

Weekly Update – 15th December 2017

Staffing Update

We have recently welcomed the following new members of staff to Team Party:

- Mrs Louise Ferguson – School Office / Reception
- Mrs Kirstie Malley – Teacher of Chemistry
- Ms Kirsten Quinn – Pupil Support Assistant
- Ms Colette Quinlan – Pupil Support Assistant

Christmas Cakes

Our Nat 5 Cake classes have been working hard on their Christmas cakes. There are some really spectacular efforts with very professional finishing – feast your eyes below!



House Captain Bake Off

Well done to all those who baked for the House Christmas Bake Off. The winner was Sally Bett (S6) with her fantastic reindeer cake, with Ms Thornton coming in second (plus a special commendation for her homemade marshmallows) and Captain Smith taking 3rd place with his impressive Christmas pudding.

The remaining cakes were sold to students and staff by the Pupil House Captains at lunch, to raise a grand total of £91.35 for the School Inclusion Fund.

Big thank to the Captains for all their hard work and to the staff for their support!



Christmas Card Competition

Miles Briggs, local MSP, announced a Christmas card competition to design an image that he would be using as his 2017 official card.

Mr Matthews' 1A1 class entered the competition and Scott Anderson won the Runner Up prize of a certificate and a £25 John Lewis voucher. His image is on the reverse of the MSP's official card. Well done Scott!

PE

Basketball

Open Girls: Portobello 65 – 20 North Berwick

Achievements

A huge well done to all of our S1-S4 dancers who put on fantastic performances during the Winter Wonderdance Christmas Show that we hosted on Wednesday evening. Our dancers showed great passion and enthusiasm throughout the night and it was brilliant to see all the hard work they have been putting in over the last few months! A massive thank you must also go to our Sports Council volunteers – Erin Crawford (S4), Megan McCarthy (S4) and Zoe Gibson (S6) - who did a fantastic job hosting the show! Well done to everyone involved!

A special mention to our pupils who competed in the SchoolSport Edinburgh Volleyball Festival at Queensferry High School on Wednesday. Our pupils and our student coaches were a credit to the school and gave 100% effort throughout the festival! Well done!

Congratulations to Holly Aitchison (S3) who has been selected to attend the Scotland Women's U16s Training Camp in January 2018! This a brilliant opportunity and very well deserved, well done Holly!

Well done to Robbie Greenan (S2) and Ellis Gray (S2) who competed in the Scottish Schools Badminton Championships in Wishaw last weekend. The boys represented us in both the doubles and singles events. Well done boys!



Holly Aitchison (S3)



Robbie Greenan & Ellis Gray (S2)

Sportscotland School Sport Award

We are delighted to have been awarded the Sportscotland School Sport Gold Award. The award is given to schools that have demonstrated an excellent commitment to delivering high quality physical education and an extensive extra-curricular programme, whilst promoting physical education, physical activity and sport across the school and local community. We will be holding a morning of celebrations- involving pupils, staff, coaches, parents and volunteers- on Monday 18th December to recognise this amazing achievement. Keep an eye out for tweets on our PE twitter account (@PortobelloPE) for updates throughout our morning of celebration!

Christmas Holidays

A reminder that the school closes for the end of term at 12.30 on Friday 22 December 2017. We re-open to pupils on Tuesday 9 January 2018 following our in-service day on Monday 8 January. Please note that the school office will be closed during the holiday period.