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KHS Newsletter



January 2005



SCHOOL NEWS



Staffing

At the start of the Spring Term, we welcomed Mrs Judy Hurford to the post of Depute Rector in the school. She will have House responsibility for Teviot and, among other things, will oversee Teaching for Learning, Assessment and Continuing Professional Development in the school. With the arrival of Mrs Hurford, we now have our full complement of Teaching staff.

Mr John Mabon, Principal Teacher of Music, completed his secondment with the SQA and returned to work in mid-January 2005. Mrs Anne Campbell, who had worked in the Music Department while Mr Mabon was away was thanked for all her hard work over the two years.



Office Staffing

There have been a number of changes in staffing in the school office since August 2004.

✍️ Mrs Fiona Bryson was appointed to the post of Business Support Manager in August. This created a vacancy for an Administrative Assistant.

✍️ Mrs Ishbel Wright was appointed to this post in November 2004.

✍️ Mrs Mary Crozier retired in mid-November 2004 after more than 30 years in the school.

✍️ Mrs Linda Anderson was appointed to fill this vacancy and she will take up her post after the February holiday. Mrs Anderson will undertake the majority of the receptionist duties so it will be her voice you hear when you phone Kelso High School.

BUILDING WORK

The CCTV system is now installed and is fully operational. This covers the exterior of the school on a 24-hour basis. As part of this programme, some additional security lighting has been installed around the school. This system has already proved to be very useful.

Over the next few weeks, in the run-up to the end of the financial year, there will be a number of projects carried out in the school. The boys and girls toilets in the old block will be fully refurbished. Plans have been produced, discussed and approved by the Pupil Councils. Work on this commences after the February holiday and will be completed by the end of term. The programme of renewal of windows in the new block will move into Phase 2 and 3. This will see the remainder of the windows on the upper storey and the south facing windows on the lower storey of the building replaced with double glazed units with specially prepared glass to help reduce room temperature in hot weather.

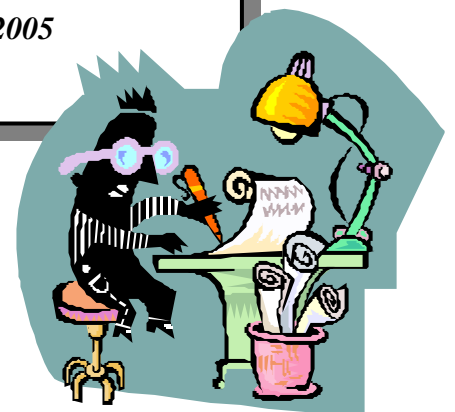
The fire alarm system will be completely modernised with fire sensors being placed in all areas of the school and the corridor lighting will be upgraded.

The long awaited multi-use games area is progressing slowly. Plans have now been approved and are due to go out to tender within the next two weeks with an anticipated commencement to building early in the summer.

Prelims and Revision

In the last Newsletter there was an article about revision for prelims which particularly related to our fourth year pupils. Their prelims were held in December and their achievement was checked against their target grades. These grades have now been discussed with the pupils by their Pastoral Teachers as part of the Reporting process. Where there are any concerns, ie. possible underachievement, help has been offered to the individual and a plan put in place to help grades improve in May. Another aspect of this is thorough revision for the exams. We will do more in school to help our pupils revise but the time at home given over to revision is very important and the help of parents in making sure that this happens is greatly appreciated.

The fifth year prelims commence on Monday 21st February 2005 and the same situation will apply there.



SESSION 2005/2006



Monday 22nd August 2005

School In-Service / Preparation Day



Tuesday 23rd August 2005

School opens for pupils

Friday 14th October 2005

School closes 3.40pm for the October holiday

Monday 24th October 2005

School reopens



Friday 23rd December 2005

School closes for the Christmas holiday

Monday 9th January 2006

School reopens

Friday 31st March 2006

School closes for the Easter holiday

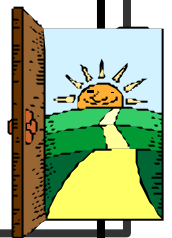
Tuesday 18th April 2006

School reopens

Friday 30th June 2006

School closes for the Summer holidays

Casual holidays and In-Service days have still to be confirmed with the School Board and associated Primary Schools



"GO4IT" Workshops for S2 Girls

The school has been given the opportunity to participate; free of charge, in half-day workshops provided by local employers, in partnership with Careers Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and E-Skills UK, to give pupils more information about the Information Technology industry, so that they will have a clearer understanding of the skills required of prospective employees.

The workshops are targeted mainly at girls, as research has shown that many women are put off considering careers in IT because of the image and misconceptions they have of the industry.

Pupils and staff will travel by coach to Tweed Horizons, Newtown St Boswells, for the workshops on Wednesday 9 February, leaving school at 9.00am. Lunch will be provided at the venue and the group will return in time for afternoon classes. Places are limited so replies should be delivered as soon as possible.

MINISTERIAL VISIT

On December 10th, Euan Robson MSP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire and Deputy Minister for Education visited the school in order to take part in the launch of a new teaching pack to help pupils understand how the Children's Hearing System works. All S1 pupils and Advanced Higher Modern Studies pupils, who study the Children's Hearing System as part of their course, watched the Whale Arts Theatre Company act out a play, followed by a few words from Euan Robson.

S4/S5/S6 Construction Industry Training Board Borders Engineering Training Association Selection Testing

The above organisations will be visiting school in the next few weeks to carry out selection testing. Any pupil in S4, S5 or S6 who is considering an apprenticeship/employment in the Construction Industry or in Engineering/Motor Vehicle Mechanics should ensure that Mrs Oliver has a note of his/her name, as these are the organisations which put forward information to prospective employers.

