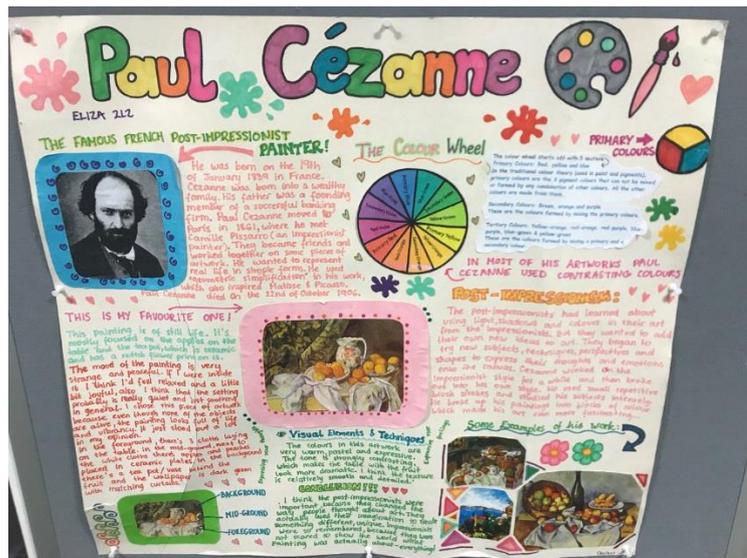


Weekly Update – 28<sup>th</sup> September

### P7 Open Evening

The school was buzzing last night as we welcomed our P7 learners and their families to our annual Open Evening. The greater part of the evening was spent in groups touring departments and meeting staff and senior pupils. Feedback was very positive, with a number of parents asking if they could come back to school as it looked like so much fun!



### ACE Aware Nation Conference

This week saw 2500 people meet in Glasgow for a major conference on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). The school was fortunate enough to receive sponsorship from Tony Bone Legal Services to allow four young people to attend this event with Mrs McKay and Mr McAlister. Abby, Anna, Archie and Eilidh are pictured below, and are all interested careers in education.



The conference was attended by people from a wide range of backgrounds including education, health, police and voluntary services. Delegates heard from a range of speakers, including Deputy First Minister

John Swinney and Dr Nadine Burke Harris, the American paediatrician whose ground-breaking work on the effects of toxic stress during childhood featured in the documentary *Resilience: the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope*.

Also launched the event, was a short animation on ACEs produced by NHS Health Scotland which can be found at the link below:

<http://www.healthscotland.scot/population-groups/children/adverse-childhood-experiences/adverse-childhood-experiences-overview>

### **School Photographer**

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 2 October to take photographs of S1, S3 and S5/6 pupils.

### **Scottish Parliament Visit**

This week Greta made a presentation at the Scottish Parliament using her eyegaze, about her art, and her 5 exhibitions, her music at Drake Music Scotland, and her drama group at Edinburgh Youth Theatre (which she attends with many friends from Portobello High). The event was organised by Family Fund, and introduced by the Minister for children and Young People, Mairee Todd, who Greta really enjoyed meeting.



### **PE UPDATE**

#### Rugby

U14s: Well done to our U14s who played very well in close encounter against Boroughmuir. Unfortunately, they were not able to grab the win but a great game nonetheless.

U16s: Another well done to our U16s who were also beaten by a very good Boroughmuir team. Some good play from both sides but Boroughmuir eventually came out on top. Good luck for the rest of the season!

#### Football

U16s: Portobello 9 – 1 Lasswade

U15s: Portobello 3-3 Royal High

U13s: Portobello 0-9 Royal High

Seniors: Portobello 1-0 WHEC

Well done to all teams! Some mixed results but all gave maximum effort in their games. A special mention to the U16s who ran out 9-1 winners against Lasswade. What an unbelievable score line in normally a very even and tough game. Keep it up boys!

### Netball

Congratulations to our winning S4 team who played St Augustine's and won 8/5!

Great start to the new term with a win! Strong effort from our defensive pair Jessica, Lucy, fantastic teamwork, and communication inside the shooting circle from Ella and Sophie.

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