ACTIVE SCHOOLS **NEWSLETTER**



September 2022



It was a busy summer for all the Live Borders team as we saw the return of our Get into Summer Programme in partnership with SBC. After the success of last year, the Sports Development team and Borders Additional Needs Group ran a variety of camps in each of the ClubSport areas, while our Museums and Galleries offered a whole host of activities, including mini-beast workshops and activity trails!







There was so much to keep families busy, including 18 Active Schools activity camps which ran in all nine cluster areas. The camps consisted of a mixture of sport and art activities and had a fantastic 91% occupancy across the board. Three teams of activity leaders delivered these camps, alongside an army of willing volunteers, who ensured activities were fun and inclusive for all involved. It was great to receive so much positive feedback from those who attended:

The 16th official Queen's Baton Relay took place in the build up to the recent Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and Priorsford Primary School in Peebles were delighted to be selected for a visit as part of its journey across the Commonwealth. The Queen's Baton team, along with 2014 Commonwealth Games mascot Clyde, visited Priorsford Primary School and were treated to a showcase of some of the extra-curricular clubs on offer at the school. Whilst P6/7 were showing off their sporting skills, younger pupils had the chance to see the baton up close and ask questions, as it made its way round the school. The whole school then performed a well-rehearsed dance routine in the playground alongside Clyde! performed a well-rehearsed dance routine in the playground alongside Clyde!







Before the Queen's Baton Relay team left for the next leg of its journey, the whole school were led off on a run around the perimeter of the school grounds by PE teacher Mr Edge who got to carry the baton!

The visit was an amazing opportunity that left pupils inspired and motivated to not only watch the Birmingham Commonwealth Games over the summer, but also to be more active and try something new themselves! #Inspir

Fitting in perfectly with September's theme of **#TrySomethingNew**, Earlston Active Schools is delighted to be teaming up with Lauderdale Youth Football Club this New, Earlston Active term to deliver a free 4-week UEFA Playmakers taster block to primary 1 and 2 girls. UEFA Playmakers is an activity like no other. It delivers a fun and safe introduction to football for 5-8yr old girls, through movement, play and the magic of Disney storytelling. Inspiring and engaging activities are designed to build life skills, friendships, health and confidence, using pupils' best-loved Disney characters.







Delivered by Lauderdale YFC coaches Hallie and Hollie, pupils from Lauder, Channelkirk and Westruther Primary Schools are currently enjoying Moana-themed activity sessions at Lauder Primary School. We hope these sessions will spark an interest and encourage the girls to take up football on a more regular basis!



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Active Schools Event Kick Start!

Active Schools was delighted to kick off their Primary School-Sport Calendar in September! First up - *Primary 5 Rugby* and *Primary 6/7 Hockey* festivals! Next in the diary will be *Small and Large Schools Netball*, which will take place in the run up to Christmas. We can't wait to get back on court again!

We will kick off the New Year with *Sportshall Athletics*, before introducing our brand new *Small Schools Basketball* competition! Who will progress through to the *Large Schools Basketball* Final in March and be crowned 2023 Champions?!

The final term will, as always, end with our *Area Athletics* competitions. We will also see a sprinkling of *cricket*, *cross-country and triathlons* across the Region, which we can't wait to be involved with!

Secondary hockey, rugby and football fixtures are already well underway and a number of netball matches are also the pipeline. Sportshall, cross-country, tennis and athletics will also make a return this year - it looks like it's going to be another busy one and we can't wait!









Active Schools Needs You

Active Schools aims to provide more and higher quality opportunities for young people to take part in sport and physical activity before school, during lunchtimes and after school. This can often be a challenge due to lack of volunteers, which is why we need you!



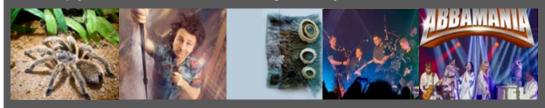


An hour a week for six weeks or assisting at a one-off festival, any contribution you could make would be greatly appreciated! We would make sure it worked for you, delivering only what you felt confident delivering. To register your interest, or find out more about how you could get involved, please follow the link and one of the team will be in touch to discuss further! https://form.jotform.com/213043135461343

Live Borders Culture and Museums

It's not only the Active Schools Team who are going to be rushed off their feet this term, it's looking like a busy autumn for our Museums and Cultural services too.

Whether you fancy a date with a giant millipede at the ever popular ZooLab at Peebles Library, Museum and Gallery; or a night full of nonsense with Milton Jones at the Volunteer Hall in Galashiels; or perhaps a Saturday with Skerryvore in Selkirk is more up your street? There is something for everyone!



If a Wini Hanging Workshop is more your thing, get yourself along to Borders Textile Towerhouse in Hawick and create something unique using a combination of fabrics, found objects and hand embroidery. It is also never too early to be thinking about your Christmas parties either! Maybe an Abbamania Christmas Party night at the Corn Exchange in Melrose is just what you need to finish off your year?! A great excuse to dust off those platforms, dig out your flares and dance in the aisles in to the night!

Check out our upcoming listings of what's on in your area: What's On?!

