

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD: SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL

...All the latest news straight from the classroom



Boccia player Shaun McIntosh



Maisie Heatlie's winning photograph

Boccia

THE school would like to say congratulations to Shaun McIntosh who was awarded Player of the Week at Boccia at The Queen's Centre, Galashiels last week.

Shaun is also representing the Borders at the National Schools Boccia Championships on March 27 at Scotstoun. Best of luck, Shaun!

Photography

THE school would like to say well done to Maisie Heatlie for winning the Scottish Food For Thought Photography Competition 12-18 Category with her entry 'Desperately weighting for food'.

Esports

ON Wednesday, our Esports NPA students successfully hosted their first major tournament in collaboration with XMA and SCAN Computing.

The inter-house competition brought together S1 and S2 students from Ettrick, Yarrow, and Tweed houses to battle it out in Rocket League – a fast-paced game where players use rocket-powered cars to score goals in a football-style format.

Each team consisted of three players, requiring strong teamwork to defend their own goal while launching coordinated attacks on their opponents.

A total of eight teams competed in a knockout-style tournament.

Teams that lost in the

first round entered a plate competition to determine 5th to 8th place, while winning teams advanced to the upper bracket to compete for the top three positions. House points were awarded based on final standings.

Final standings:

1st Place: Tweed (Fraser

Niven, Reese Potts, Eli

Knoesen) – 50 House Points

2nd Place: Ettrick (Finlay

Raffier, Luke Domin, Max

Lyall) – 40 House Points

3rd Place: Yarrow (Tafadzwa

Zishiri, Ayden Stephen, Oliver

Read) – 30 House Points.

What made this tournament particularly special was that it was entirely student-led.

From planning, promotion, and team recruitment to setting up the brand-new equipment provided by SCAN Computing and XMA, the NPA students were at the heart of the operation.

They configured the machines, installed and tested the software, set up the hall, and even liaised with industry professionals.

The event attracted major interest – including from the BBC, which sent a film crew to document the tournament for a feature expected to air on Reporting Scotland next week.

The crew focused on the educational and developmental benefits of Esports, highlighting the skills students gained through organising and competing in such a dynamic event.

Over 120 spectators filled the hall, generating an electric atmosphere during the final match. Ettrick took an early lead, but Tweed rallied to secure a thrilling 3-2 victory,

met with roaring cheers from the crowd.

For the student organisers, the experience was an invaluable opportunity to develop real-world skills in event management, technology, teamwork, and communication. Meanwhile, the competitors had the unique chance to perform in front of a live audience – a rare experience, especially for those who may not engage in traditional sports.

This event marks an exciting step forward for Esports in the Scottish Borders – and perhaps the start of many more tournaments to come.

Mathematics

THE school would like to say well done to the S2 students who recently took part in the Edinburgh Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclasses.

This involved three online classes and three in-person classes at Edinburgh University, Heriot Watt University and Napier University on Saturdays.

Masterclasses were a series of hands-on enriching workshops where students can explore mathematics beyond the scope of classroom curriculum.

This programme inspires students and hopefully results in growing confidence in these subjects.

A huge well done to Naomi Carroll, Amber McPether, Ash Black, Sam Sharp-Dent and Rowan McGurk for giving up their Saturday mornings and taking part in this amazing opportunity.



Pupils at the Esports event at the school



Students at the Mathematics Masterclass