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What's On?

Summer Sports Programme 2011

It's that time of year again and the summer holidays are upon us. As always, the Active Schools and Sports Development teams are running a wide range of activities to keep pupils busy throughout the break:

5-7 years: hip hop, gymnastics, tennis, parachute fun, rugby and football

8-12 years: hip hop, tennis, cricket, athletics, rugby, hockey and football

For more details and booking forms please go to www.sportborders.org.uk

ClubGolf

ClubGolf is the National junior golf programme and creates opportunities for children to learn and play golf in a safe and fun environment. Three golf clubs in the Earlston cluster offer a level one clubgolf coaching course, which is a structured programme that teaches children the different golf shots, basic techniques, rules and etiquette, and fun golf games and competitions.



St Boswells GC: Monday evenings, 4pm - 5pm

Lauder GC: Monday evenings, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Melrose GC: Thursday evenings, 4pm - 5pm

For more information please visit individual club websites.

Five-A-Side Street Night Football Tournament

The SFA have organised a five-a-side street football tournament to create more opportunities for young kids in Scotland to get involved in the game. The 'Cashback for Communities' project is open to 10-19 year olds and two teams from each age group will qualify for the finals at Netherdale on 15th July. Age groups are 10-13 yrs, 14-16yrs, 17-19yrs, and qualifying tournaments will take place on 8th and 9th July in Gala, Kelso, Peebles, Hawick, Eyemouth and Selkirk. For further details or to enter a team please contact Andy Lawrie on 01896 756274 or go to the SportBorders website.



News: Primary Round Up

Easter Sports Programme

Pupils throughout the Borders enjoyed two weeks of sporting activities over the Easter break. In Earlston, week one of the holidays saw SFA coaches running activities for children aged 2½ - 11 years, where they enjoyed learning basic football skills, drills and games. In week two, Active Schools came in and ran a variety of activities for primary aged pupils, including hip hop dance, tennis and gymnastics, all of which were well attended. Thanks go to all coaches and senior pupils for delivering these sessions.



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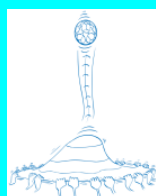
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Health Term Highlights

Active Schools has had a very busy term helping promote physical activity during a number of health weeks and terms. Pupils of all ages at Lauder Primary enjoyed learning new games to play during break times, while Newtown took part in a whole school athletics morning. Infants at Channelkirk experienced a variety of activities including new age kurling and parachute games, while Earlston, Lauder, Channelkirk and Melrose senior pupils tried their hand at clubgolf.



Pupils Safely Cycling to Success

Sixty eight primary 6/7 pupils from across the cluster completed their Scottish Cycle training this term. Well done to pupils at Lauder, Gordon, Newtown and St Boswells who braved the elements to learn to cycle safely in their communities and achieve their certificates. Thanks go to all parents and teachers who assisted with delivery of these sessions.

Champions in Schools

This term, pupils at Channelkirk and Westruther primaries enjoyed their third and final visit from Scotland Rugby star Chris Paterson, as part of the Champions in Schools programme. This visit saw pupils learning about a positive, winning attitude – believing in themselves in everything they do, no matter what. The classroom session was followed by a tag rugby activity at Earlston Rugby Club. To finish the morning off Chris gave a lesson in goal kicking, where the pupils got the chance to take one for themselves. This year's programme has been a huge success, and we would like to thank Chris for all the time and effort he has put in during his visits – it has definitely been a programme to remember!



Borders Additional Needs Group (BANG)

Throughout the year primary coordinator Gemma and Active Schools Assistant Manager Graeme Murdoch have attended monthly BANG sessions in Tweedbank Community Centre. The kids have enjoyed a range of different activities including athletics, clubgolf, new age kurling, boccia, and various ball games. It has proved a very worthwhile experience, and we look forward to working with the group again after the summer holidays.

Sun Shines For Multi-Activity Festival



Friday 17th June saw the annual multi-activity festival at Tweedbank being held. Over 100 pupils from across the Borders region came along for a morning of fun activities, including boccia, new age kurling, athletics, rugby, tennis and cricket. Big thanks go to all local coaches and volunteers who made the festival possible, and to all ANAs, support staff and parents who brought the children along. We look forward to seeing everyone there again next year!

