

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD: SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL

THE latest from behind the scenes at Selkirk High School...



The school said farewell to Judith Bryson who retired recently

Ryan Borthwick at Murrayfield

Retirement

It is the case that now and then a school has to say farewell and thanks to someone truly exceptional. Judith Bryson, our wonderful business manager at Selkirk High School, is retiring.

Judith has worked for Scottish Borders Council for 40 years. For more than half of this time, she has given her service and love to the community of Selkirk High School.

Nowhere has a business support team been better led and supported; no leadership team could ask for a more diligent and committed and entertaining colleague; the staff at SHS are united in wishing Judith good times ahead with her family. The impact of Judith's time at SHS is beyond measure and may sometimes be too subtle and indirect to see.

Judith's relentless positivity - with students always at the heart of her thinking - simply made everyone who encountered her feel good and want to be the best version of themselves. The pride with which Judith collated our weekly school news for the *Border Telegraph* is unequalled.

The positivity and care with which she led all administrative tasks at SHS filtered through to the staff, the pupils and families; the warmth and welcoming ethos of the school starts in the office and with Judith. Thank you Judith. You are one in a million and your courageous example is an inspiration to us all.

Technology

The S1 technology class has been learning how to make 3D CAD models on inventor. Next week we will be modelling the wooden robots they made in the workshop.

Advance Australia Fair

The school would like to say congratulations to Ryan Borthwick. It was a wonderful performance of the Australian anthem played in front of a full house at Murrayfield on Saturday.

AH creative writing

It is time for another piece of excellent creative writing from our 'Echoes of Bowhill' project. This week the piece was written by Sean Kwok, who has imagined an encounter at the loch: *An ebony clock murmurs faintly,*



bathing in a sea of amber. 'What does this place mean to you?' Alaron asks. He spotted Tibbie strolling outside, a lone figure by the loch. The landscape shuddered as though all the trees breathed out at once, the primal gush of wind tugging at the sleeves of her gown. She embraced

first Duke. In one, an owl glares back, its eyes replaced by voids of darkness. 'Twas to be a night of downpour; thunder would strike the land. Tibbie could now recall the earthy scent of rain on that fateful day. Together, she and Alaron watch the last of the summer sun glistening off the loch's smooth, crescent shore. Alaron asks again: 'What does this place mean to you?' Finally, Tibbie answers: 'We are owls both, sole hunters of the night, and so we are parted till the blue hour, when all is still and begins anew.

Grace the dog

This week Grace has been out and about around the school. She is getting used to the classrooms and can't walk past a group of pupils without getting a head rub. She has worked her magic on our youth worker Brandon, who has managed to source her with her very own sofa to rest her old paws on after a hard day. She also went to visit the pupils in the new Forest Borders School group which started up last week. She loved the attention and was made to feel very welcome.



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Grace getting lots of attention at the school