

Weekly Update – 19th January 2018

School Car Park and Park Footpaths – Poor Weather Warning

Please note that the school car park is not treated during cold weather and users should note that they may encounter slippery surfaces. CEC remind all parents/carers, visitors and staff that use of the car park is at their own risk. Facilities Management staff treat footpaths immediately around the school building. In freezing weather, pupils are advised to use the pavement rather than the paths through the park area.

NHS Winter Sickness Advice

Please be reminded of the NHS guidance for pupils regarding vomiting and diarrhoea. Young people with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should not return to school until 48 hours after their symptoms have passed. Although children may feel better before this, the 48 hours helps keep spread of infection to a minimum.

Attendance

Portobello High School is working to improve the way in which we monitor attendance and ensure the safety of our learners. It is important that pupils arrive at their Key Adult class at 8:30am where their Key Adult will register them. Parents/carers of pupils who have not registered will be notified by text as soon as possible after 8:50am if we have had no notification of the reason for their absence. To help us speed this process up and to ensure our notification to parents/carers is accurate please let us know by 8.30am if your child is going to be absent from school. Our absence telephone number is: 0131 669 2324

S4 Visit to Tower Bank Primary

On Thursday 18th several of our S4 pupils visited the P2s at Tower Bank primary school as part of their ongoing project about the benefits of reading and story-telling. The purpose of this visit was to interview the P2s about their reading habits and feelings towards reading. Our pupils did a fantastic job of making the P2s feel at ease and learnt lots to help them choose appropriate books for the paired reading sessions they are going to start with them in the next few weeks. Next week we are having a visit from Ian Pryde one of the librarians at Portobello library to help our pupils work on their story-telling skills and how to use their voices to engage the younger pupils.



Surgeons' Hall Visit

2AB1 had a wonderfully gruesome afternoon at Surgeons' Hall on Tuesday with Miss Wells. The class are studying Nicola Morgan's novel, *Fleshmarket*, and now know so much more about the history of the period. Thanks to Jennifer and Penelope for their tour!

S1 Christmas Disco

The S1 pupils had a great time on the last day of term at the Christmas Disco which was organised and run by the S3 Business Management classes. Pupils enjoyed dancing, games and a bit of karaoke too. We raised £155.81 from this event which will be split evenly between Cancer Research and WaterAid (both charities decided by each S3 Business Management class). Thank you to all pupils who came along and to those who helped organise and run the event.

PE Weekly Update

Weather

Unfortunately, last weekend saw our Rugby and Football matches called off due to weather and pitch conditions. Please keep an eye on our PE twitter page for updates on any of this weekend's fixtures!

Success Stories

Good luck to former pupil Lisa Martin who has been named captain for the Scotland Women's Rugby team who compete against Spain this weekend!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/rugby-union/42692376>

Well done to former pupil and Portobello High School's Sports Personality of the Year Winner, Kyle Jiminez, who has been selected to represent Team Scotland at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games! Craig Nicol, one of our School of Basketball coaches, who has been named as Scotland's Assistant Coach for the Games, will join Kyle. This is an amazing achievement for both Kyle and Craig, Portobello wishes you the best of luck in Australia!!

For more info on this fantastic achievement follow the link below:

<http://basketballscotland.co.uk/2018/01/17/team-scotland-na-gold-coast-2018/>

