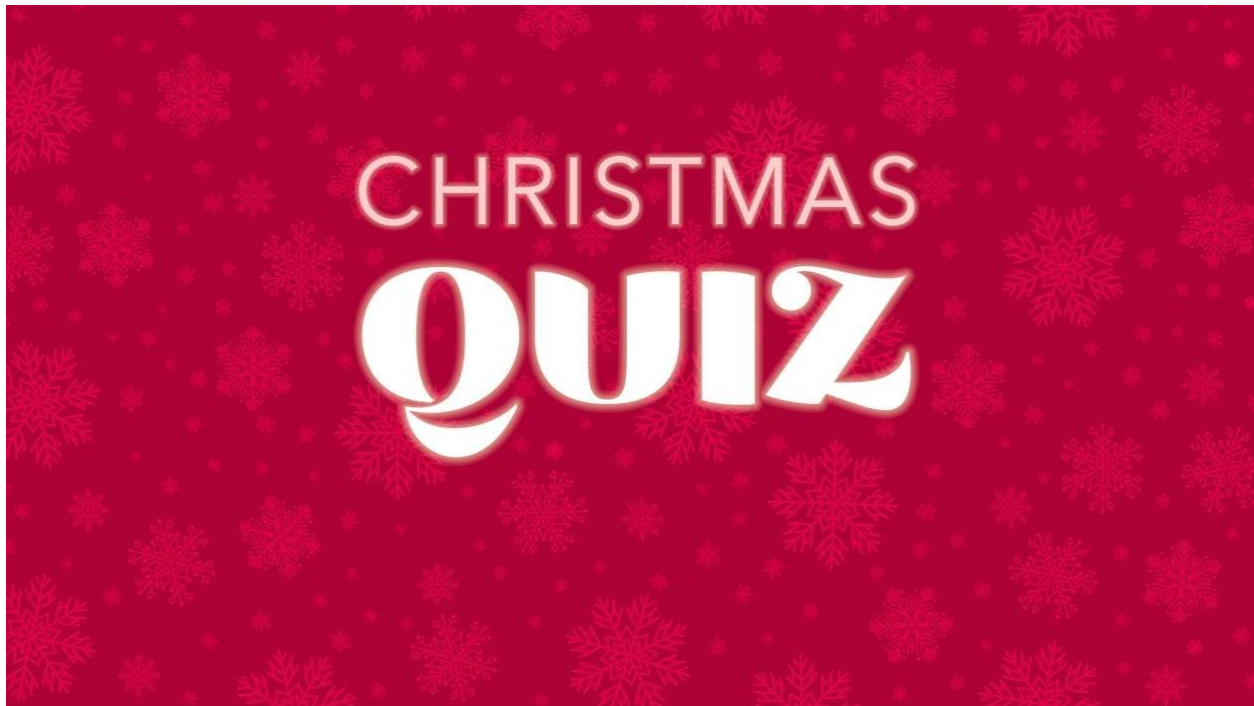






Burns scavenger hunt question

Burns was the first real person to appear on the bottle of a very popular brand of soft drink in 2009. Name the soft drink!



Christmas Music Quiz:

Well done to everyone who took part in the Christmas Music Quiz in the last week of term. It was great fun. Here are the results.

In **Joint First Place** with a score of 60 we have.....

Slay Belles(and Mark) - Mr Rathie, Miss Tinning, Amy Yule, Freya Collett, Eleanor Neil, Gemma Blyth

&

World Wide Santas! - Mr Johnstone, Miss Mowat, Erin Forbes, Carla McGarry, Olivia Davies, Freya McFadyen

In **Second Place** with a score of 57 we have:

Santa's Divas - Miss Smith, Miss Henderson, Cara Hart, Lucy Wilson, Olivia Bain, Adara Hughes.

In **Third Place** with a score of 55 we have:

LC Productions - Miss Tavakoli, Miss Graham, Jack Marshall, Archie Smith, Stuart Allan, Lewis Carter.

Points will be added to houses.

Army newsletter 01/25

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ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 12TH 2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 10AM - 5PM

Come and join us to explore our new National Apprenticeships. We've got over the range of apprenticeships the British Army offers. We'll cover 40 different apprenticeship models, including 10 degree-level ones and our new graduate schemes in Cyber, IT, Engineering, Health, Programme and Communications, HR and Finance, Logistics and Support, Music, Creative, and more.

REGISTER NOW

BRITISH ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS

DID YOU KNOW?
 The first apprentice to receive a college award is due to graduate in 2025 and receive a total of 60 apprenticeships over the next 10 years. 100 apprenticeships will be available in 2025.

Now the British Army offers modern apprenticeships which are delivered in Initial Trade Training Schools and in the workplace.

ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS

ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE HARROGATE (AFC)
FACE TO FACE OPEN DAY

Are you ready to take the first step towards an exciting Army career? We invite all potential applicants to be open to the event. This is your chance to explore everything the Army Foundation College has to offer. Join us for a day of open days, including our open days, recruitment presentations and a behind the scenes look at life as a young soldier.

2025 Open Day - 25 - 26 January 2025
10AM - 5PM
 ALL AGES WELCOME
 0800 300 300 (0800 300300)

AFC HARROGATE

OFFICER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Army Internship CLOSING SOON

Applicants to join the Army as an intern and COSSRO on the 21st January 2025. The Army Internship Programme is your opportunity to experience a range of Army life and working with us in the real world. We're looking for 100 interns to start in 2025. The programme is open to all students aged 18-24 who are currently studying at a university, college or school. You must be a UK citizen or have the right to work in the UK. **Apply at [https://armyinternship.com](#)**

ARMY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

INTERESTED IN ARMY CAREERS?

REGISTER FOR OUR FEMALE NEWSLETTER **VIEW OUR PREVIOUS** OFFICER NEWSLETTER

FREE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

SEE YOUR WORLD AROUND THE WORLD

The British Army provide a variety of complimentary activities, workshops, and events to assist and encourage both you and your students. Take a look at the diverse enrichment opportunities available below and inform us about how we can contribute to the educational development in your school.

CAREERS SUPPORT

TEACHER LESSON LIBRARY **FREE LESSON LIBRARY**

Our FREE Lesson Library is now available full of downloadable, adaptable teaching materials for ages 7-16. You can explore a range of engaging, central on Armed Forces, including, assemblies, form time activities, and more. [Support and explore careers of your own.](#)

CAREERS PRESENTATION (YEARS 9-11) **INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION**

Discover the real story of career options within the Army through this engaging, interactive presentation. Get valuable insights into the Army through and explore the numerous opportunities available.

CAREERS FAIR (YEARS 9-11) **ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS**

The British Army can attend your school careers fairs to provide insights about the extensive range of career options, including the Army Apprenticeships, and graduate apprenticeships.

ELITE SKILLS ACADEMY (YEARS 9-11) **PROBLEM SOLVING WORKSHOPS**

The workshop gives students a taste of Army teamwork and problem solving, with a wider range of games and confidence building activities that focus the growth of both their mental and physical capabilities.

ARMY WORK EXPERIENCE (YEARS 9-11) **EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS**

Students interested in exploring career options within the Army can participate in a fun day residential work experience program aimed at enhancing skills such as teamwork, leadership, confidence, and resilience. [To book Work Experience or an Elite Skills Academy session, please email \[careers@armyfoundationcollege.ac.uk\]\(mailto:careers@armyfoundationcollege.ac.uk\) or phone 0800 300 300 and see the 'Support'.](#)

75+ JOBS AVAILABLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

COMBAT ROLES INFANTRY SOLDIER, ARMOURER CAVALRY CREW, TANK CREW, ARTILLERY GUNNER, AIR DEFENCE GUNNER, UNARMED AERIAL SYSTEMS, ARMOURER ASSAULT GUNNER, **PARATROOPER**, ARTILLERY GUNNER T1 LIGHT GUNNER, CORDONING GUNNER, JUMPMASTER, **PIRETECH SPECIALIST**, **ROBOTS** SALVAGE ENGINEER, **COMBAT ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE & COMMUNICATION DATA ANALYST**, INTELLIGENCE ANALYST, CYBER ENGINEER, ELECTRONIC WARFARE SPECIALIST, **LOGIST**, INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICAL-PAPER ENGINEER, **ARMY'S OWN OPERATIVE ENGINEERING ROLES** (VEHICLE MECHANIC, **BRICKLAYER**, **LANDSCAPE DESIGNER**, **AVIATION TECHNICIAN**, **ARMOURER**, **TECHNICAL ENGINEER**, **DESIGN DRAUGHTSMAN**, **ELECTRICIAN**, **STRUCTURAL ENGINEER**, **MECHANICAL ENGINEER**, **WELDER**, **WELDING ENGINEER**, **WELDING TECHNICIAN**, **WELDING SUPERVISOR**, **COMBAT MEDICAL TECHNICAL**, **MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST**, **AMBULANCE DRIVER**, **LOGISTICS & SUPPLY ENGINEER**, **ARMOURMENT TECHNICIAN**, **POST OPERATOR**, **REPAIR OPERATOR**, **AIR DISPATCH CREW**, **EMP**, **FUEL SPECIALIST**, **MOVEMENTS CONTROLLER** **AVIATION ROLES** HELICOPTER PILOT, HELICOPTER CREWMAN, **GROUND SUPPORT ENGINEER**, **ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT ROLES** MILITARY POLICE OFFICER, **HR SPECIALIST**, **FINANCE SPECIALIST**, **LEGAL OFFICER**, **MUSIC**, **ARMY BAND**

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