

Weekly Update – 7th December

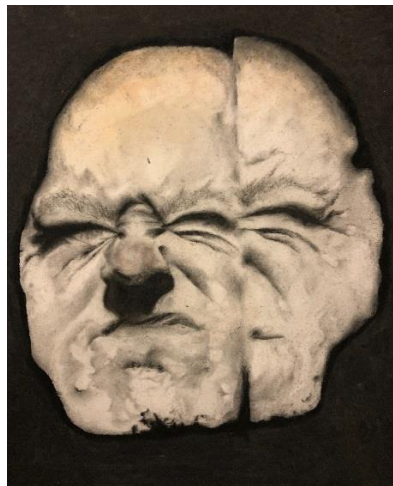
Christmas Concert

Well done to all those involved in what was a fantastic Christmas Concert last night. A packed hall heard from a wide range of groups and ensembles, playing a variety of different genres. The range and quality of performances was really impressive and feedback from the audience was universally positive. Thanks as always to our Parent Council for organising the raffle and to our dedicated staff team for all of the rehearsals and behind the scenes preparation that go into organising such an event.



Art Exhibition

An exhibition of student artwork was held in the school library to coincide with our concert last night. A range of works in various media were on display and visitors were very impressed with the quality and creativity involved.



Food Bank Collection

This festive season we are once again collecting items for donation to a local Food Bank. House captains highlighted this in assemblies this week and a list of suitable items for donation is available from Key Adults. We can also accept donations of cash which will be used to purchase items from the list if this is easier.

Maths Revision Materials and Afterschool Classes

As we approach the prelims in January the maths department would encourage all pupils in S4,5 and 6 to be making use of the revision materials that are available on OneNote.

These include topic revision, practice prelim papers, summary notes and various other study aids. Pupils should see Miss Livingston if there are any problems regarding accessing materials.

As always the maths department continues to offer afterschool revision classes and these take place on a Wednesday lunchtime and on a Wednesday and Thursday after school.

All pupils are welcome to attend these.



Green Pencil Award

Martha Kibby and Zoe Zayachkivsky (both S2) were selected as finalists in this year’s Green Pencil Award for Creative Writing. The talented young writers vividly recounted a school trip to Inchcolm Island. They attended a prize giving ceremony at the Central Reference Library and were presented with a selection of books and vouchers. Martha, read her story to the audience and was awarded second prize -which included a free class trip to Edinburgh Zoo!

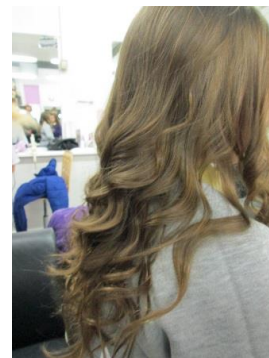
Hairdressing at Castlebrae

Our hairdressers who use the salon at Castlebrae on a Wednesday morning created the following styles for the students at Castleview. They were helped by Candiece Crease a young student from Castlebrae High School.

All the hairdressers are doing a Skills for Work National 5 in hairdressing. The students started the course in August and are all doing very well.

“The girls worked exceptionally hard in the salon and they were surprised to find on their arrival 12 models waiting to have their hair done! The girls all worked well and were a credit to the school. The models from the Primary Castleview were amazing models.”

Jackie Lamont – Hairdressing tutor at Castlebrae.



PE UPDATE

Football

U13s- Porty 0-8 Broughton, A difficult game against a well drilled Broughton team. Good luck for the rest of the season.

Fantastic efforts from the S1-3 girls footballers who showed amazing determination in awful conditions v’s Holyrood coming out on the wrong side of an 8-4 score line.

Well-done and good luck to Josh Doig who is attending a trial for the Scottish Schools U18 football team!



Basketball

Well done to the S1 girls team who comfortably beat Dunbar in the Scottish Cup. Well done to Eva Beveridge and Anna Campbell for both having a high scoring game.

Good luck to s1 boys team who start their Scottish Cup run against St Thomas's High School on Friday 7th December.



Netball

Well done to the s1 netball team who beat Holyrood 7-3 last week. A very good game to watch for the spectators at the game. Well done to Jojo for her MOTM performance at centre. Jojo was all over the court making many key passes and interceptions throughout the game.



Sports Council's Gift of Giving

The Sports Council will be launching their Gift of Giving campaign for 2018 on Monday 3rd December – fellow pupils are asked to bring in any good quality but unwanted Sports Equipment/clothing to the PE classroom just prior to Key Adult time. From Monday 10th December (after school) we will have the equipment/clothing available for pupils to collect again from the PE classroom. This will run up until the Christmas holidays.

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Achievements

If there are any other further achievements that the School is unaware of please contact us with information at admin@portobello.edin.sch.uk.

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