



Penicuik High School

Monday 12 December 2022

Information Bulletin
for Students

CHRISTMAS MUSIC HOUSE QUIZ

We are going to be running a fun House Quiz based on Christmas Music at lunchtime on Thursday 15 December. We have 11 teams entered at the moment. Each team will be made up from two members of staff and up to 4 pupils. We have a staff team who are still looking for some Clerk Maxwell pupils to join them. If you want to get involved and win some points for your house, speak to either Mrs Van Aswegan or Mrs Hogg.

Mr Murphy

BIG 5 FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Following the Big 5 assemblies, the focus for this week is Teaching and Learning from others. Please read the slides shown below to understand what this means, what it might look like, and why it is important!

Look out for opportunities to teach and learn from others this week, and keep your eyes peeled for next week's focus. Thank you.

The Big Five
Learning, Teaching and Assessment at PHS

Instructing Others
What does instructing others mean?

- Learn with each other
- Learn from each other

Instructing Others
What might it look like in my subjects?

- Explaining a concept to my peer that I have grasped well
- Assessing my peers' work and giving them feedback on areas for development
- Discussing a concept in a group or as part of a class
- Working collaboratively on a group project

Instructing Others
How can they help me learn?

- Someone explaining a concept in a different way can help me to understand
- Hearing different opinions and views can give me a broader understanding of the problem/issue
- Builds skills in communication, team-working and listening
- It strengthens my own understanding when I try to explain to someone else
- Improves motivation by working with others

Miss Burrows

MIDLOTHIAN YOUNG PERSON AWARD

Congratulations to Callum and Euan Semple. Both brothers were nominated for the Midlothian Young Person Award. Callum was shortlisted and was awarded a Midlothian Young Person Award this week. Euan has received a certificate in recognition of being nominated.

Both boys support Lothian Disability Sport who have said this is amazing recognition to one of our youth volunteers. Callum gives up his lunch hour at school as well as during the school holidays to volunteer in our multi Sports group in both Penicuik and Newbattle. The peer mentorship and friendship these young volunteers bring to our groups is so valuable to our athletes.

Mr Biddick



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ECO GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Eco Group has been very busy this term, working on a few different projects in and around the school.

Below you can see both staff and students working hard to plant our new fruit trees in the quad.

We are also working on turning the quad into a meadow space. While it may not look so pretty at the moment, removing the grass is only the first step. It can then be replaced with a diverse mixture of plants and flowers.



Finally, S1 have worked on building bird boxes in CDT, which were then kindly donated by the department to the Eco Group. We have already started hanging these up around the John Clerk estate.

As you can see, there are a huge variety of different ways you can get involved with the Eco Group. Our next term is going to be even busier, so if you are interested in taking part please speak to Mr Johnstone.

MESSAGE FOR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Can all House Captains please meet the Guidance Teachers in the Library TODAY at breaktime to discuss support for Christmas Hampers. Thank you.

The Guidance Team

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Silver

Could everyone who has signed or wishes to sign up see me on Tuesday (13 December) in Room 39 at lunchtime to allocate eDofE places.

Mr Merson

VACCINATION FORM RETURNS

Returns are very slow - S3 students, and S4-S6 catch-ups, are asked to return their signed permission forms to the school office NEXT WEEK. Thank you.

Mrs Davidson



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PENICUIK BAKE OFF number 2 - Calling all Bakers!

You are invited to participate in the Penicuik Bake Off as the next House Competition for a chance to win Excellence and Pride Points as well as fundraise!

The second Penicuik Bake off is on Tuesday 13 December, after school till 5pm in the Home Ec Department! **All are welcome** unless they came in the top 3 teams for Bakeoff No1, as these teams are already enrolled for the big finale in May.

You have TODAY to pair up with a member of staff in the same house. There is a limited space of 20 pairs on a first come first serve basis. On the day, you will bake something (this is a surprise!) which will be judged by the House Captains and external judges. The Home Economics department will be providing ingredients and guidance. All the baked products will be sold at the bake sale at lunch in the Assembly Hall the next day.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in room 15 (Home Economics) or ask the member of staff you have invited to send an email to Ms Gungui.

Ms Gungui

PT Home Economics

CHRISTMAS DOOR COMPETITION

The Christmas themed doors will be judged on Monday 19 December. There will be house points awarded to first second and third place along with house points awarded to the department with the best doors.

Points will be given in the following order:

First place - 100

Second place - 50

Third place - 25

Best department - 10 per door

Miss Hill

SENIOR PRELIMS - EXAM ARRANGEMENTS

Students with additional arrangements for prelims that have been agreed with Support for Learning, please check with the Support for Learning department for details of their exams. Information can also be found each exam day on the notice board next to the Support for Learning office in the Library corridor.

Ms Colqhoun

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

It is nearly holiday season, and as a school we are again hoping to support our community and share the joy of Christmas by encouraging you to donate an Item to our Christmas Hamper appeal. We are looking for any food products with a long shelf life and Christmas treats are welcome. Every contribution is appreciated with House Points for your house to be won. Christmas Hamper collections are open until Thursday 16 December. Please see the separate list of suitable donations.

Senior Prefects, the Guidance Team and SMT

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EDINBURGH COLLEGE PUPILS

The final day of SCP classes at Edinburgh College will be **Thursday 15 December**.

Therefore there will be **no college on Tuesday 20 December**. College pupils will be expected to remain in the library that afternoon and should register with Mr N Smith. More information regarding starting dates and courses for next term will be sent out soon.

Best wishes, The Schools Team



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PRELIMS REMINDER

There are Prelims happening for the next week and a half. These are important examinations and the students who are sitting them deserve to do so without interruption. Please be quiet while you walk around the building and remember you must be in your designated social area at break and lunchtime.

S1-3 Bitesite

S4-5 Greenseats

S6 Common Room

Mrs Wood

LIBRARY CLOSED

Please note Library closed due to prelims December 5 to December 14. Reopens Thursday 16 December. Those recording medicines I will come to you during period 6. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Mr N Smith

HOUSE DODGEBALL COMPETITIONS

These are taking place every day next week. Everyone is welcome to participate for house points or spectate and cheer their house on!

If you don't have PE at the following times then please go to your timetabled class and your teacher will bring your class to the PE department.

S1 Classes Monday p6

It would be great to see as many participants/spectators as possible.

PE Department