

Portobello High School Water Bottles

A big thank you to our Parent Council for supporting the purchase of water bottles in House colours for all our young people. These were distributed at assemblies this week along with a message about the importance of water globally as well as for learning.



Keeping Bikes and Bikers Safe

This week we have had assemblies highlighting the importance of cycling safely. We have had reports of extremely dangerous cycling from members of the public and we are very concerned about the safety of a small number of our pupils. If you have a child that cycles to school, could you please stress the importance of cycling responsibly. We are working with Police Scotland on this to make the journey to school safe for everyone.

In order to deter bike thieves, we would like to offer the following advice:

- Bikes should not be left at school overnight
- We recommend a D-lock for maximum security. Less robust locks can be smashed open or cut with bolt cutters
- Bikes should be locked to something fixed to the ground
- Do not lock a single wheel to a fixed object, lock the frame
- Removable accessories should be taken from the bike when possible

We are currently able to source Kryptonite S2 D-Locks for £20 which is a large reduction on the usual price. These are robust D-Locks with a 1.2m steel cable which allows you to lock both wheels and the frame to a secure object. This would deter all but the most determined thieves.

If you would like to order one of these locks, please complete the order form attached to this update and return it to the school office with payment. We will place the order at the end of next week

The Herald Young Critics Project

The winning review for The Herald Young Critics project this year was written by Issy Butt in S5. Her review of 'Nederlands Dans Theater' was published in The Herald on Wednesday. It is available to read online along with others from Team Party:

http://www.heraldscotland.com/arts_ents/15488287.Festival_Dance_review_Nederlands_Dans_Theater_Edinburgh_Playhouse/?c=4qau0o



S6 Leadership and Team Building Course

Wednesday 23 August saw forty S6 pupils thoroughly enjoying a skills development day in leadership and team building. This course was supported by Fife College, the Royal Airforce and the Navy. Our S6 pupils undertook a range of experiences and had the opportunity to meet new peers within their year group.

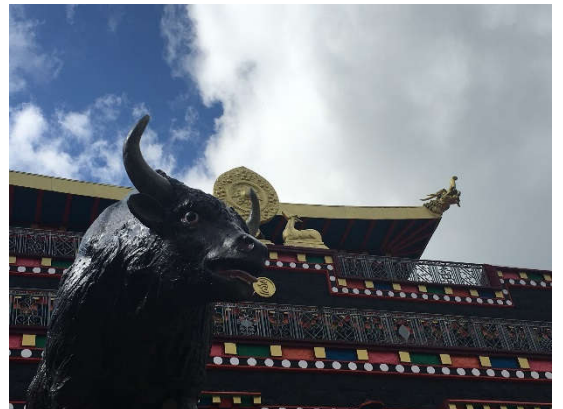
Higher Fashion and Textile Technology

The group have been busy examining fabric construction techniques including felting and have created some lovely wool felt which was developed into accessories.



AH RMPS trip to Samye Ling

A group of S6 learners enjoyed an overnight visit to Samye Ling Monastery and Tibetan centre near Langholm last week. This supports their learning in Advanced Higher and is a great way to start their course.



Tesco Bags for Help

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! We have been successful in being selected to take part in the Tesco Bags for Help Grants programme at the Musselburgh Extra Tesco Store.

If we achieve the most votes in store we will get funding to support the development of a Biodiversity Community Garden. This would be a valuable cross curricular teaching resource for our school and wider community.

Voting opens in store from September 1st to end October 2017. Please pass the message on to friends and family! Thanks for your support.

Semelé

Some of our senior pupils have been taking part in the Festival in Aria Alba's production of *Semelé*. Eilidh Riddell had a starring role as Ino, Semelé's sister and Sophie Bleau choreographed and danced with Eilidh Cameron, Grace Swinton, Kate Broadway and Charlotte Cullen. Well done to all.



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