MAKE IT IN SCOTLAND

All S2 pupils will be attending the "Make it in Scotland" Roadshow at Springwood Park on Thursday 24 February.

This is our third annual visit to this very popular and successful event, which gives pupils an insight into the world of manufacturing and allows them to participate in practical activities.

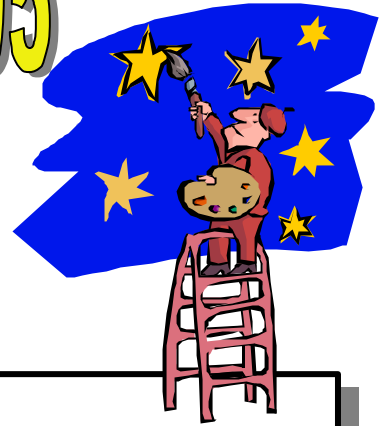
KHS FORMER PUPILS NEWS



"Congratulations" are due to former pupils, Carly Blain and Rachel Cross, who recently competed in BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards. Although neither of the girls won the event it was a huge achievement to reach the final. "Well Done" !!

KHS SCHOOL SHOW 2005

The Boyfriend

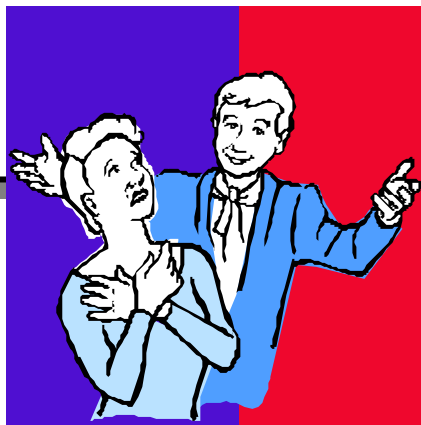


Rehearsals have begun again for this year's school show - "The Boyfriend". Student involvement again is a key to the production, with sixth year student Helen Askew providing the set design, while Polly Johnson is using her many talents in choreography. Last year's "Grease" leads are back again - looking and sounding vastly different from their characters last year.

Lisa Poole, Alison Hewit, Lindsay Grime, Laura Colebrook, Helen Askew, Kate Black and Polly Johnson have been joined by Jamie Wilson, Jamie Young, Hayley Peace, Annie Jacobs, Andrew Watson, Calum Bruce, Eilidh Veitch, Mairi Reynolds, Adam Stevenson, Martin Pike and Kris O'Donnell. Strong support will be given by younger students who will be performing in the chorus.

"The Boyfriend" tells a tale of a different era when young ladies and young gentlemen wrestled with the problems of falling in love and becoming engaged - this show has a happy resolution for all its characters, with the "Boyfriend", Tony, finding himself engaged to Polly Brown at the end. Musical direction is once again under the control of Harris Playfair, and the music block is already full of the sounds and rhythms of the 1920's as the cast practises their many songs.

Performances will be in the school hall on the evenings of Tuesday March 22nd, Wednesday March 23rd and Thursday March 24th.





PUPIL NEWS



TREE PLANTING AT WOODEN ANNA

Watching the level of the Tweed get higher and higher in the recent flood, the 16 hardy KHS volunteers who spent a sunny, but chilly morning planting trees at the Wooden Anna must wonder if their hard work has been wasted.

The Wooden Anna Community Woodland is a partnership project involving several groups including the Borders Forest Trust, Kelso Community Woodland Group, the Tweed Forum and the local landowners. Much of the planting of the area will be done by the community and that's where Kelso High School came in. Our volunteers selflessly gave up the opportunity to take part in the last day of term activities to get chilled to the bone planting a mixture of native trees and shrubs, including oak, ash, hawthorn, blackthorn and holly.

As well as training the group in the art of tree planting, Anna Craigen (Borders Forest Trust) and Tim Barrett (Tweed Forum) brewed up much needed hot drinks on the camp fire (eat your heart out Ray Mears!) Everyone worked really hard and an amazing 165 trees were planted on the day. Even so, there was still plenty of time to play with Jake and Oscar, Tim's dogs.

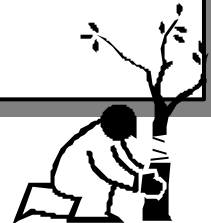
Although our trees were completely submerged during the flood for a while hopefully most of them will have survived. If not it might give us the chance to organise another planting session to replace them and plant even more at another time.

Thanks to:

Anna Craigen and Tim Barrett for organising trees, tools, training and tea, The Tweed Forum for funding the transport and of course the volunteers:

Chris Aubrey, Jason Bowers, John Darlington, Garry Fleming, Alasdair Forsyth, Shaun Green, Bradley Hayward, James Heckford, Phillip Hume, Robert McCrerrick, Paul Morrison, Jack Powell, Steven Reid, Steven Robson, Callum Williams, and Mark Wilson.

(C'mon girls – lets have some of you taking part next time!)



MOCK TRIAL



For the second consecutive year a team of Senior pupils excelled in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition where they assumed the roles of advocates, witnesses, jurors, court reporter and press officer. They performed against schools from all over Scotland at Glasgow Sheriff Court and were judged on their delivery by real Sheriffs. Our team won one out of three rounds but, irrespective of results, can pride themselves on creditable performances at which they were fine advocates for the School.

The competition rewards much hard work in rehearsing allocated parts with experience of the legal system and confidence in public speaking. The team also took advantage of the opportunity to raise money for Children in Need being sponsored for every point scored. They raised in excess of £100 securing support from Cathy Jamieson and High Court Judges and QCs amongst others.

