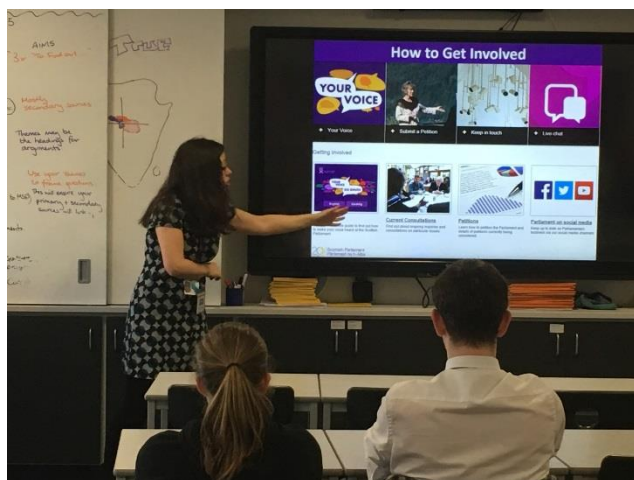


Weekly Update – 1st March

Modern Studies School Visit

Kezia Dugdale MSP was in school on Wednesday talking with S3, S4 and S6 Modern Studies pupils. Ms Dugdale discussed the role of Regional List MSPs and how we are represented in the Scottish Parliament. She took questions from the classes and discussed at length topics as varied as Prison Sentencing, Brexit, the Labour Party’s recent headlines, Homophobia and NHS waiting times and how she prepares for debates in the chamber. Our S4 pupils will make good use of her examples in their exam answers whilst our S6 pupils were delighted to have original quotes to support the arguments in their Advanced Higher dissertations.



Scottish Parliament’s Outreach Visit

Last Wednesday morning S3 and S4 Modern Studies classes enjoyed sessions led by the Scottish Parliament’s Outreach Education Officer, Laura McLaren (@EducationSP). The pupils were introduced to the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) Bill which is currently out for public consultation and have been asked to contribute their responses to the bill as part of their ongoing politics units.

Modern Languages Talking Exams – N5 and Higher

S4-6 pupils N5 and Higher French and Spanish are currently preparing for their upcoming Talking final exams which are worth 25% of the final award for N5 and Higher. N5 exams will take place from Wednesday 20th March and the Higher exams will begin on Monday 25th March. We would ask for support at home to help ensure that pupils are preparing thoroughly for this important final exam. Pupils can get extra support and practice for this exam by attending supported study classes after school on Wednesdays (Spanish) and Thursdays (French).

Advanced Higher French and Spanish students have their Talking exam with a visiting examiner from the SQA and these take place on the 21st and 14th March respectively.

Mr McCulloch Curriculum - Leader of Modern Languages

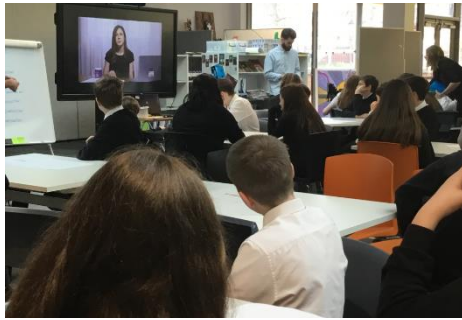
RICS Visit

Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors delivered an inspiring workshop to our S2 pupils on Wednesday.

The workshops had the students forming companies, where they completed project-based tasks and challenges designed to provide “taster” of the numerous careers within the industry, reflecting aspects of surveying and project management and the skills needed. They all had important decision-making roles to play including an environmental surveyor who discovered some endangered newts and the teams had to debate on the future decision of their build!



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The aim was to inspire our young people about surveying’s role in shaping our world and equip them with the skills needed to pursue a professional surveying career and we were so proud at how they all engaged in the activity.

Keep Scotland Beautiful

Keep Scotland Beautiful are full of congratulations for Portobello High School on successfully renewing their Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. We will be flying the new flag soon! Some of our successes in the last few months include work with the Portobello based Edinburgh Tool Library on a build a chair workshop from recyclable materials, attending the Global Classroom conference looking at the Songbird crisis at Edinburgh Zoo, taking part in ‘Junk Food’ club once a month on a Friday afternoon in an attempt to prevent food waste and championing to get food waste bins in the FTT classrooms. Look out for more great work from Porty’s Eco Team in the coming months. You can join too, Eco Club is on every Monday afternoon in the FTT department from 12:24pm until 13:15pm.

Thank you,

Miss Tugman and Ms Crawford



MP Visit

Tommy Sheppard MP visited the school on Friday 1 March to meet with Mrs McKay and a group of young people to hear about the experience of Black and Minority Ethnic young people in the school and wider community. There was lots of frank and open discussion and some good ideas were generated – watch this space!

PE UPDATE

Football



Seniors: Lasswade 5-2 Porty Scorers; M Lockhart, A Smith MOTM; T Davies. Well done to the 11 boys who turned up for the game today. It's always a tough game at Lasswade but with a depleted squad it certainly makes it more challenging than usual.

U16- Porty 13-0 Boroughmuir An excellent performance from our boys today. Goals from Ashraf x3, King x2, Irving x2, Rudge x2, Hunter, Fox, Gray and Zajac!

U15- Porty 5-1 Broughton. A good win sees our boys progress to the semi-final stage of the League Cup. A hat trick from Watt, Ryan and Miele with our goals.

Good Luck to Josh Doig as he is taking part in the first game of the centenary shield away to Northern Ireland on Thursday!

Rugby



U14s- The Porty U14 boys visited Penicuik for the third fixture between the team's this season. With the score at 2 - 0 to Porty the boys were looking for a clean sweep and didn't disappoint.

Great passing, running support and fierce tackling by both teams saw Porty come out winners with a great win. 57 - 10. Many thanks to Penicuik for hosting.

The team have had a fantastic season so far playing 15 games with 11 wins, 3 narrow defeats and a draw.

The squad is constantly expanding with new Porty boys joining, and boys from Holyrood and Liberton joining us to form a combined team.

If anyone wants to give Rugby a Try please get in touch with Mr Hare in the PE Dept. We will be delighted to see you.

A depleted U16s team unfortunately lost in a physical game, but stuck in well and played some good rugby. Thanks to Penicuik High School for the matches.

Basketball



S1/2 Girls Basketball- Thanks to the Mary Erskine School for coming across town to play our S1 & S2 Girls teams yesterday. Great to see so many girls playing basketball and enjoying the social benefits of being involved in sport

U15 Girls- What a game! 46-47 to Culloden HS. Well done to all girls involved. Safe journey home and good luck to Culloden in the semifinals on Tuesday



Netball

Well done to all those who took part in the Inter House Netball tournament last night. Duddingston



Brunstane



Abercorn



Crichton



Gymnastics

Well done to Nina Blore as her Gymnastics team won the Scottish Championships at Meadowmill last weekend. A Fantastic achievement Nina congratulations!

Sports Personality

Preparations for the Sports Personality are now underway. If you have been represented at District or International level, please get in touch with the PE department or send an email to our admin team.

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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