

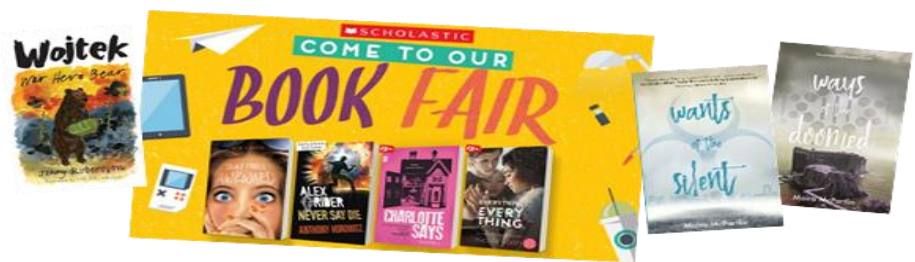
Weekly Update – 22nd September 2017

Please support our Parent Council Event- Singalonga Grease – Friday 29 September 2017

The tickets for Singalonga Grease are now available from the school office or for sale on the door on the night. Cost £5.00

Doors open at 6.30pm. Come in costume to get into the spirit of the night!

Hope to see you there.



Book Fair 2-6 October 2017

The school library will be hosting a book fair all week. Pupils can browse and buy books in the library, or pick up a leaflet to bring home.

Authors Jenny Robertson and Moira McPartlin will be in school to speak with pupils and will be selling signed copies of their books.

And don't forget it's Portobello Book Festival, where all events are free! More details at <https://portobellobookfestival.wordpress.com/>

European Day of Language

Tuesday 26th September is the annual European Day of Language and to celebrate this, we will be celebrating languages across the whole week and across the whole school. In Modern Languages classes, learners will compete in language and music quizzes, give taster sessions to other pupils in other languages, and create posters for a departmental display highlighting the importance of language learning. In Key Adult, learners will watch short videos of pupils from all year groups introducing themselves in their native languages. We think there are around 25 different languages used by pupils across the school! The S3 Media class has also been working to create a short video on this theme as their first media project. Staff in all departments will be provided with a Powerpoint for the week with the date and basic greetings in different languages; many staff in the school speak different languages and they often do a little taster session in their language with one or two of their classes. Finally, S6 pupils – and Advanced Higher French students - Samira Perez Naveiro and Izzy McTernan also spoke at Key Adult assemblies last week, introducing the European Week of Languages and giving a personal reflection on their experiences of language learning.

Portobello High School strikes GOLD!!

Portobello High School has been recognised with a prestigious national award for innovation and achievement in delivering physical education and extra-curricular sport.

The school has achieved the **sportscotland** Gold School Sport Award for their commitment to engaging all pupils in sporting activity.

As part of the National Lottery funded programme, the **sportscotland** School Sport Award is a national initiative that is designed to encourage schools to continuously improve physical education and sport. The Award also encourages sporting links between schools and the communities around them.

Stewart Harris, Chief Executive of **sportscotland**, said: "Congratulations to all the staff and pupils at Portobello High School - they should be extremely proud of this fantastic achievement. Not only have they put physical education and sport at the heart of their school and local community, but they have managed to do so in a way that encourages all pupils to engage in physical activity whilst having fun at the same time.

"**sportscotland** is committed to building a world-class sporting system for everyone, and a crucial part of that is putting young people at the heart. Working with our partners in local authorities and governing bodies of sport, we are creating closer links between physical education, school sport and club sport, which benefits young people by providing more and better opportunities to take part in sport."

With more applications than ever before, there are currently 212 **sportscotland** Gold School Sport Award schools. 336 schools have been awarded Silver and 84 with Bronze.

To achieve a Bronze or Silver **sportscotland** School Sport Award, schools self-assess their current practice. However, to gain Gold status an extensive external assessment is also carried out by an independent panel of experts.

Eliane Inkster, PE Curriculum Leader, commented: "It's a massive honour to be awarded the **sportscotland** Gold School Sport Award. We believe that physical education, physical activity and sport are extremely important factors, not only from a curriculum perspective but also from an extra-curricular programme and beyond, extending into our new local community hub. Our staff and coaches work incredibly hard to deliver across the programmes to ensure that our pupils are afforded as many opportunities as possible to participate in sport and physical activity and enjoy the social benefits of doing so too. As a school we are also indebted to many parents who also fully support our programme."

The **sportscotland** School Award is supported by the Active Schools Network, a programme that involves **sportscotland** working in partnership with all 32 local authorities to encourage schools to ensure there are opportunities for all children and young people to engage, participate and reach their potential in this area.

Suspended Timetable

The Modern Languages department is delighted to offer trips to Paris and Madrid for S1-3 learners during Suspended Timetable at the end of May 2018. The cost for each trip is approximately £525 and we are looking to finalise lists of those going by the start of October. Forms with more details about the trips and a tear-off slip to express an interest are available from all Modern Languages teachers; these should be returned to any ML teacher by the end of the day on **Friday 29th September**.

Mr McCulloch

CL Modern Languages

APP of the WEEK!



This week the app that I have been enjoying Quizlet! It's a fantastic app which you can use for revising anything from tests, NABs or final exams with flash cards, gap fills, match up games and mini tests.

It is completely free and is very useful to have on your phone so if you ever have idle hands, or are bored on the bus home you can whip out Quizlet and fit in some extra revision!

Rose Tully

European Week of Modern Languages

In our school we pride ourselves in the diversity of languages spoken and celebrate each pupil for their uniqueness. The week beginning the 26th of September is European Week of Languages, a week that has been an annual celebration since 2001. Our Modern Languages department always recognises this and creates exciting activities for pupils in the school to participate in. This year there will events in the classroom, such as music activities and quizzes. A PowerPoint detailing basic greetings and dates in various languages will be shown in Key Adult classes as well as a video of European Language speakers talking in their languages.

To create awareness of the many languages spoken in our school, Mrs Allen's third year Media Studies class has put together a short video of some of our pupils speaking their own languages. Those featured include Italian, Polish, Spanish and German.

For the younger years in the school (S1-S3), there will be in class competitions in the Modern Languages department to compose posters giving a taste of different languages.

We hope that these activities will help pupils and teachers alike will discover the diversity of languages spoken in school, foster a sense of belonging for members of our school community who speak these languages, and have fun.

by Issy Butt and Kirstin Fordyce



Laura, S1, talks about Spain



Connor, S3, talks about Germany

P7 Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome more than 300 P7 pupils and parents to our Open Evening yesterday. Visitors toured the building and spoke to staff in various departments to get a flavour of life and learning as part of TeamParty.

Room G02 in FTT descended into chaos, as a test to the P7 visitors. They were asked to spot the hazards in the scene. P7s completed a form with the number of hazards spotted and a winner will be drawn at random.



Jeans for Genes

Today we raised money for Jeans for Genes which helps children living with genetic disorders. It affects 1 in 25 children. We raised a fantastic £1,005.53.

Here is a picture of some of our S5/6 pupils who helped to count the money below the banner made by some of our other S5/6 pupils to raise awareness for the day. Great work by all who helped raise awareness of it, collected money for it and everyone across the school who took part in it.

