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## Weekly Update 10 March 2017

### Inspection of Portobello HS

A big thanks to all those who have completed the questionnaire for the Inspection team ahead of their arrival on 20 March. Any parents who have not yet completed this still have time – the survey will close on Tuesday morning, 14 March, so please do complete this if you have not already done so using the link previously sent out. Parents who are willing to meet with the inspection team can indicate this at the end of the survey – meetings are likely to be held on the afternoon of Monday 20 and the morning at Tuesday 21 March. Many thanks for your support.

### Important Fundraising Message from PHS Parent Council

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Portobello High School Council - Edinburgh? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/portobellohighsc/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Portobello High School Council - Edinburgh will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

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### Activity Afternoon

A school group from Madrid will be visiting PHS on March 30<sup>th</sup> to take part in an activity afternoon with Modern Languages Spanish learners and Hospitality Learners. They'll be tasting and chatting about some typical Scottish Foods. Thanks to Mrs Bradley in FTT and Mr McCulloch in Modern Languages for organising this.

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March was International School Meals Day

Rusty's Diner were serving a selection of international meals including:

Pizza and Pasta, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Vegetable Chow Mein, American burger roll and fries,

Quorn hot dogs and Chicken Korma and Rice

Happy International School Meals Day!

### Food & Textile Technology – Request for help!

We are looking for food and fashion magazines that you no longer need for our FTT department. In addition, donation of cotton fabric such as old shirts or children's clothes would be appreciated to help build up our patchwork stash!

## **Physical Education**

For up-to-the-minute news on all extra-curricular/sport-related items please follow @PortobelloPE on Twitter.

## **Art & Design**

National 4/5 Art and Design students will be participating in an all-day painting event on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March to enable them to complete their expressive final piece. They should register with their Key Adult, then make their way directly to the Art department. The day runs from 8:40am – 12:30pm with a 20 minute break at 10:30am and pupils have the option of coming back from 1:30 – 3:30pm if they wish to get as much done as possible. Pupils may bring small snacks and water or fruit juice.

The final deadline for all Art and Design folio submissions is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Pupils will continue to be asked to complete additional work outside of class time to ensure all folios are completed to the highest possible standards. The Art department staff are making themselves available after school every day until the deadline. Please be aware that many pupils find the pressure involved in completing their folio stressful - we really appreciate parent support in helping them make the best use of the remaining time available to them.

## **Debating Team**

The Porty Debating team are in the Semi Finals for the English Speaking Union Competition! Well done to Alexander Fraser and Rachel Lawson, who knocked out George Heriot's in the last round.

## **Scottish Young Consumer of the Year Quiz Final**

Five of our S6 pupils will attend the Scottish Young Consumer of the Year Final in the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday 21 March. Having won the regional final with a win over Boroughmuir HS, our team are ready to face opposition from Ayr Academy and Douglas Academy in East Dunbartonshire.

We wish them well!

## **Rotary Club Technology Tournament**

Congratulations to all the teams who competed in the Rotary Club Technology Tournament on Wednesday this week. It was a close completion with both the Junior and Intermediate teams coming second and third in their group. The Senior team beat teams from Royal High, Boroughmuir and Queensferry to take top honours. Well done to all and thanks to Mr Christie in CDT for organising.