Higher Modern Studies Class Visit to The Scottish Parliament

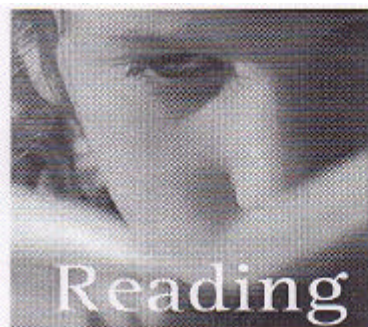


The Higher Modern Studies class visiting the new Scottish Parliament building with their MSP Euan Robson on 9 December.



European Parliament - Modern Studies class 1B, at their instigation, designed new flags to reflect the recent enlargement of the European Parliament, which were submitted to Elspeth Attwool MEP. She was so impressed they are all to be displayed at the Parliament and Amy Nichol's flag was selected to be made into her personal Christmas cards. **Well Done to all involved.**

READATHON - Reading for Life



Kelso High School is once again participating in the Roald Dahl Foundation and Sargent Cancer Care For Children Readathon. The Readathon will be held in early March and will be undertaken by S1 students in their English classes. Students will be sponsored for reading books during this week. The Readathon raises money that will be used in Scotland to directly benefit sick children. Money raised goes to assist children suffering from illnesses such as cancer, epilepsy, and acquired brain injury. We would ask that all parents assist our students in this activity. Further information will be distributed to parents closer to the time of the Readathon itself.

Young Writers



Kelso High School has once again entered its students in the Young Writers quest to find young poets whom they wish to publish. 175 of our students have had their work selected for publication in this year's publication: "Great Minds".

It's very pleasing to see that students selected cover the whole range from S1 - S5. The anthology will be published and be available for sale by the end of March this year. Young Writers said they have received in excess of 30,000 entries, nationwide, and our students can feel proud that their work has been selected. Young Writers have stated that "perception and imagination are taken into account as well as expression, use of language and interpretation of poetry".

It is important for parents whose child's work has been selected for publication to return the letter granting permission for publication to Young Writers within the time limit specified.

Support For Learning Department - French Nativity Play



Just before Christmas a group of S2 pupils put on an excellent nativity play in French. They recorded their lines in French first and on the day they dressed up, played the tape back and acted out the story of Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus.

Mary was played by Shauna Maxwell, Joseph by Stuart Smith, the Angel/King by Amana Thomson, the Innkeeper/Wise Man by Jimmy Rendall, the Shepherd by James McGregor and David Johnson played a King and a sheep.



Miss Wood was the narrator and directed the play. An S1 French class came to watch and we all sang carols. The same pupils took part in the Festival of Languages and sang the Alphabet Song in French to a large audience.

Report by Amanda Thomson S2



DRAMA GROUP NEWS

In November last year the High School Drama Group put on two productions of Terry Pratchett's demanding Play "The Wyrđ Sisters". The students captivated the interest of audiences with their great acting and brilliant costumes.

The group was led by a group of dedicated and talented senior students. Kate Black and Jamie Wilson directed the cast, Lucy McCririck designed the set and programmes, while Annie Jacobs organised costumes. James Wise was responsible for lighting.

The cast was a well-directed ensemble of students from S1 - S6. Annie Jacobs, Lucy McCririck and Jo MacKay were very convincing, though unusual witches who "meddled" in time and history to change things for the better in the kingdom of Lanore. These three were joined by an unusual and interesting assortment of other characters ably played by Jamie Wilson, Mark Dodyk, Kate Black, Laura Colebrook, Eilidh Veitch, Colleen Johnston, Jane Pearson, Martin Pike, Hayley Peace, Saskia Peace and Rowena Jacobs.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Congratulations to the S6 Young Enterprise team who worked very hard in the lead up to Christmas, making and selling their designer hampers. Sales speeded up towards the end of term - with demand outstripping supply for their smaller gift wrapped sweet packs. Since then the group have attended a workshop on Reporting and Presentation skills, and are all set to compete with other schools in the region to try to become the regional winners. The regional winners then go onto the national final, to attempt to be named the best Young Enterprise Team in Scotland.

S3 Enterprise

Many thanks to all those parents who supported the S3 Enterprise teams; either with encouragement or with hard cash! The teams are now winding up their businesses, working out their finances and analysing their experiences. In addition, all the teams are going to make a presentation to Mr E Swinton from the Royal Bank of Scotland. The bank has commissioned a trophy for the best S3 Enterprise team, and this will be presented at the Celebration of Achievement Evening.

THE ACTIVE S6

The new term has just begun and already plans are getting put into action. The term ended in December with an S6 Secret Santa and the S1 and S6 Buddy Trip to Galashiels to see "The Incredibles". It was a great day and enjoyed by the S1, S6 and staff. The Social Committee also organised two very successful school dances and the M.A.D. and Community Service Committees sang carols in the local Old Folks Homes.

The final day of term was full of fun and laughter as the S6 performed their Christmas Panto, "Alison in Disneyland". The show was a great success and great fun for everyone !

This month the S6 will also be celebrating Burns Night in style with their Burns Supper held at the High School. Toasts and speeches will be made by the Head Boy and Head Girl and their Deputes, along with a traditional Scottish meal and some poetry. This evening has proved to be a huge success in the past so hopefully this year will be no different.

Along with all the fun comes the Tsunami Appeal which is being set up by two S6 Committees - The Charity Committee and the Prom Committee, who have already raised a large sum of money.

A great start to the new term already and a lot more forthcoming events !



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| <i>S6/Staff Burns Supper</i> | <i>25/1/05</i> |
| <i>Tsunami Appeal Deadline</i> | <i>4/2/05</i> |
| <i>S6 Prom</i> | <i>31/3/05</i> |

Report by Kris O'Donnell

Tsunami Appeal



The whole school has been busy so far this term raising money for the Tsunami Disaster.

