

Weekly Update – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Portobello Learning Festival 2018**

Last Saturday saw nearly 300 people from all over the UK descend on the school for a day of professional learning on the topic of Adverse Childhood Experience and how professionals working with young people can support those affected. A fantastic line-up of speakers delivered keynote presentations and workshops, including a focus on the work being undertaken in our school and elsewhere in Edinburgh. Our FTT department ensured everyone was fed and watered in style and a range of exhibitors transformed our foyer into a marketplace. The feedback from all those involved was superb, with one person describing the event as being ‘like a music festival for teachers’ – have a look at #PortyLF18 on Twitter for a flavour of the reaction to the event! We would like to say a special thanks to Standard Life Aberdeen, who supported teachers in the Portobello Cluster to attend and to all those who worked so hard to pull together a landmark event.



**HPV IMMUNISATION, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

The National Health Service Community Vaccination team will be in school next Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, delivering our new S2 & our new S3 girls HPV immunisation. There are 2 jags, girls receive their first jag in their first year at high school, & their second in their second year.

The Team are also immunising girls in S4 –S6 who have missed it previously.

**Key Adult Time – S5 & S6 Pupils**

All S5 and S6 pupils are expected to attend Key Adult Groups every day, irrespective of having a free period following KA time. The 20 minute slot is an important part of the school day and is a time where notices are shared, information is given out and learning conversations take place. Any pupils who do not attend KA will be marked late with an unauthorised absence. Parental notification will stop you receiving an absence message; however, the above registration will still stand.

## EE2 Forms

EE2 forms for next session have been given to all pupils during Key Adult. Please return completed as soon as possible. If your child has not received an EE2 form, additional forms are available from the school office.

## Youth Drumming Education Day with Steve White

On Tuesday 12/06/2018 Canongate Youth presented an interactive workshop with the legendary UK drummer Steve White at Portobello High School.

Pupils from our school and many others had the opportunity to hear Steve play, speak about his experiences in the music industry and some of them even got the chance to get up and play with him.

Here are two of our pupils playing with Steve:

### Finlay Mayers (S5)



### Sean Berwick (S3)



Some reviews from the pupils:

'At the interval I went to talk to Mr White, he was really nice and he gave me some pointers on how to improve my drumming and I tried them out as soon as I got home. It was incredible the way he just moved the sticks so quickly and smoothly around the kit, it's a skill beyond thinking about.' – Mhairi Klein S2.

'I enjoyed the drum workshop a lot, especially getting up and playing. I thought it was all handled really professionally by everyone involved.' – Finlay Mayers S5.

'I found Steve's drumming skills very impressive! He was super nice towards everyone. My favourite part of the workshop was when all of the drummers played with Steve.' – Nicholas Troy (S5)

## **Discover Craigmillar, Niddrie, Bingham and Magdalene- Holiday Provision**

Finding out what is available for families over the school holidays is always a challenge. The Lifelong Learning team have been working closely with partner agencies to try to identify, collate and share what is available as part of a wider *Discover* holiday pilot which aims to reduce food stress and increase activities for families during schools holidays across Edinburgh.

Please find attached information on some of the holiday provision which is currently still open for bookings in East Edinburgh for children and young people. Please share this widely with staff and families.

If you are aware of any other free or low-cost activities happening in the North East or Citywide which North East families could attend please let us know and we will be happy to circulate this.

A *Discover* Hub pilot will also take place targeting families within the Craigmillar, Lochend and Restalrig areas from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July. Information will be circulated separately to services and schools working with families in these areas. If you require more information please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Maths Inspiration

Here are a few pics of the group that went with Mrs Hand on Tuesday to the Maths Inspiration event. Pupils were entertained with Mathematical games and speakers who demonstrated the unlikely usefulness of probability, puzzles and percentages. Our pupils participated energetically with 3 of them getting up on stage winning chocolate bars and one pupil was lucky enough to win a cash prize..... a jackpot total of 5pence!!!

