

Weekly Update – 8th February

‘Keep Dancing – Edinburgh College – Portobello High School’

On Wednesday this week we were joined by dance artists from the Edinburgh College ‘Taking Flight’ course.

A workshop on contemporary dance was held for forty of our learners and this was followed by an exhibition where dancers demonstrated many of the techniques developed in the workshop sessions. As well as

being fun and giving opportunity to learn new skills, it also allowed our S6 pupils the chance to start preparing for ‘Porty Does Strictly’ 2019.



Staff Update

A warm welcome to Ms Ruth Moghadam who joined us this week as a Teacher of Biology from her previous post in the Scottish Borders. Thanks and good bye to Mr Mark Colston of Support for Learning and Mrs Petrea Cooney in Music, both of whom have been with us on a temporary basis.

Half Term Break

A reminder that the school closes today at 12.30 for the February Week. School resumes at 8.30am on Monday 18 February.

Burnet News Club

Last Friday (1/2) some pupils in S1 had the opportunity to take part in the Burnet News Club live event. This interactive, national event challenged them to take on the role of journalists for the day, debating and reporting on the issue of free speech. The pupils were presented with a ‘real life’ scenario and heard from various people affected. Through a combination of role play, debate, activities and interactive footage (including a FaceTime with the news reader Alastair Stewart) the pupils made their final decision. They interacted with other schools across the UK through live web posts and voted on crucial factors, which influenced the running order of the day. The event was a huge success, with our journalists demonstrating very impressive debating skills, a mature and responsible approach to discussion and an articulate and insightful approach to a tricky topic. However, most importantly, we had loads of fun. One summed up the day by declaring, “We have proved we are not the snowflake generation!” As teachers, it was hugely inspiring to watch our young people work so well together and get so much enjoyment out of the event. A great day had by all!



Jobs Roadshow

Any S4-6 pupil who is looking to leave school in the summer (excluding those going to college/university) is welcome to attend the jobs roadshow event on Wednesday 6th March, time tbc. On the day there will be numerous employers with live vacancies looking to recruit along with many apprenticeship opportunities. There will also be a CV making workshop on offer so if you are attending bring any copies of a CV you may have. If you are interested in attending please see your pupil support leader. We will provide transport to and from the venue

Programmes, Activities and Groups Booklet for Parents and Carers in North East Edinburgh.

Please find below a link to the latest updated Programmes, Activities and Groups Booklet for Parents and Carers in North East Edinburgh.

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/pacs this edition will come online in the next couple of days.

Roadworks – Milton Road

A reminder that roadworks begin in Milton road on Monday 11 February as previously advised.

PE UPDATE

Football



Well done to Brodie Watt and Robert Hunter who played for Edinburgh Schools U15 select team in a very close game against West Lothian. Unfortunately the boys just lost 1-0 but a great performance from the team!

Rugby



Great game of rugby this morning with Portobello U14's hosting Boroughmuir. Well done to all players involved

Basketball



Well done to Wallace HS S1 Boys who booked their place in the semi-finals of the Schools Scottish Cup after a win against a gutsy Portobello HS team who have a great cup run. Safe journey home & good luck to Wallace HS in the semi final.

Congratulations to our S1 Girls Basketball team who have made it to the semi-finals stage of the Schools Scottish Cup competition with a 38-10 win today. Thanks to the girls from St Andrews Sec. for a great game, safe journey home.

Well done to our Open Boys team who were beaten by a very good Merchiston Castle High School. Some great basketball on show during the game. Good luck to Merchiston for the rest of the season!

Giant Heptathlon

Big congratulations to the following S2 pupils who competed in the Giant heptathlon and came in 2nd place:

Morven Taylor
Mathias Martin
Rachel Fleming
Hari Bhandari
Elin Jones
Rio Volpe

Yendrick Nowak
Max Evans
Nathan Koffi
Paul Serpamskas
Lily Graham
Tagwa Babiker

Lily Middelton
Esme Slifer



Indoor Athletic Championship

Congratulations to Flora Henry for winning Silver for the 800m in the Scottish schools Indoor athletic championship at the emirates arena.

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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