



Balerno High School

A community built on strong relationships
and a commitment to success

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Update

The interim report from Professor Hayward on the Independent Review of Qualifications & Assessments in Scotland has now been published. Please see the link below for further information.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/independent-review-qualifications-assessment-scotland-interim-report/>

Pupil Successes

Hockey

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Hockey team who have reached the final of the Aspire Cup. They will play Cults Academy in the final on Friday 17th March at Peffermill.

This is the first national final we have reached.

Football

Congratulations to our Senior Boys' team who have reached the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup. This is the furthest we have progressed in this competition.

They are also playing (tonight) in quarter final of League Cup against James Young and are also still unbeaten in the League Championship.

Fairtrade Art Competition

Well done to our Art Prize Winners who were presented with their prizes on Saturday at the Fairtrade event.

S1	1 st	Evarose Crane and Rachel Caves
	2 nd	Faye McFall
S3	1 st	Megan Russell
	2 nd	Freya MacKenzie
	3 rd	Ella Le Tollec



Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all our pupils who participated in this year's Maths Challenge. Our pupils had amazing results including:

7 pupils in S3 Students (1 bronze, 1 silver, 1 gold (including best in school))

6 pupils in S4 Students (1 bronze and 2 gold)

1 pupil in S3 student is progressing to the next round.

Our Junior Maths Challenge (S1/2) will be on Wed 26th April.

Duke of Edinburgh

We are delighted that 20 of our pupils were presented with their Bronze certificates and 12 were presented with Silver. There are currently 40 young people who are working on the Silver and should achieve this in September.

The school is currently working with CEC on our session 2023-24 offer.

Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships

Congratulations our team of Matthew Holden, James Wotherspoon, Kieran Hardie and Cameron Caves who won the 15 – 17 year old boys' trophy on Friday. An amazing achievement.

What's been happening

Mental Health Week

Hannah Symon and her pupil group organised a wide range of activities for pupils and staff to raise awareness around mental health at the start of February.

The week included activities at tutor time and break time, a Wellbeing Fair and staff v pupils Netball.

Senior Study Camp

Many thanks to Vaila Wright for organising the Senior Study Camp at Ardentenny.

Fifty two S4/5 pupils and 5 staff took part in a mixture of studying and outdoor activities.



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Upcoming events

Rights Respecting Schools Gold Accreditation

As part of our accreditation for the Gold award we have 2 assessors visiting the school on Wednesday 8th March 2023.

They will speak to some of young people, staff and parents/carers and review the wide range of evidence gathered in the last year.

Many thanks to Steven Russell, Kirsty Templeton, Catherine Browne and our young people who have driven this forward in the last 12 months.

Balerno and District Schools Pipe Band Fundraising Concert - Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 19:00

This evening of Scottish music is fundraising for the pipe band as they prepare to go to the World Championships. Tickets will be available on the door, £10 for adults, £5 for teens and under 12s go free.

School Spring Concert

The Music department have their Spring Concert planned for 30th March and we hope you will be able to join us. Information about tickets will be shared soon.