

Weekly Update – 6th October 2017

Fireworks

This week we have dealt with a number of incidents involving fireworks around the school. Such dangerous behaviour is totally unacceptable and has been met with robust sanctions for those involved and police involvement where appropriate. We are pleased that a large number of our young people demonstrated very responsible and helpful attitudes during this time.

Reminder - Tesco Bags for Help

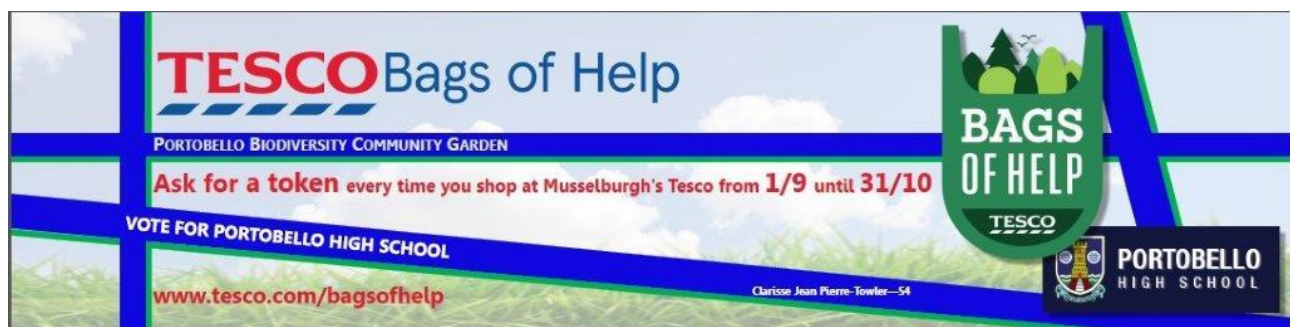
Please support Portobello High School in the Tesco Bags for Help Grants at the Musselburgh Extra Tesco Store.

Pass on the message to family and friends who shop there.

Help us achieve the most votes for our “Biodiversity Community Garden” as it will be a valuable cross curricular teaching resource for our school.

Voting from September 1st to end October 2017.

Thanks for your support!



Congratulations

Congratulations to our Chief Invigilator, Alex Laird, who has been shortlisted for an SQA Star Award! Winner will be announced at the SQA Star Awards ceremony on 3 November and we wish Alex every success.



APP of the WEEK!

This week the app we recommend isn't one which will actually give you revision supplies but is a great way to organise your life, especially before exams.

It's called Homework and is free on the AppStore, if you are looking for something to help you with time management and make sure you reach deadlines this is app you need!

Rose Tully

Streetcar Named Desire

Students from the Advanced Higher English this year spent Tuesday night went to the King's Theatre this week to see a production of Tennessee William's famous play, 'A Streetcar Named Desire'. For the most part, it was a well thought out production with a stellar cast doing their best work. It captivated me from the start and left me thinking about many of the issues presented in the play for hours. It lacked pace at times, but overall, it was a play I would recommend to others quite vigorously. Thanks to Mrs Gardner for organising the trip.

Ciara Meechan

Literature Festival Comes to Porty High

On Tuesday, S1 pupils enjoyed meeting local author Jenny Robertson. She told them the extraordinary story of Wojtek, a bear whose story had captured her imagination. Pupils found out about the Polish soldiers who adopted Wojtek, and heard how the bear helped with the war effort. Wojtek eventually retired to Edinburgh Zoo. Some pupils shared stories from their own family history, of relatives forced to leave their countries as a result of conflict. Copies of Jenny's book can be borrowed from the library.



After a memorable visit last year, Moira McPartlin returned to Porty to speak to S2 pupils about how words and their origins helped her to create the world her Sun Song Trilogy is set in. Pupils heard how Moira uses conversations overheard on the bus, slang and Shakespearean turns of phrase to make her dialogue flow. The first two books of the Sun Song Trilogy can be borrowed from the library.

Meanwhile, senior pupils from Mrs Johnston's class worked with two professional writers to think about a different kind of writing. The project is called 'The Bridge', and aims to demystify the academic writing process for pupils considering university courses. Although the idea of writing at university can be daunting, it can offer students the freedom to think, and to develop writing skills that will be useful long after graduation. Thanks to Doug Johnstone and Cherise Saywell for sharing their expertise, and, along the way, their insights into the writing process.

Fighting against the odds, but plenty to celebrate!

It has been a busy week for our sports teams who have worked hard to bring glory to Porty. Congratulations to our very own under 15s football team managed to beat Forrester this week in an assured 10-0 victory, and to the seniors, who won a tight 1-0 victory over Boroughmuir. Our under 16s suffered a crushing defeat when their 12 valiant players lost 4-0 to Ross High in the Scottish Cup. The under 14s lost 4-1 to Lasswade High.

In rugby, our teams have had a disappointing week. They were unable to overcome Gala in a hard fought game. The under 15s team lost 55-27, while the under 16s finished with a score of 59-25. Both games were played against Gala.

The under 15s girls (S2) basketball team left the building after a stunning 82-22 victory over Holyrood. The under 15s boys (S3) team came very close to getting a win as well, but were left with a 39-33 loss to Stewart Melville.

Gregor Turner

For this week's Strictly update, we

decided to go behind the scenes to see the fantastic work the costume team puts in. To create the shimmery finished products, they must design and put together handmade costumes using brightly coloured fabrics and (of course) plenty of glitter.

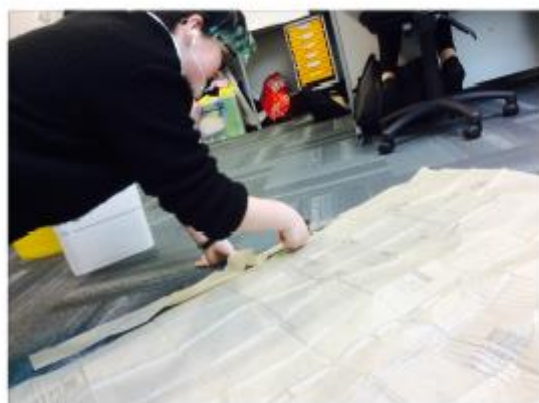
This year's fabrics were kindly sourced by Mrs McKay and are shown in the photos below. See if you can guess which dances and dancers they match with!

Also pictured below is Anna Bradley, hard at work cutting out a template for a pair of sparkly trousers!

Thank you to everyone involved in the production of these costumes: we can't wait to see them on the night!

Put the date of this fantastic evening in your calendar. Friday 15th Dec, for a night filled with dancing, live music, and of course amazing costumes!

Issy Butt



Weekly Sports Results:

Rugby

U14s : Portobello 27 - 55 Gala

U16s : Portobello 25 - 59 Gala

Basketball

U15s Boys: Stewarts Melville 39 - 33 Portobello

U15s Girls: Portobello 88 - 20 Holyrood

Upcoming Basketball Fixtures

Monday 9th Oct

U15s Boys : Portobello vs Dunbar @ Portobello HS (4.00pm Tip Off)

Tuesday 10th Oct

Open Girls: Tynecastle HS vs Portobello HS @ Tynecastle (4.30pm Tip Off)

Wednesday 11th Oct

U15s Boys: Firhill HS vs Portobello HS @ Firhill HS (4.30pm Tip Off)

Friday 13th Oct (TBC)

Open Boys: Portobello vs WHEC @ Portobello HS (2.00pm Tip Off)

Football

U13s: Firhill 1 - 6 Portobello

U14s: Lasswade 4 - 1 Portobello

U15s: Portobello 10 - 0 Forresters

U16s: Ross High 4 - 0 Portobello