The S6 Charity Committee began the term by making a special slideshow presentation to the whole school about the impact of the Tsunami and how we at Kelso High School can help.

Smarties have been on sale for 20p and the Charity Committee are asking for you to fill the empty tubes with 20 pence coins. All donations are greatly appreciated and it has got off to a great start.

The Prom Committee have also raised £601 through an Auction. Auctioning off S6 boys (and some staff) to the whole school to get their legs waxed in front of the school. Half of the money raised is going to the Tsunami Appeal and the other half is in aid of the Senior Prom 2005.

A great start to the fund-raising so far so let's keep collecting those 20 pences !

Smartie tubes, labelled with your name and Register class, should be handed in to the school office by Friday 4/2/05 - either full or as close as possible - every little helps !

Remember one tube holds £14.80 = 74 coins !!

"Be a Smartie - start collecting "



Report by Kris O'Donnell

S6 Panto



The S6 Panto proved a great finale to the Christmas term. A lot of effort was put in by all involved to bring "Alison in Disneyland" up to performance standard. This year's Panto was one of the most ambitious in recent years with a cast of over 50 and only five weeks to prepare for the performance.

The whole of S6 partook in the preparation for the Panto with the set being designed by Helen Askew and Alison Hewitt, with Kris, Marnie, Lynn, Pete and Maisie assisting with construction. Claire Brydon organised the vast range of costumes with the aid of the local Drama Society.

However, a "Special Thanks" has to be said for writers and directors :

Lisa Poole, Mark Dodyk and Peter Hewitt who, with the help of Ms Fraser, made the Panto a sparkling success.

Some of the highlights included Mr Robertson as Papa Smurf, Pete as the Queen of Hearts, Head Boy, Jamie, as Buzz Lightyear and of course the timewarp by Jamie Wilson (how can we ever forget?!!!)

Report by Peter Hewitt





HOUSE NEWS



LIBRARY CHALLENGE 2005

Three House teams competed over three lunchtimes recently to answer library-related questions in this year's Library Challenge.

In a closely fought contest the results were:

- 1st Bowmont with 12 correct answers
- 2nd Kale with 11½ correct answers
- 3rd Teviot with 11 correct answers

Bowmont House team were presented with certificates and a £5 WH Smith gift voucher each



HOUSE POINTS TOTAL TO DATE

| | |
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| BOWMONT | 48 |
| KALE | 41 |
| TEVIOT | 43 |

Active Primaries Co-ordinator News

JOGGING CLASSES



Jog walkers classes are on for senior pupils and parents on Wednesday nights at Croft Park at 6.30pm. Lots of different abilities and ages there. Worth a try.



KELSO BELLES - on the second last Sunday of each month. We leave from Abbey Fitness at 10am and there is always a coffee stop.

FAMILY FUN

On the first Sunday of every month there will always be an opportunity for families to come together to play different games and do different activities. It's all about playing together and getting a bit of quality family time and being active at the same time.

Next one is 6th Feb from 1.30pm-3pm.

Lynn Young will be taking the sessions.

Community Woodlands

The children have been involved in lots of tree planting under the Hunter Bridge on the Sprouston Road at Wooden Anna. Hopefully this will be developed into a Community Woodland area for walkers and families.

Kelso Pathways Group: Hopefully you have noticed the new path to Sprouston. It has all been 'done up' with markers etc. There is lots more to happen with paths in and around Kelso.

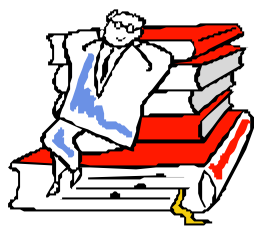
Edenside Primary Safer Routes to School project

has brought about all the new traffic islands in the town. Hopefully this will encourage more people to feel safer in order to walk and cycle to school.



ST JAMES FAIR

This will again be happening in Kelso on the weekend of 3^d and 4th of September. It will be bigger and better. Giant funfair concert in the square and a dance - all sorts of ideas being addressed by the Kelso Community Events Group.



STUDY SUPPORT



*Many departments offer Study Homework Support.
Here is a list of those available.
All pupils are encouraged to take advantage of this
valuable support available to them.*

| SUBJECT | DAY | TIME | TYPE OF SUPPORT | PUPILS / STAFF INVOLVED |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| ART & DESIGN | By Arrangement | Interval Lunchtime After school | Advice with practical and/or written assignments. Homework | All pupils All Dept Staff |
| BIOLOGY | By Request | Lunchtime After school | Homework / Revision Exam Prep / General Help | All pupils All Dept Staff |
| BUSINESS STUDIES DEPT | Monday / Thursday | 12.40 - 1.10pm | Homework / Study General Help | All pupils J Robertson / J Black |
| CHEMISTRY | By Request | | General Help | All pupils G Watson / A Wise |
| COMPUTING | Monday - Friday | 3.40 - 4.30pm | Homework / Revision Help | All pupils Mr King |
| ENGLISH | Wednesday | 4 - 5pm | General Help | All pupils J Fraser |
| GEOGRAPHY | By Request | | General Help | All pupils G Oldham / K Flett |
| HISTORY | Monday - Friday | Lunchtime | Time and space for home and class work. Help & Advice | All pupils E Falconer M Laurie |
| HOME ECONOMICS (The Technological Project) | Thursday | 3.40 - 5pm | Support with study | Int / Higher pupils D Warner |
| HOME ECONOMICS (FOOD) | By Negotiation | Lunchtime | General Help | All pupils D Warner / L White / J Davies |
| HOME ECONOMICS (FABRIC) | By Negotiation | Lunchtime | General Help | All pupils L White / J Davies |
| LEARNING SUPPORT | By Request | Lunchtime | General Help | All pupils All Dept Staff |
| MATHEMATICS | Thursday | 3.45 - 5pm | Homework Help Revision for tests General help at all levels | All pupils Mrs McColm Room 13 |
| MODERN LANGUAGES | Monday | 3.40 - 5pm | Homework Help Revision/ General | All pupils D Angus/H Caughey |
| MODERN STUDIES | Tuesday | 1pm | Homework Help Revision General | All pupils F James Room 56 |
| PHYSICS | By Request | Lunchtime | Homework Help Study | B Farrell / L Easton |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION | Monday - Thursday | Interval Lunchtime After School | SG + Higher revision Higher Grade Investigation | SG + H pupils All Dept Staff |
| RMPS / PHILOSOPHY | Friday | Period 1 + 2 | S5/6 Pupils | W Giles / A Myers |
| TECHNICAL | By Request | Lunchtime After School | General Help Completion of Projects | All pupils All Dept Staff |

