



Penicuik High School Pupil E Newsletter Issue 9







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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.



Welcome to the latest pupil newsletter, I hope you find it an interesting and enjoyable read.



To be safe on the road you need to use the Green Cross Code.

1. [Think](#)

2. [Stop](#)
3. [Look and listen](#)
4. [Wait](#)
5. [Look and listen again](#)
6. [Arrive alive](#)

1. Think

Find a safe place to cross the road. Where possible cross at a:





NEVER cross:





If you can't see a crossing, remember to cross where you can see in all directions and where drivers will see you

.2. Stop

- Just before you get to the kerb, stop.
- Stand on the pavement near the kerb and make sure that you can see the traffic. DO NOT step on to the road.

3. Look

- Look all around you for traffic. Make sure that you listen carefully for traffic that you can't see.
- Check to your right hand side first, then check to your left and then to your right again before you cross.
- Beware that some roads, called one way streets, have all of the traffic moving in the same direction.
- Watch out for bicycles or people on rollerblades. You often don't hear them but they travel very fast.

4. Wait

- If traffic is coming, let it pass.
- If you are waiting at a crossing then wait until the cars have stopped or, at pelican, toucan, puffin or pegasus crossings, the green man shows, before you cross.

- If you are not at a crossing wait until it is safe to cross.
- Once the traffic has passed look around again and listen.

5. Look and listen again

When it is safe and there is no traffic, walk straight across the road.

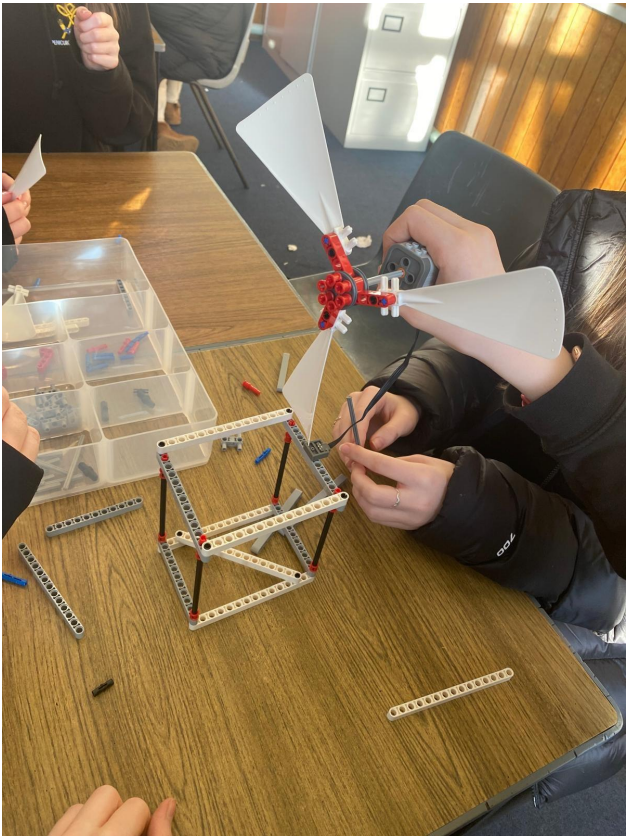
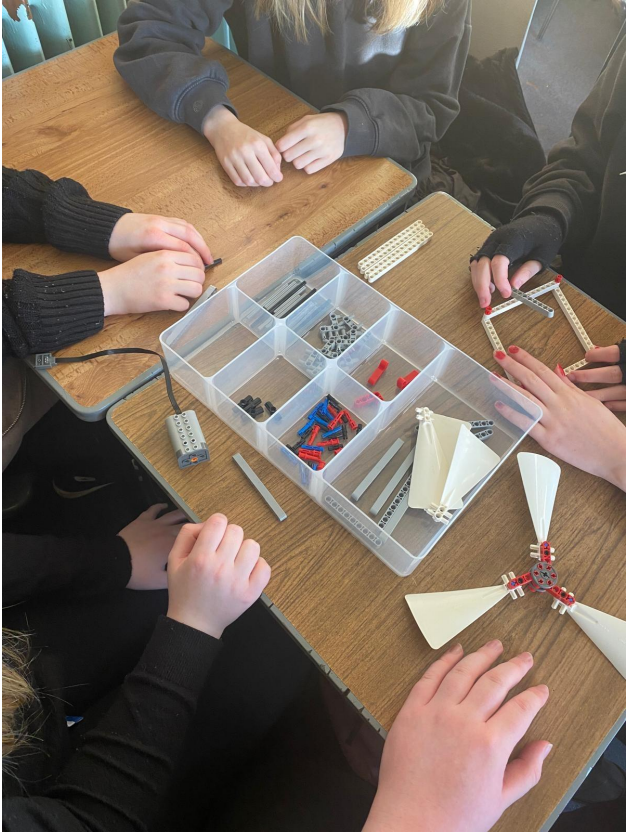
Keep looking and listening while you cross the road. Watch out for cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders. Always walk straight across the road, DO NOT walk diagonally. NEVER run across the road because you might fall over and you might not get up in time.

