

ACTIVE SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



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Here We Go Again!

Another six months have passed and the Active Schools team again find themselves looking forward to getting back to some kind of normality with regards to their extra-curricular programmes and event calendars. The end of this term has given us the opportunity to dip our toes back in the water and test out how a new look programme might look for us in the next school year. We are delighted to be back in our schools again and look forward to starting afresh again come August!

Active Schools Restart

With the loosening of restrictions, the team have had much delight in getting back amongst our staff and pupils this term, both through the delivery and support of curricular and extra-curricular programmes and initiatives. From breakfast boxing clubs to after school athletics, it has been great to begin to see some light at the end of the tunnel.



Targeted curricular programmes have allowed us to support pupil engagement, improve communication, team work and respect, while we have also assisted at sports days and residential. We have continued to strengthen our school-club links and help clubs re-engage with schools and pupils as much as possible and help make a positive impact around activity opportunities.

Volunteer & Coach Spotlight

Volunteers and coaches are at the very heart of Active Schools. Without them, we simply wouldn't be able to do what we do! Over the coming weeks and months we will be introducing you to some of our amazing team who help make Active Schools happen and inspire children from every corner of the Borders to become healthier, happier and stronger. We will be finding out why they do what they do, what they enjoy most about it, any stand out moments and what advice they would give anyone thinking about getting involved. We look forward to introducing you to them all very soon!



Fond Farewells

As we come to the end of the school year and wave everyone off on their summer holidays, we will also be saying goodbye to two of our team who are off on exciting new adventures. Our Duns Coordinator, Marianne, leaves us after over 13 years in the Active Schools team! She will be a huge miss and we wish her all the very best in her new Active Schools post in Edinburgh. Meanwhile Lucy, our Hawick High School and Jedburgh Coordinator, joins the South Lanarkshire Active Schools team after 14 months in the Borders - good luck Lucy!



We also look forward to welcoming their replacements in to post! Rebekah Herbert will take over in Duns from Monday 21 June and Lauren Grant will take up the Jedburgh & Hawick post from Monday 5 July. We can't wait to have you on board!



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Get in to Summer 2021

As part of the Scottish Government's 'Get in to Summer 2021' initiative, Live Borders, supported by Scottish Borders Council, hope to get our children and young people more active, more often this summer holiday, as part of an enhanced offering for all children post lockdown. Opportunities to socialize, play and reconnect with local communities and environments will be running in every high school cluster across the Borders and will take the format of full sport and craft camps, as well sport-specific and inclusion camps. If you haven't already reserved your space, follow the link and come join us! <https://www.liveborders.org.uk/play/get-into-summer/>



What's New?!

Join us at Harestanes every Friday from 10am for our weekly **TODDLE WADDLE!** Suitable for babies to pre-schoolers, let your child's imagination run free whilst our story teller takes you on an adventure through our enchanting grounds. A new story each week, breathe in the fresh air, jump through the puddles, kick the leaves and let your child explore nature on our buggy friendly trail. Pre-book your tickets [HERE](#).



Jim Clark Museum Kid's Trail – Lap of the Museum



We have recently launched a new kid's activity trail! Tour the museum looking out for toy cars which have been hidden amongst the displays. Tick them off on your map and earn yourself a champion sticker! 'Lap of the Museum' replaces our previous hands-on activity for our younger visitors that we had to remove for Covid safety reasons. For further details and to pre-book tickets, click [HERE](#).

Connect and Collect Mobile Library Service

How much have you missed having a book in your hands?! Our connect and collect service lets you order books through our online catalogue or over the phone and then collect them from one of our pick-up points. It is free to join our library service, all you need is a member login - if you are not a member of our libraries yet, click [HERE](#) to sign up!



Ahoy Me Hearties!



We are so excited that our Treasure Land Soft Play at Teviotdale Leisure Centre in Hawick has reopened! The three-level facility is open to little pirates aged 12 years and under and consists of slides, rope bridges, sensory areas, as well as a dedicated toddler area. Sessions are limited to one hour slots and must be pre-booked [HERE](#).

The Active Schools Team would like to wish all pupils, staff, volunteers and clubs a very happy and safe summer holiday. We can't wait to see you all again in August, when hopefully we will be back offering our normal full compliment of extra-curricular opportunities and events calendars.