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby News



| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|-----|--------|-----|-------|------|
| U16 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| U15 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| S2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| S1 | 20 | 11 | 1 | 8 |

(S1 results includes tournaments played)

The 1st XV have won through to the quarter-final of the Plate Competition and play Peebles High School on Wednesday 26 January.

The First Year team is looking forward to a short tour in the North of France, in March. Thirty boys are busy working on their fitness and endeavouring to raise funds for their trip.

Hockey Team News



Hockey has been played every Saturday except for three, those being lost as a result of either frost or waterlogged pitches. Results have been mixed with the 1st XI more or less breaking even on wins, draws and losses, the 2nd XI holding their own on most occasions, but at times having to give players to the 3rd year team who have been short on numbers.

The 3rd years have continued to gain experience in practice matches arranged for them and hopefully all players are improving their skills. The 2nd years have unfortunately deteriorated in numbers and are now only fielding one team, but they have had some very close results and, apart from one game they would like to forget, they have only ever lost by one goal.

In both 2nd and 3rd year we would like to see more girls playing to boost the numbers, both in practice and on Saturdays, so anyone interested please come along.

The 1st years have been full of enthusiasm and at the start of the season played 8-a-side games. Since the October holiday they have fielded 2 full teams and show a lot of promise for the future.

PARENT HELPERS

A big "THANK YOU" to all parents who have helped by travelling on buses, supervising at matches or even just coming along to watch. Your help and support is much appreciated.

SOUTH DISTRICT TEAMS

"Congratulations" to the following girls who represented the District in November at the Inter District Tournament in Edinburgh :

Iona Walker in the U16s and
Kirsty Stewart and **Marnie Ker** in the U18s.

Marnie has also been selected to represent the South Indoor Team who go to Dundee in February, but unfortunately Kirsty has other rugby commitments.



INDOOR TOURNAMENT

The Senior Team also acquitted themselves well at this event where they were unlucky to be in the same section as Peebles High School and Galashiels Academy.

These two teams progressed through to the final where the former came out on top.

SOUTH SCHOOLS KNOCK-OUT CUP

"Congratulations" to KHS 1st XI Hockey Team who played extremely well in the Scottish Schools Knock-Out Cup Final and came Runner-up (silver medal!) to Galashiels Academy. The score was 1 - 0 but it was a fantastic game and everyone played some great hockey.



Standing *Leanne Monaghan, Ailsa Baird, Kirsty Stewart (Vice Captain),
Marnie Ker (Captain), Sarah Hogarth, Lesley Clark, Nicola Campbell*

Kneeling *Stephanie Ker, Laura Thomas, Mairi Reynolds, Ishbel Brown (Vice Captain),
Jenna Taylor, Suzanne Fleming*

Missing from photo *Lesley Cook*

Cocoa-Cola 7's Football Tournament



On a bitterly cold Wednesday in January, 160 U-13 boys and 120 U-14 girls gathered at Tweedbank to contest the First round of the Coca-Cola 7's. With most of the Astro-Turf frozen, the girls competition was transferred to grass, while groups of boys were taken through coaching sessions with Gary MacKay and Chic Charnley on the least frozen section of the Astro-Turf.

The girls kicked off first with a game against Selkirk which they narrowly lost 0 -1, followed immediately by a 1 - 0 victory over Peebles. Their third game against Hawick B resulted in a 2 - 1 victory, but with Selkirk winning all of their games, Kelso could only hope that they had done enough to get the 'best runners-up' slot. Unfortunately, they missed out by 2 goals - a brave attempt and with most of the team young enough to have another go next year, hopes are high that they will qualify in 2006.



Back L to R: Stacey Stewart Demi Armstrong Hayley Ker Ashley Yule
Sarah Brotherston (Captain) Mrs Black Tanyta Johnston

Front L to R: Katie Sanderson Ashley Yule Claire Gibson Rachel Mauchlen

Congratulations to the goal-scorers Tanyta Johnston, Ashley Yule and Katie Sanderson (making sure her brother wasn't the only one in the family to score). Special mention to captain Sarah Brotherston who did particularly well as goalkeeper and Ashley who impressed with her commitment and effort in all 3 games.



While the girls completed their final game, the boys enjoyed their session with ex-professionals Gary and Chic. Highlight of the session was when Paul Blacklock won one of the 'keepy-upy' competitions while Ewan Whittle was just beaten into second place in another.

A quick lunch saw the boys transfer to grass to prepare for their tournament. Well warmed up by their captain, Andrew Clark, Kelso started well in the crucial first game against Eyemouth. A combination of good passing by Andrew, Ewan and Thomas Rothwell in midfield and intelligent movement by David Sanderson up front saw Kelso dominate the early exchanges. Chances were being made but missed.



