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What's on

Earlston Judo

A new judo club for P1 – P4s has started at Earlston Primary School on Thursdays between 4pm – 5pm. For more details please contact Sportif Judo on 01578 730 452.



Easter Holiday Programme

All pupils in the Earlston cluster will have now returned home with Easter Holiday Programmes tucked in to their bags, detailing the exciting range of Active Schools and Sports Development activities happening during the Easter break. Activities and sports on offer this year in Earlston include groovy moves, street dance and multi-activity clubs which will involve rugby, clubgolf, enjoy-a-ball and playground games. Local Earlston Gymnastics and Tennis clubs will also be offering activity sessions, along with the SFA who will be delivering mini kickers, football first, and champions league programmes.

A full timetable of activities in all cluster areas can be found on the SportBorders website.



News

Netball Festivals

Wednesday 27th January saw eight primary schools from Earlston and Jedburgh battle it out for a place in the Active Schools Netball Finals. The hard work put in by both coaches and pupils in the run up to the event was evident. The high standard of play made for very exciting spectating, and the great deal of sportsmanship from all teams was also very commendable.



After two hard fought finals, Parkside A and Melrose A came out winners, and went on to represent their respective clusters in the Netball Finals on 25th February. The Finals saw one of the closest competitions yet! A big well done to Priorsford who were crowned Scottish Borders 2010 Netball Champions.

Active Schools would like to say a huge thank you to all PE teachers and school staff who ran after school clubs to prepare the girls for the festivals, and to all those who helped umpire at events. Most importantly, a huge well done goes to all girls who participated, and made it such a fun and exciting festival.

Lauder Pupils Learn to Promote Fair Play in the Playground

Twenty five Primary 6s from Lauder Primary have undertaken a 5-day Playground Leaders course. Following four hours of learning about the skills required to be a playground leader and lots of practice leading a variety of new games, the pupils held a play day for all Primary 1-3s. Great fun was had by all, and a huge well done goes to all Primary 6s for their hard work. It is now hoped pupils will lead these new games at break and lunch times.

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Judo Tasters Prove Huge Success

As part of Channelkirk Primary 5-7's 'Japan' project this term, judo coach Preeti Gardiner from local club Sportif Judo visited the school for an afternoon of activity. Pupils got the chance to practice a number of 'holds' and 'throws', while learning a selection of Japanese vocabulary to add to their project books.



Channelkirk wasn't the only school lucky enough to experience the expert instruction of Preeti. Earlston Primary 1-4s also got the opportunity to try out the sport, to promote the new afterschool club. Active Schools, staff and pupils would like to thank Preeti for taking the sessions, I think we'll all agree it was great fun!

Not only have pupils from Earlston enjoyed taster sessions, they have also enjoyed winning medals! On Sunday 14th February Sportif Judo held an Inter Club Tournament, which saw no fewer than five Earlston pupils win medals for their performances. Congratulations go to Harry Makowski, Finlay Connor, Robbie Wilson, Aaron Paterson and Chelsea Elliot.

Multi-Activity Festival

The first Eildon Multi-Activity morning took place on Wednesday 10th March. Children from Earlston, Galashiels and Selkirk primary and secondary schools were invited to attend. Activities on offer included boccia and new age curling, run by Selkirk High School Sports Leaders, and football skill sessions delivered SFA coaches. The Active School's Team would like to say a huge thank you to all pupils, ANAs and teachers for supporting the festival, and to all coaches and sports leaders who helped run sessions. Watch out for more of these festivals coming up!



Champions In Schools

Ross Ford made his second visit to Gordon Primary School as part of the Champions in Schools Programme in early March. This visit focused on healthy, balanced diets and active lifestyles. Pupils enjoyed a number of activities which taught them about the 5 different food groups, and a variety of new playground games to keep them active at break and lunch times. All pupils were excited to receive Champions in Schools t-shirts, sports bags, water bottles and healthy recipe guides. In preparation for the third visit, the pupils have been asked to keep food and exercise diaries, which they will compare a typical Champion's diet.



Earlston Host Cricket 6s Tournament

The success of the new Earlston High School Cricket Club, being run by teacher Jamie Bryson and supported by Active Schools/Cricket Development and Melrose Cricket Club, resulted in Earlston High holding the very first Borders High School's Indoor 6s Tournament on Friday 26th March, using the new indoor cricket matting funded by Melrose Cricket Club and The big Lottery Fund – 2014 Communities Fund. Three Earlston teams and one Gala team competed for 'The Earlston Cup', and after some excellent play, Gala came out on top and were crowned the first ever cup winners! Well done to all those involved and a big thank goes to all coaches who have helped deliver sessions throughout the term.



Up and Coming Events

Easter Holiday Programme

Monday 5th – Friday 16th April @ Earlston High School

Playground Leaders

Melrose Primary School: Starting 19th April

Channelkirk Primary School: Starting 20th April

Johnstone & Eildon Cups

Thursday 22nd April @ Melrose Primary School

Strictly Come Dancing Visit Earlston

Friday 23rd April @ Earlston Primary School

Scottish Cycling Training Scheme

Starts Monday 23rd April @ Lauder & Newtown

Starts Thursday 27th May @ Channelkirk Primary

Starts Tuesday 8th June @ Westruther Primary

Champion In Schools Visit 3

Early May @ Gordon Primary School

Health Weeks

Monday 10th – Friday 14th May @ Channelkirk & Newtown

Monday 17th – Friday 21st May @ Lauder Primary

Monday 24th – Friday 28th May @ Melrose Primary

SFA and Cricket Scotland Active Schools Football Fours and Cricket Challenge Festival

Tuesday 25th May @ Earlston – All Earlston Cluster Schools

Primary 6 National Cricket Tournament

Thursday 3rd June @ Netherdale, Galashiels