



Weekly Update 3 March 2017

Welcome to our Weekly Update

We want to keep our school community up to date with all of our news and will be producing a weekly update each Friday from now on. This will be used to share news about what's happening in school, forthcoming events and other items of interest. We hope you will find it informative and useful.

Inspection of Portobello High School

We are looking forward to welcoming a team of HM Inspectors to Portobello High School in the week beginning 20 March. As part of the Inspectors' preparation, they have asked parents and carers to complete an online survey and details of this were sent home by email on Thursday or posted out on Friday. We would like to encourage you to complete this by the morning of Tuesday 14 March. If you need any help with this, please contact the school office.

Parent Council Meeting

The next meeting of our Parent Council takes place at 7pm on Monday 6 March in the school library. If you are interested in finding out about the work of the school, please come along.

Kirkland Rowell Survey

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we are working on knowing our school community. One aspect of this has been about gathering people's views on the school through our recent Kirkland Rowell survey, sent out by post in the week after the February break. We would like to say a big thank you to all those who have taken time to complete and return their surveys to date. Please make sure any further surveys reach us by Tuesday 7 March so that they can be sent off for processing.

International Day at Rusty's Diner

We are delighted that uptake of our school meals has risen significantly since we moved into the new building. Many young people are choosing to stay in school at lunchtime. Our catering staff have worked very hard to develop the new menus and have been very pleased by the positive feedback from young people. Next Thursday 9 March sees a special theme day, with food from five different countries on the menu.

S2 Parents' Evening Online Booking System

This week we introduced this new system to staff and parents. We are delighted to report a 75% uptake and share positive feedback from parents below 😊

- "Great system! Thanks to all in school"
- "Excellent booking system"
- "Fantastic new booking system, worked like a dream & so easy to navigate. Thank you!"

More information will follow for the S3 Parents' Evening later in the year.

Twitter

Please follow us on @PortobelloHigh

Portobello High School Inclusion Fund

This fund has been created to ensure that learning opportunities are available to all pupils in the school. You can approach us in confidence if you would like to discuss how this might support your child. Examples of support include assistance with the cost of trips, clubs and kit. Please contact your child's Pupil Support Leader in the first instance.

Higher and N5 Business Management

Higher Business Management assignments must be completed by the end of term on Friday 31 March as they will be sent away for SQA uplift. National 5 Business Management assignments must be completed by Wednesday 22nd March as they will be sent away for SQA uplift. Any pupil who does not finish this in class or needs time to catch up can do this with Miss Richards on a Wednesday between 3pm and 4pm in G28.

Group Call Communications

Many parents will have received the Portobello Inspection email sent from our new Group Call Communication System. If you did not receive this e mail please contact admin@portobello.edin.sch.uk with your current e mail address and we will update our records.

Modern Languages Assessment Reminder

French & Spanish speaking exams will take place week beginning 13th – week ending 24th March.

S3 Trip to New Lanark World Heritage Site – Monday 20th March

This trip is open to all S3 History students. Find out what it was like to work in the mills of New Lanark in the 19th century. Take a trip on the Annie McLeod experience and discover what her life was like; explore the old school room; feast your eyes on the sweets and souvenirs in the original tuck shop. Letters and consent forms can be collected from your history teacher. **Forms should be returned with full payment to Mr Mackenzie by Monday 13th March. Please note that spaces are limited. The PHS Inclusion Fund is available to assist learners who may find it difficult cover the cost of this trip** - please speak to your teacher in confidence as soon as possible if this applies to you.