Even when Eyemouth had possession, hard work and good tackling, with Ben Smith and Paul to the fore, saw Eyemouth struggle to get out of their own half. I inevitably, Eyemouth eventually created a half-chance but Chris King, in goal, got fingertips to a long-range shot to ensure it went past the post. Eyemouth's only other chance was thwarted by a magnificent covering tackle from Andrew and, soon after, he popped up at the other end to score the decisive goal after some slick inter-passing with Thomas.

The second game against Hawick 'C' saw Ryan Brown, Michael Ledgerwood and Calum Thomson enter the fray. It is testament to the quality of the coaching that these boys have received that everyone slotted together smoothly and changes in personnel made no difference to the quality of their play. Making light of the muddy pitch, Kelso continued to move the ball quickly and created chances aplenty to eventually win 10 - 0. Andrew scored 4, Ewan scored 3, Thomas got 2 while Ryan scored 1.



With Peebles also having won their first two games, the third game would decide who qualified. Despite knowing that a draw would be enough, Kelso went out to try and keep Peebles busy in their own half by attacking whenever possible and working hard when not in possession.

So successful were they, that Peebles only managed to get into the Kelso half twice and Chris didn't have a single shot to save. Meanwhile Kelso carved open a couple of good chances, but failed to score, to ensure that nerves remained frayed to the end. It finished 0 - 0 but Kelso were through to the Second Round.

Thanks to Dougie Anderson and Drew Kelly, SFA Development officers, for organising the event at Tweedbank. Thanks also to Mr Lyall (PE Student) who was Kelso's referee and assisted Mr G Watson and Mrs J Black to organise the teams. Finally, many thanks to Dave Whittle, Paul Smith and Brian Marshal, the boy's coaches, who helped with selection and preparation of the boys and a particular thank you for the loan of their Football Strip.



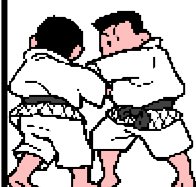
Back L to R: Ryan Brown Calum Thomson Andrew Clark (Captain) Paul Blacklock Ben Smith

Front L to R: Ewan Whittle David Sanderson Chris King Michael Ledgerwood Thomas Rothwell

JUDO

A number of our pupils took part in the Scottish Schools Judo Championships in December.

"Congratulations" to the following :










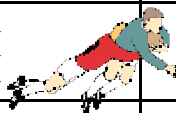
Gold Award
Rory Smith

Silver Award
Peter Berrett
Andrew Ironside

Bronze Award
Katie Stewart

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Here is a list of the extra-curricular activities offered in School

| ACTIVITY | DAY | TIME | PUPILS INVOLVED | STAFF INVOLVED |
|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| BADMINTON  | Thursday | 3.45 - 4.45pm | All Pupils | L Young |
| BASKETBALL  | Wednesday | 4 - 6pm | All Pupils | T Angus |
| CHESS CLUB | Monday | 3.40pm | All Pupils | P Anderson |
| COMPUTER CLUB | Monday - Friday | Lunchtime | All Pupils | I King |
| CREATIVE WRITING  | Wednesday | 1pm | S1 - S6 | J Fraser |
| DANCE | Tuesday | 12.45 - 1.30pm | S4 / S5 | C Lesenger |
| DANCE | Wednesday | 12.45 - 1.30pm | S4 / S5 | C Lesenger |
| DRAMA GROUP | Wednesday | 3.40 - 5pm | All Years | J Fraser (Liaison) |
| DUKE OF EDINBURGH | Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday | 3.45 - 4.15pm 3.45 - 4.15pm | S3 - S6 | W Giles / J Reynolds / L Young |
| ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  | Meetings throughout the year | | EAT Members | A Wilson / P Stewart / K Flett |
| FILM SOCIETY | TBD | After School | S1 - S6 | J Fraser / K Flett |
| FOOTBALL (BOYS)  | Tuesday / Sunday | Tuesday 6.30pm Sunday 11am | Boys born in 1990 or later | G Watson |
| FOOTBALL (GIRLS) | Tuesday | Lunchtime | S1 - S6 Girls | J Black |
| GIRLS CHOIR | Thursday | 1pm | S1 - S6 | J Mabon |
| HOCKEY HOCKEY | Monday Tuesday | 4 - 5pm 4 - 5pm | S1 / S3 S2 / Seniors | M Weir / C Lesenger M Weir |
| KHS BRASS GROUP  | Friday | 1pm | S1 - S6 | R Hume |
| KHS CELTIC GROUP JNR CELTIC GROUP | Monday Friday | 1pm | S1 - S3 S2 - S6 | H Playfair |
| KHS RECORDER GROUP  | Tuesday | 1pm | S1 - S6 | I Abernethy |
| KHS STRING GROUP | Tuesday | 1pm | S1 - S6 | S Johnson |
| KHS WOODWIND GROUP | Wednesday | 1pm | S1 - S6 | B Mooney |
| MOCK TRIAL | Monday | Lunchtime | S4 - S6 | A McWilliam |
| NEWSGROUP | Varies | | S4 - S6 | C Baker |
| PUBLIC SPEAKING | Varies | | S3 - S6 | F Common |
| RUGBY RUGBY RUGBY  | Monday Tuesday Wednesday | 3.45 - 5pm 3.45 - 5pm 6.30 - 7.30pm | S2 Boys S1 Boys S3 + Others | T Angus / R Robertson J Pearson / C Robertson M Fleming |
| SCHOOL SHOW | Varies | | S1 - S6 | J Fraser / S Schmid |
| TENNIS | Friday | 1 - 1.30pm | All Pupils | M Weir |
| THEATRE TRIPS | Varies | Varies | S3 - S6 | J Fraser / C Baker / F Common |
| VOLLEYBALL | Monday | 12.50 - 1.20pm | All Pupils | T Angus |

