

Weekly Update – 21<sup>st</sup> September

### **UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award**

We are delighted to share the news that Portobello High School has been awarded the UNICEF Rights Respecting School's Bronze: Rights Committed Award.



### **International Day of Peace**

Brunstane House marked International Day of Peace on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September (pictures right).

### **Staff Update**

We bid a fond farewell today to two colleagues who have been familiar faces in the school over many years:

Mrs Rachel Latimer leaves our English Department to take up a post in Trinity Academy.

Mrs Fiona Muller, School Support Assistant, leaves us to take up a post in Midlothian Council.

I am sure parents and carers will join us in thanking them for all they have done for young people in Portobello High School and wishing them all the best in their new posts.

### **Jeans for Genes**

Thanks to you all for your help in raising money for Jeans for Genes, we raised a fantastic total of £835.53.

### **Brighton Place Closure**

We have been asked to pass on the following information regarding forthcoming roadworks in the community and the impact on bus services:

Brighton Place in Portobello will close from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. It will then be closed again after Christmas for a further 50 weeks (approximately). Bus diversions will be advertised by Lothian Buses. Parent and carers are advised to note these and any knock on effects for travel to and from school.

### **FTT – National 5 Practical Cake Craft**

Some photos of the National 5 Practical Cake Craft's Battenberg cake that they made last week.



## STEM - Science Opportunities

Lots of exciting opportunities are available for budding scientists at Edinburgh University's Easter Bush Campus. Upcoming activities are listed below, including all contact and booking information. If you'd like any further information, please contact Miss Kaur, Biology/Science Dept via the School Office.

### Explorathon @ EBSOC Lab

During this workshop, you will extract your own DNA from your cheek cells, bottle it and take it home in a glass pendant. This workshop is a great introduction to DNA and hands-on science. It is suitable for all the family; all participants must be +10 years old. You will also get the chance to meet and chat with some scientists from The Roslin Institute.

**Date:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

**Cost:** free, but you must reserve your place

**Location:** Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre, Charnock Bradley Building – Easter Bush Campus

**Age:** Adults and children aged 10 and over. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult, with no more than 2 children per adult.

**Booking:** Booking is essential - please reserve your free place(s) via our Eventbrite page.

### Midlothian Science Festival- Campus Open Day

Visit the University of Edinburgh's Easter Bush Campus and see behind the scenes at The Roslin Institute, Vet School, Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre and more! You will meet our scientists, get hands-on with lots of fun activities and get to tour our buildings.

**Date:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Cost:** free, no booking required

**Location:** Easter Bush Campus

**Age:** All ages

### Rabies Lab: Let's Talk About Health pre-lecture workshop

Would you like to get hands-on with real lab techniques used in the fight against rabies? Are you a pupil in S4, S5 or S6 with an interest in science? If so, sign up for our free 45-minute pre-lecture workshop in the Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre.

During the workshop you will carry out a laboratory technique called ELISA, which is used to screen dogs for successful rabies vaccination as part of the pet passport scheme. The hands-on workshop will cover some of the science behind rabies prevention and is an ideal introduction to the Let's Talk About Health lecture that immediately follows the workshop - free tickets for the lecture can be booked [here](#)

**Date** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Cost:** Free, but you must reserve your place

**Location:** Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre, Charnock Bradley Building – Easter Bush Campus

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## Let's Talk About Health and Disease - Public Lecture

Join us to hear about how we have partnered with the Mission Rabies charity to deliver mass canine rabies vaccination programmes in Malawi, India and other rabies 'hotspots' across the world, and the challenges this work presents. Hear about our programmes to increase rabies awareness and safety for children and the impact our work is having.

Speakers: Richard Mellanby and Stella Mazeri

**Date** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Cost:** free, but you must reserve your place

**Location:** Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

Doors open 4.30pm with teas and coffees available.

Refreshments will be available after event.

**Booking link:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-about-health-moving-towards-rabies-elimination-in-africa-and-asia-a-one-health-approach-tickets-48270095154?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>