

Weekly Update – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

### **Holidays**

The school closes for the Spring holiday at 3.50pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that the school office will operate reduced hours during the holiday period. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Spring Concert**

Tickets for the Spring Concert on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April are on sale now and available for purchase via your Parent Pay account. Tickets are priced at £6 (concessions £3).

All tickets must be purchased in advance, as ticket sales at the door are not available. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our last big concert of the year – tickets do sell fast, so first come first served! J. Sumerling

### **Porty Gardeners-Biodiversity Garden-Park Avenue**

Parents, Carers, Community members. Can you help us please?

After collecting points through a Tesco initiative, P.H.S. has been awarded a sum of money to allow us to landscape a part of our school grounds. To do this, we are looking for anyone who can spare some time to come and help us dig out, line and edge a path in our planned biodiversity garden.



This will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April during the day.

If you can support us with this venture, please call the school on 0131 669 2324 where we will take your contact details and we will get back to you.

Any time offered on either of the above dates would be greatly appreciated.

### **Science Insights 23rd - 27th July 2018**

Science Insights is an exciting work experience programme designed to give current S5 pupils a real insight into the work and life of research scientists.

This year's programme will provide an opportunity for 40 high school pupils to spend a week of their summer holidays following a varied programme of activities on four different University of Edinburgh campuses, gaining a real insight into research and work in biological sciences, medicine and veterinary medicine. Closing date 23 April

You can find more information and an application form at this link:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/outreach/science-insights>

Activities include:

- Shadowing researchers in the workplace
- Tours of a range of scientific facilities
- Presentations, workshops and discussions on topics including research ethics, the use of animals in research and careers in science

- Opportunities to meet current University of Edinburgh students
- Skills session to help with future university and job applications

If you are interested in applying for this, please see Mr Cotter

### News from the Fabric Technology Room

A huge thanks to the Parent Council for funding the purchase of our new sewing machines. These are the ideal tool to teach fashion and textile practical skills as they have a speed control to enable slow stitching while students are learning and faster speeds for the more experienced.

The students call these the "tortoise and hare machines"! They have been well tested by the National 5 Students in their assessed practical exam this week and will be further tested by the Higher class next week.

Linda Bradley/Rosie Vennelle Bell

### S6 Fashion Show fundraiser

Tuesday 27 March (6.30pm for 7.00pm start until 9.00pm) at Portobello High School

Tickets are still available for the **S6 Fashion Show fundraiser** organised by the Portobello High School Parent Council and S6 pupils.

All profits from this event go to back to the school so please help us ensure that the show is busy and successful.

**Tickets cost £5 and £3 for concessions** (young people under 18). It would be great to see children from the feeder primaries coming along too. There will be ice lollies at the interval for the children (£1 each) and wine for the adults (donations welcome).

If getting to the school before next Tuesday is an issue, you can tell everyone that they'll be able to buy ticket on the door on the night. It'll be a fabulously entertaining night... **Don't miss out!**

Portobello High School Parent Council



### PE Update

## Volleyball

Well done to our volleyball team who played fantastically in the Edinburgh Schools Volleyball Tournament this week. Our team displayed great effort and determination and met all of their team goals as a result! Well done to all involved!



## Rugby

**U14s:** Well done to our U14s who played two great games against Penicuik and Royal High last week. There was lots of tries and great rugby on display from all! Well done to all players and a big thanks to all the parents who came along to support the teams!

**U16s:** Well done to our U16s who played brilliantly in a very close game against Penicuik. The final score was Portobello 20 – 27 Penicuik. Well done to all players!

## Football

U16s: Portobello 7 – 3 Leith Academy    U13s: Portobello 0 – 2 Boroughmuir

## Water Polo

A massive well done to all our pupils who participated in the water polo tournament which we hosted here last Friday. It was a great turn out from all teams and it was brilliant to see both experienced and new players working together on the day! Well done to all involved!

## Sports Personality

A reminder for any pupils who compete at national/ district levels in their sport outside of school to come and let Paddy know about their achievements by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks!

## Basketball

Good luck to our S1 Girls Basketball team who compete in the Scottish Cup finals against North Berwick on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March! This is a huge achievement for the team who should be really proud of all the hard work they have put in over the season!

## Scottish Cup Football

Good luck to both our S1 and S2 football teams who compete in the Scottish Plate next week! S2's will play Vale of Leven Academy on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and our S1's will play Coltness High School! Good luck to both teams in these upcoming matches!