If any parents or senior pupils would like to help with the schools extra-curricular activities please contact T Angus or Lynn Young in the PE Department for details



DIARY DATES



| | |
|--|--|
| <i>Wednesday 4 February 2005</i> | <i>S4 Parents' Evening</i> |
| <i>Friday 11 February 2005</i> | <i>School Holiday</i> |
| <i>Monday 14 February 2005</i> | <i>School Holiday</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 15 February 2005</i> | <i>In-Service Day</i> |
| <i>Monday 21 February - Wednesday 2 March 2005</i> | <i>S5/S6 Prelims</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 8 March 2005</i> | <i>PTA "Drugs & Alcohol" Evening</i> |
| <i>Monday 14 March 2005</i> | <i>S2 Parents' Evening</i> |
| <i>Friday 25 March 2005</i> | <i>Good Friday Holiday</i> |
| <i>Monday 28 March 2005</i> | <i>Easter Monday Holiday</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 29 March 2005</i> | <i>Extra Choices Parents' Evening</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 29 March - Friday 1 April 2005</i> | <i>S4 Leavers Work Experience</i> |
| <i>Wednesday 30 March 2005</i> | <i>KHS Music Concert</i> |
| <i>Thursday 31 March 2005</i> | <i>S6 Prom</i> |
| <i>Friday 1 April 2005</i> | <i>End of Term</i> |
| <i>Monday 18 April 2005</i> | <i>Start of New Term</i> |
| <i>Monday 18 April 2005</i> | <i>KHS School Board Meeting</i> |
| <i>Thursday 21 April - Friday 29 April 2005</i> | <i>S3 Exams</i> |
| <i>Monday 2 May 2005</i> | <i>School Holiday</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 3 May 2005</i> | <i>In-Service Day</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 3 May - Tuesday 7 June 2005</i> | <i>SQA Exams Period</i> |
| <i>Wednesday 4 May 2005</i> | <i>S4 Exam Leave Commences</i> |
| <i>Monday 9 May 2005</i> | <i>Senior Exam Leave Commences</i> |
| <i>Monday 23 May 2005</i> | <i>S2 - S4 Commence New Timetable</i> |
| <i>Saturday 28 May - Saturday 4 June 2005</i> | <i>Geography Alps Trip</i> |
| <i>Sunday 29 May - Saturday 4 June 2005</i> | <i>History Battlefields Trip</i> |
| <i>Monday 30 May 2005</i> | <i>School Holiday</i> |
| <i>Friday 3 June 2005</i> | <i>KHS Leavers' Evening</i> |
| <i>Monday 6 - Friday 10 June 2005</i> | <i>S5 Work Experience</i> |
| <i>Monday 6 June 2005</i> | <i>KHS School Board Meeting</i> |
| <i>Monday 13 June 2005</i> | <i>S5/S6 Commence New Timetable</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 14 June 2005</i> | <i>P7 Visits / Parents' Evening</i> |
| <i>Wednesday 15 June 2005</i> | <i>P7 Visits</i> |
| <i>Thursday 16 June 2005</i> | <i>Sports Day</i> |
| <i>Sunday 26 - Wednesday 29 June 2005</i> | <i>S6 Residential Trip</i> |
| <i>Wednesday 29 June 2005</i> | <i>End of Term</i> |

*(Session 2005/2006 will commence for teachers on Monday 22 August
and on Tuesday 23 August 2005 for pupils)*

The following event will be held at the School with the involvement of the Kelso High School PTA

PARENTS EVENING - SUBJECT "DRUGS AND ALCOHOL" 8 March 2005 at 7 pm

There will be presentations from the Borders General Hospital and Lothian & Borders Police.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-raising activities have been especially successful and, with the help of donations, a respectable sum now exists. This will be used to help buy equipment for the new multiple use games area in the School which is the fund-raising objective for this year.

The auction held on 23 November 2004 raised a net figure of £1470 which was split equally between the Macmillan Cancer Relief, Farm-Africa and the PTA. Many thanks to everyone who helped and, especially to the pupils at the School, particularly the S6 Charities Committee.




CHARITY AUCTION UPDATE

*On behalf of the Charity Committee and the PTA we would like to say, a **MASSIVE Thank You** for all the support from the High School, from buying tickets to bidding on the night. With the help of our fabulous Auctioneer, Bobby Taylor from Radio Borders, we raised an excellent **£1,460**, which will all go to good causes ! Thank you again !*

Future Fund-Raising



There are proposals for a Car Boot Sale in school grounds.

 Start laying aside those items which would otherwise just add to the landfill problem.

 Turn them into cash and help the School.

N Baylis PTA Secretary



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



Dates of Meetings for 2005

Monday 7th February

Monday 18th April

Monday 6th June



Holidays - after consultation with School Boards, parents and staff the council have returned the Autumn Term Holiday to the traditional date of the second week in October. This will be from October 2006.

New Board Member

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent letter asking for parents who are interested in joining the Board. A co-opted member should be in place for the next meeting. Hopefully we will also be able to fill the two places vacated by staff members at the end of last year.

Board Topics

At recent meetings we have discussed various subjects ranging from Draft Curriculum Policy, PPP and Capital Expenditure Programme to School meals, classroom and toilet refurbishment. If any parents have subjects they would like the Board to discuss or look into please get in touch with a Board member, Staff member or leave a message at the office.

✍ 2004 School Targets - Information for Parents ✍

We are required to include the following statistical information in our school Newsletter and to make it available to all parents. The information is compiled by the audit unit of Her Majesty's Inspectorate. Statistical analysis can be a minefield and anyone wishing to discuss these figures further is encouraged to contact the Rector.

