

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD: SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL

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



Students during the recent rugby trip. Below: Youngsters have been using microscopes



It's been a record-breaking year for Selkirk pupils

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Jack Lukacs is a member of the Ettrick Forest Club as well as the British Longbow Society. Throughout the year, Jack has accumulated an amazing 15 trophies and a huge amount of medals for both target and clout at 120yds.

Jack also got a special trophy for "most memorable clout" for the year which he won for his three end clout in an Ettrick Forest competition – all three of his arrows in his first end. Even experienced archers had never seen such an achievement. A phenomenal year. Well done, Jack – you are making everyone very proud!

The school would also like to say congratulations to Aaron McKay and Lotty Girdwood who have also had an amazing season of progress.

They are definitely giving Jack a run for his money!

Professional rugby experience

On Friday, December 2, 57 S1 to U16 rugby players and four coaches visited Murrayfield's Dam Health Stadium to watch Edinburgh v Munster. This marked half way in the playing season and players had

been working hard on their values whilst showing commitment to training and games to earn school of rugby points to gain their place on this excursion.

After a visit to the Scottish Rugby shop, players got the opportunity to meet Scotland and Edinburgh players Sam Skinner and Hamish Watson where they were able to get photographs and autographs. Although the game didn't go to Edinburgh's way, it was great to see some Borders talent on show. This was a fantastic experience for all involved and the school would like to thank rugby development officer Ewen Robbie, our director of school rugby Mr Lyall and coaches Dougie Smith and Gordon Kelly. All students were a credit to the school and community.

Christmas hamper

Tickets are now on sale for the horticulture Christmas hamper. It is £1 a ticket and the hamper includes jam, chutney, gin, cordial, flavoured oil, gin bottle lights, fruit cake and Christmas cookie jar.

New representative

The school is proud to announce that our very own Selkirk High School student Sean Kwok has



been elected to become a new Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament. MSYPs are elected by Scotland's young people to represent their views to decision-makers. MSYPs have a crucial role to play in Scottish public life. Successful previous campaigns include 'Right Here, Right Now', which was fundamental in the decision to work on incorporation of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child into Scots Law. MSYP's also recommended free bus travel for young people which was introduced in January 2022.

We look forward to see the impact Sean has during his new role. For more information on the Scottish Youth Parliament and future elections in 2023, contact Pam Rigby, youth engagement worker/ MSYP support worker at pam.rigby@scotborders.gov.uk or visit: www.syp.org.uk

London trip fundraiser

S5/6 students who are going on the humanities and English trip to London in January worked hard on Friday afternoon at a fundraising car wash. Despite the cold weather, they showed great resilience and team work as they admirably tackled around 20 cars in the two-hour period, managing to raise £130 towards the trip. Customers commended their hard work and all the cars left gleaming.

Grace the dog

Grace has had a busy time out and about recently. She has been bringing a smile to pupil's faces in spite of the constant rain and in between the showers she has been out and about exploring the beautiful surrounds of the Haining where she loves a little paddle and some bonding time with our wonderful

students.

Science

S1 have been learning how to use microscopes in science and have been looking at prepared slides. This week they will be preparing their own plant cell slides to look at.

Councillor visit

On Monday, December 12, 2Y humanities had a visit from Leigh Douglas, one of the councillors for the Selkirkshire ward. They enjoyed hearing about the work of local government and the ways in which our councillors can make a difference in the local area. They also had the chance to put forward some of their suggestions for how to make the area better. Leigh was impressed with their ideas.

Christmas designs

S3 pupils have been making Yule logs this week. They all made a lovely job! And S1s have been making Christmas stockings over the last few weeks. They had to design their own stockings, make them and finally hand stitch them. They all did an amazing job.



MSYP Sean Kwok



Some of the Christmas stocking designs



Grace has been enjoying her trips to the Haining