

Weekly Update – 20th April 2018

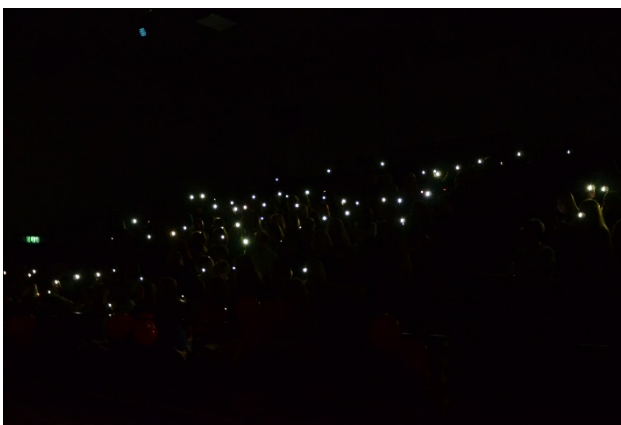
Welcome Back

It was good to see all of our young people returning to school after the holiday, though perhaps a pity that the holiday weather showed up a bit late! Our final term of the session got off to a great start with a powerful series of student- led assemblies on road safety. We also had a very timely input from the Health Opportunities Team (HOTS) who spoke about strategies for managing stress and signposted resources for young people.



Talent V Cancer

The Talent VS Cancer event on Friday 16th March was a huge success and raised £1,557.50 for the Teenage Cancer Trust, a charity which supports young people between the ages of 12 and 25 who have had a cancer diagnosis from the day of diagnosis onwards. This total would not have been possible without the support of everyone involved so a huge thank you and well done goes out to all those people who made the event possible and to those who attended.



Spring Concert

Congratulations to all those involved in yet another school concert of exceptional quality. A packed hall enjoyed a varied programme of performances by soloists and groups which showcased the talents of young people from S1-6. Thanks once again to our Parent Council fundraisers who ran a raffle and tombola and raised £230 pounds.

Biodiversity Garden

PHS now has its very own Biodiversity Garden adjacent to the pupil entrance off Park Avenue. This has been made possible by the sterling efforts of Elaine Murphy, one of our Science Technicians, who set about raising initial funds via the Tesco Bags of Help Programme, as advertised in previous updates. Last week, Elaine and colleague Eric Strutt worked with local group The Conservation Volunteers to install the path, edge it and infill with bark chips. A gate is under construction and the school now has equipment to help maintain the area. Further work will be undertaken during the Suspended Timetable at the end of May – watch this space for updates!



Student Awards Agency Scotland Stakeholder Toolkit

SAAS delivered a presentation to all pupils who plan to apply for Higher Education for 2018/19. For any pupil who missed this presentation or for any parent/carer who would like more information regarding the funding process please visit www.saas.gov.uk

Angela McGhee - Pupil Support Leader

The Pleasance is looking for enthusiastic and hardworking young volunteers for the Fringe Festival this August

Volunteers will be working in our Art Pods at the Kidzone on The Green, within the Pleasance Courtyard. As a volunteer you will be assisting our resident Arts and Crafts People Sue and Will. You will be busy helping young children to paint, make, colour in, draw and design mugs, t-shirts, puppets, shrinkles, badges and much more. It's always very busy, but good fun. We need outgoing, friendly and teenagers who are happy to engage with parents as well as their children.

In return, successful applicants will receive a Staff Pass, which allows entry into any show at the Pleasance for free (subject to seat availability on the day) and also gives a discount on food in the Kidzone. This is a great opportunity for any 14+ young person who wants to do some work experience and get a taste of what it's like to be part of the team at the largest, busiest and most child-friendly venue at the Festival Fringe - the biggest Arts Festival in the World!

Fringe dates - 1st - 27th August. Working hours 10 - 6pm daily, but within these hours there are regular breaks to see shows and soak up the atmosphere! Volunteers ideally need to work for a minimum of a week. If interested, please contact: Candida Alderson at candida@pleasance.co.uk