Cricket and Football Fours Festival

The annual cricket and football fours festival took place on Tuesday 7th June at Rhymers Park, Earlston. Every school in the cluster attended the event, with each and every child showing great sportsmanship and team work. Huge thanks to the Sports Development teams for the organisation and running of the festival - as always, it proved a huge success!

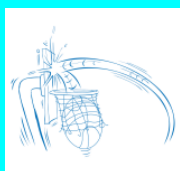
School Success at National Cup

Three schools in the Earlston cluster joined 11 others from across the Borders at the National Primary School Kwik Cricket Cup at Netherdale in June – Melrose (3), Lauder (1) and Channelkirk (2). Congratulations to everyone who took part - it was clear a lot of preparation had gone in prior to the event. A huge well done to eventual winners Melrose and runners up Denholm who went on to represent the Borders in the National finals in Perth. At the finals, Melrose did an absolutely fantastic job, finishing 3rd out of 16 teams – well done! Thanks must go to all teachers and coaches for their tireless hard work and dedication to coaching all these school teams this year – it has clearly paid off!



Primary Seven Transition Club

This year's primary seven transition club proved more popular than ever, with over 100 pupils from across the cluster attending the four week after school block at Earlston High School. The sessions aimed to give pupils the opportunity to become familiar with the school facilities and staff, as well as meet new class mates. Over the four weeks activities included: football, hockey, athletics, dodgeball and basketball. Gemma and Marianne would like to thank all coordinators and senior pupils who helped with delivery and wish all P7s good luck for their move up to high school after summer.



Secondary Round Up

Sports Leaders

This term saw the completion of the Community Sports Leaders course at Earlston High School. All seven senior pupils successfully passed the course, including completing 10 hours of voluntary leadership in their local community. In the final weeks of the course, the leaders completed their first aid training and organised and ran an Olympic-themed festival for P5 pupils at Earlston Primary School. Well done goes to all the pupils for their hard work throughout the year. Good luck to those leaving for uni, and to those who are staying, we look forward to working with you again in the future.



Netball Girls Aim High at Scottish Tournament

Earlston entered the Scottish Schools Netball Tournament this term for the very first time. Playing against many experienced teams, the girls won many of their games and should be very proud of their performance. Due to the growing demand from the girls to continue to play, the school now has an S1/2 after school netball club led by parent Alison Purves. It is hoped with new bibs, balls and kit the club can keep up the good work next year!



Staff and Pupils Dance Themselves Fit

This term staff and S3–S6 pupils “ditched the workout, and joined the party!” and took part in a four week block of Zumba with local instructor Amanda Richard. Zumba is a latin/international dance inspired by aerobic fitness classes for all ages, shapes, sizes and fitness levels. Zumba will get your hips shaking and your heart pumping, and will keep you coming back for more! Both the pupils and staff had a lot of fun.....!



Gemma and Marianne would like to wish all school staff, coaches volunteers and pupils a very happy and safe summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again in August!



Upcoming Events

Mini Olympics

Monday 27th June @ Tweedbank Sports Complex, 6.00-8.30pm

Summer Sports Programme 2011

Tuesday 5th July – Friday 12th August @ various locations
(See SportBorders website for further details)

Summer Street Night Football Five-A-Side Tournament

Qualifying tournaments: Friday 8th and Saturday 9th July @ various locations
6.30-7.30pm (10-13yrs), 7.30-9.30pm (14-16yrs), 7.30-9.30pm (17-19yrs)

Finals: Friday 15th July @ Netherdale, 6.30-9.30pm

A Final Tale of Inspiration...

A close friend and colleague of ours, Paddy Dearlove, has just completed an absolutely inspirational challenge. In order to raise money for The Sick Kids Foundation and Comic Relief, Paddy has just run an amazing 44 marathons in 51 days. Inspired by Eddie Izzard's marathons challenge, Paddy's 'Run 4 the Kids' challenge began on May 1st at The Sick Kids Hospital in Edinburgh, and saw him run to Hull, Leeds, the North Yorkshire Moors, back through the Scottish Borders, Glasgow, Loch Lomond, Loch Ness, before heading south again to finish in Edinburgh on 19th June. I think everyone will agree, this is an incredible achievement, and Paddy has definitely achieved what he set out to: 'aim high, dream big, set yourself challenging goals and meet this head on with an amazing level of hard work and determination'.

To read more about Paddy's adventure please go to the website below. All funds raised from the challenge will go towards saving and improving lives of children who have had an unfortunate start in life.



www.run4thekids.co.uk