

Weekly Update – 16.06.2017



Robert Louis Stevenson Creative Writing Competition

We are delighted to share the news that Anna McPhail, S6, won the Reflective Writing prize and the overall prize for the Robert Louis Stevenson Creative Writing Competition. Her prize includes books and a £100 cheque, plus a very lovely trophy that the school keeps for a year. Ruby Leslie, S5, was also shortlisted as a finalist. Ruby and Anna enjoyed a two hour master class, led by author Louise Welsh for the 11 competition finalists.

Cycle Safety message from PC Ferry

Safety of all learners is of paramount importance and because of this PC Ferry has asked us to make all parents aware of that there are serious concerns about the way some young people on bikes are behaving. Pupils have been witnessed cycling to and from school on the pavement, into oncoming traffic, failing to obey red lights and doing wheelies on the roadway. This is not only a danger to members of the public but also the cyclists themselves and is an offence. A number of members of the public have also been in touch with the school about this. If this reckless endangerment continues, Police Scotland will have no option but to charge those responsible. Please support us by speaking to your young person about safe cycling on the way to and from school.

S3 iPad Launch

Thanks to all those parents who attended the S3 iPad launch last night – the hall was packed! We hope all of our S3 learners enjoy their new iPads and use them well to enhance their learning. Any S3 pupils who did not make it along to collect their iPad should have received a letter in Key Adult Time explaining what they need to do.

PFANS Reception

Portobello High School Parent Council hosted a celebratory event on Tuesday evening for the members of the community who played their part in securing the new school through their active involvement in PFANS. For some, it was their first opportunity to see the results of the school for which they had campaigned for so long. Parent Council Chair, Michael McTernan applauded those who had 'never given up' and both he and Ruth McKay paid warm tributes to the late Billy McIntyre. Guests were then given a guided tour of the school. Thanks to PHS Parent Council, S6 helpers and Mrs Williamson for her delicious canapes.

Higher Photography Exhibition

Thanks to all those who came along to the school on Tuesday evening for our first ever Higher Photography exhibition. Around 70 visitors, enjoyed looking at the images generated by our two Higher classes in what has been a new course for us this year.

S4 Fashion and Textile Technology Trip

S4 Fashion and Textile Technology Trip to the Museum of Scotland Last Friday 18 learners from the new S4 Fashion and Textile Technology National 5 class visited the Fashion through the Ages exhibit at the Museum in Chambers Street. They completed some research work for the unit on Fashion Trend and thoroughly enjoyed looking at the odd fashion that has been seen in the past 300 years. Their research booklets will form part of the assessment for this unit of work.



Edinburgh College - Inspiring Women in Construction Afternoon

Focus on routes to successful careers in construction, network with other female members of the construction sector, talk with the college construction experts. Forum to discuss opportunities and challenges.

Afternoon tea and nibbles

Edinburgh College Granton Campus, The Apprentice Restaurant

Tuesday 27 June 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Young Ambassadors

After an interview process our PE department have appointed 5 new Young Ambassadors who will represent our school promoting sport and activity here and the wider community. Our successful candidates were;

Ethyn Smith	S5
Natasha Nicolson	S5
Megan McCarthy	S4
Erin Crawford	S4
Estelle Thompson	S4

PORTY READS WELL! – report from Isabelle Butt, S6

Portobello High School. A school that encourages creativity, hard work and imagination. A school that ensures that all children who attend gain knowledge and understanding of the world around them. One way the school does this is by raising awareness of the benefits of reading for fun. We believe that children who say they don't enjoy reading just haven't found the right book yet. Reading sparks imagination and creativity which are key skills in life. Books can teach important lessons that are essential for a child's future. In our school library there are thousands of stories and worlds full of magic and knowledge packed onto the shelves. It's a wonder that people can wander past oblivious. How they avoid feeling intrigued and fascinated?

This is why at Portobello High School we have been working hard this year to develop a reading culture in the school and in the cluster. Next week, we want to welcome our new first years, and help them feel a part of a school community where reading is celebrated. Our plan is to give every first year student with a book that they choose from our special book shops. One of our art teachers Mr Hayes has designed a great cartoon with the #portyreadswell that will be printed onto bags for the first years to carry their books in. They will also enjoy a presentation and series of activities in the library, led by a group of our third year students. They have been working hard to prepare for the visit.

We hope that this will make the new students feel included in our school and encourage them to Read Well!