ANNUAL INFORMATION REPORTS ON SCHOOLS 2004

Estimated S5 January Roll as a Percentage of the S4 Roll in September of the Previous Session :

| | 2001 - 2002 | 2002 - 2003 | 2003 - 2004 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Scotland | 65 | 64 | 64 |
| Scottish Borders | 76 | 67 | 66 |
| Kelso High School | 85 | 68 | 68 |

SCE/CSYS Examination Results (2003/04 results are pre-appeal)

Percentage of the Relevant September S4 Roll with :

| | By End of S4 | | | By End of S5 | | | By End of S6 | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 5+ Passes @ Level 3 or better | 5+ Passes @ Level 4 or better | 5+ Passes @ Level 5 or better | 1+ Passes @ Level 6 or better | 3+ Passes @ Level 6 or better | 5+ Passes @ Level 6 or better | 3+ Passes @ Level 6 or better | 5+ Passes @ Level 6 or better | 1+ Passes @ Level 7 or better |
| 2001 - 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| Scotland | 91 | 77 | 34 | 39 | 23 | 9 | 31 | 20 | 12 |
| Scottish Borders | 90 | 82 | 44 | 50 | 30 | 11 | 40 | 26 | 16 |
| Kelso High School | 91 | 81 | 51 | 57 | 31 | 19 | 49 | 36 | 21 |
| 2002 - 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Scotland | 91 | 76 | 34 | 39 | 23 | 10 | 31 | 20 | 12 |
| Scottish Borders | 91 | 81 | 40 | 50 | 29 | 11 | 40 | 27 | 16 |
| Kelso High School | 100 | 84 | 47 | 59 | 41 | 20 | 42 | 33 | 19 |
| 2003 - 2004 | | | | | | | | | |
| Scotland | 91 | 76 | 34 | 38 | 22 | 9 | 30 | 19 | 12 |
| Scottish Borders | 92 | 79 | 39 | 45 | 26 | 8 | 40 | 25 | 16 |
| Kelso High School | 98 | 78 | 33 | 50 | 30 | 12 | 54 | 38 | 23 |

For Information :

| <i>Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) levels</i> | |
|---|---|
| Level 7 | CSYS at A - C ; Advanced Higher at A - C |
| Level 6 | Higher at A - C |
| Level 5 | Intermediate 2 at A - C ; Standard Grade at 1 - 2 |
| Level 4 | Intermediate 1 at A - C ; Standard Grade at 3 - 4 |
| Level 3 | Access 3 Cluster ; Standard Grade at 5 - 6 |

Alan Miller

Number of Pupils Leaving in School Year 2003 - 2004 and Percentage with Destination

| | Scotland | Scottish Borders | Kelso High School |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|
| Total Number of Leavers | 56 537 | 1 220 | 152 |
| Full Time Higher Education | 29% | 32% | 41% |
| Full Time Further Education | 21% | 28% | 20% |
| Training | 5% | 1% | 0% |
| Employment | 25% | 25% | 28% |
| Other Known | 16% | 11% | 9% |
| Not Known | 4.0% | 2.0% | 0% |

Budgets Running Costs for Financial Year 2004- 2005

| | Scotland | Scottish Borders | Kelso High School |
|--|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| School Roll at September 2003 | 318 454 | 6 928 | 671 |
| Total School Running Costs at April 2004 (£) | 1 287 101 435 | 27 725 353 | 2 790 256 |
| Cost Per Pupil (£) | 4 042 | 4 002 | 4 158 |

Attendance and Absence for School Year 2003 - 2004

| | S1 | S2 | S3 | S4 | S5 | S1 - S5 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Total Number of Possible Attendances (Half Days) | | | | | | |
| Scotland | 23 310 342 | 23 063 871 | 22 266 751 | 22 109 095 | 15 152 518 | 105 902 517 |
| Scottish Borders | 519 719 | 531 302 | 497 041 | 482 488 | 339 452 | 2 370 002 |
| Kelso High School | 44 872 | 50 198 | 45 108 | 46 564 | 38 770 | 225 512 |

PERCENTAGE AUTHORISED ABSENCE

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Scotland | 6.1 | 7.4 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 8.9 | 8.0 |
| Scottish Borders | 3.8 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| Kelso High School | 5.7 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 5.6 |

PERCENTAGE UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Scotland | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| Scottish Borders | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| Kelso High School | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 |

Minimising Overall Absence

| Target Measure | | Absence recorded (2002/2003) Average number of half days absence per pupil | Absence recorded (2003/2004) Average number of half days absence per pupil | Absence target (2005) Average number of half days absence per pupil |
|----------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| Absence | School | 19.7 | 23.7 | 22 |
| | Education Authority | 32.5 | 26.4 | |
| | National | 40.9 | 37.4 | |

5 - 14 Attainment Levels and Targets

| Target Measure | | Starting level of performance (June 2002) % S2 Roll attaining or exceeding Level E | Present level of performance (June 2004) % S2 Roll attaining or exceeding Level E | Target level of performance (June 2005) % S2 Roll attaining or exceeding Level E |
|----------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
| Reading | School | 51.6 | 63.6 | 75 |
| | Education Authority | 61.6 | 67.5 | |
| | National | 59.0 | 64.5 | |
| Writing | School | 40.5 | 50 | 60 |
| | Education Authority | 55.7 | 56.2 | |
| | National | 49.7 | 52.1 | |
| Mathematics | School | 48.4 | 65.2 | 55 |
| | Education Authority | 55.7 | 52.7 | |
| | National | 53.6 | 59.5 | |