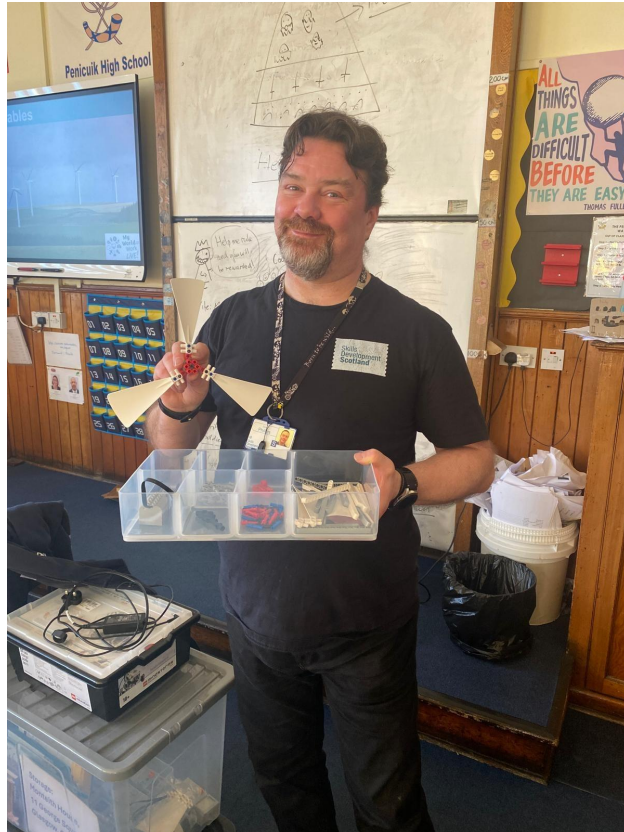
6. Arrive alive

Look and keep looking while you cross the road.



Renewable Energy is one of the fastest growing sectors across Scotland, as the country pushes towards net zero there will be lots more job opportunities in this area. David Phillips from SDS Live came in to run a workshops with our S2s focusing on being an engineer in the energy sector. In small groups the students were tasked with building a wind turbine from Lego which, once completed, they tested to see if it produced energy. This was an incredibly fun morning allowing students to be creative and technical at the same time as well as introducing the students to some career ideas.





This free, in-person recruitment event is a fantastic opportunity for school pupils, college leavers, and parents/carers to explore apprenticeship opportunities with some of our valued partner employers, including Balfour Beatty, Forrit Technology Ltd, BEAR Scotland, and EMA Architecture + Design Ltd.

- **Date:** Thursday, 27th February
- **Time:** 17:15 – 19:00
- **Location:** [Edinburgh Napier University Craiglockhart Campus](#)

At this event, you will have the chance to meet employers who are recruiting Graduate Apprentices in 2025 and explore the benefits of Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships. Exhibitors will include HR professionals, senior managers, and current and former Graduate Apprentices, offering valuable insights and advice about apprenticeships.

We're also thrilled to have Kelly Dawson and Bernie Critchley, our Careers Development Consultants, on hand to provide expert support. Whether you need guidance on CV writing, cover letters, interviews, or assessment centre preparation, they'll be available to help answer your questions.

This event is a valuable opportunity for pupils, parents, and carers alike. Whether you're actively considering apprenticeships as a career route or simply curious to learn more, there's something here for everyone.

To secure your place, please register your attendance by completing the registration form via the link below before 17th February 2025.

[Register Here](#)





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>



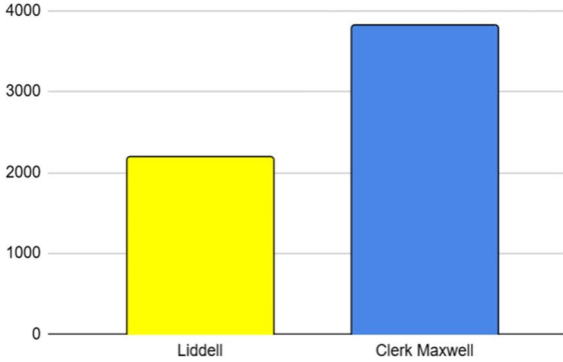
50/50 Club

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!

A lunchtime dart club is starting up any budding Luke Littler's please sign up with Mr Smith in the library.

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**
- 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 S2/3 (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)



RRS definitions

Dignity

This means every single one of us has value as a human being and that should be respected.

A Rights are for ALL children. UNIVERSAL	B Rights are there at BIRTH. INHERENT	C Rights CANNOT be taken away. INALIENABLE	D Rights DO NOT have to be earned. UNCONDITIONAL	E All rights are EQUALLY important. INDIVISIBLE
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The ABCDE of Children's Rights show us the nature of your Rights. You have Rights and that they cannot be taken away from you. Here are the ABCDE of Rights.

The Scottish Government have written your Rights into Scottish Law. It is important that you can speak to an adult(duty bearer) if you feel that your Rights are not being met.