

DISTRICT NEWS

Selkirk High School:

The latest news from inside the classroom...

HUGE Congratulations to Mia Dolan and Lily Jackson who represented South Hockey last weekend in the Inter District Tournament in Edinburgh. Mia and Lily played really well and represented Selkirk HS and South Hockey with real courage and determination. Working hard on a very hot day against their peers from across Scotland. South finished a creditable sixth place in the tournament with lots of great learning and experience to take away and move forward with. Well done Lily and Mia.

Champions!

MASSIVE congratulations to SHS pupils Paudraig Ferguson, Harry Nixon and Logan Douglas who play for Melrose U13s and have just won the South East Region YFC Division 3A Title with a game to spare! The team sealed the deal with a gritty 4-2 win over Currie Star in tough, windy conditions. These lads have been key players all season and truly earned this moment! A big shout-out as well to Paudraig's dad for his brilliant coaching throughout the campaign. What a team effort - well done, everyone!

HUGE congratulations to our amazing U16 Rugby 7s team for taking home the Melrose Sevens title on Friday night! They powered through with incredible wins over Gala, Melrose and Peebles, showing off top-tier skill, teamwork and determination every step of the way. This victory is the perfect way to cap off a fantastic season - we couldn't be prouder! Well done, team!

Activities Week

S1 pupils had a busy week in school with a visit from the Army on Monday. Pupils were involved in mountain biking in the Haining, scavenger hunt, quiz and bread making on Tuesday. Wednesday involved more biking, baking, board games and crafts. On Thursday students were out and about around Selkirk, activities included Forest Schools at the Haining, activities at Rowlands and a walk the Waterwheel to play Petanque. A busy few days for the S1s which everyone enjoyed. Many thanks to all the staff that supported and escorted.

S3 pupils took part in the Scottish Cities trip. This involved them going on two day trips to 5 Sisters Zoo and Edinburgh to visit Camera Obscura and Edinburgh Dungeons. They also enjoyed an overnight stay in Glasgow where they played mini-golf, went bowling and visited the cinema. The trip was rounded off with a morning at Time Capsule, ice skating. The trip was lots of fun and offered lots of new experiences to pupils. It was enjoyed equally by pupils and staff.

Students gain valuable experience through work placements

WHILE many S3 students embarked on the much-anticipated Exodus trip, a group of their peers chose a different path - one that led them into the world of work. These students spent their week gaining hands-on experience in a variety of local businesses and organisations, developing essential workplace skills and getting a taste of life beyond the classroom. From customer service and administration to trades and technical roles, the placements offered a diverse range of opportunities tailored to students' interests and aspirations. Mr Foggin highlighted the confidence and enthusiasm students have brought back with them. "It's been fantastic to hear the positive stories and see the impact these experiences have had. We're incredibly grateful to all the local companies who supported our young people. Their generosity and mentorship make a real difference." In addition another group spent the day undertaking a Developing the Young Workforce Repurposing Project. The group looked at how the old janitor's house could be repurposed and had to deliver their findings in a presentation at the end of the workshop. The school hopes to continue building partnerships with local employers to ensure more students can benefit from similar opportunities in the future.

S2 Residential Rock UK Newcastleton

ON Monday, May 19, 60 S2 students and staff ventured for their annual outing to Rock UK in Newcastleton. The week was packed full of activities that challenged students both physically and mentally and allowed them to put their values of Courage, Compassion and Integrity in to action. Activities ranged from kayaking, mountain biking, high ropes, village study, archery, orienteering, swimming, walk of life, ropes course and many others. The week allowed students to challenge themselves outwith their comfort zones, whether it was overcoming their fear of heights, learning to mountain bike, developing new friendships, assisting in the kitchens or learning to navigate to name only a few. The highlight on the final day was the zip wire where almost all students managed to fly down from the top of the centre across the pond to the bottom. Well done to all students for a fantastic week.