

Weekly Update – 8th March

Sumdog Numeracy Challenge

Hello from the maths department. We have enrolled all our S1-S3 pupils to take part in *Edinburgh Sumdog Numeracy challenge*. The challenge is based online and all pupils have been issued with logins to compete in the challenge. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to raise their numeracy abilities using a fun gaming platform. The contest begins on Fri 8th and runs until Thurs 14th March. Each pupil will complete 100 questions as part of the contest - we encourage young people to spend some time each night on this – this will be classed as their homework for the week. Can we ask for your support and help to encourage your young people to engage with the contest at home. Thank you in advance

Maths Department - M. Yeoman

Rotary Technology Tournament

Photos from the Junior and Intermediate teams who participated in the Rotary Technology Tournament on Wednesday. There were 21 teams participating on the day. Portobello's junior team was made up of 4 S2's and the Intermediate team was made up of 4 S3's. Both teams had to create a crane, which had a motor to pick up a weight at the other end of a track. Our junior team came second overall in their category! Miss Bell CDT



You can be a Doctor

ANY S2/S3 school pupils who are thinking of pursuing a career in Medicine. This event is being organised by a charity called 'You can be a Doctor', which is run by senior medical students and doctors. Pupils and their parents are invited along to find out more about the unique requirements of applications to medicine, to hear about support on offer and more from current medical students and doctors. Full details are noted below:

Date: Tuesday 2nd April 2019 **Time:** 18:00 – 19:30

Location: Auditorium A, Chancellor's Building, 49 Little France Crescent, Edinburgh EH16 4SB

Sign up link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-apply-to-medicine-tickets-58317720873

You'll also find more information on their website: www.youcanbeadoctor.co.uk



Teen Triple P – Free Courses for Parents

Details of Teen Triple P groups which are running across Edinburgh can be found alongside information on all parenting programmes at www.joininedinburgh.org/parenting-programmes

The next Teen Triple P Groups will run at-

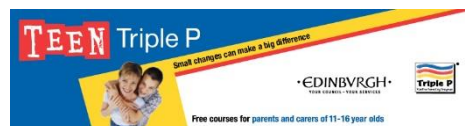
Northfield Willowbrae Community Centre, 10 Northfield Road, EH8 7PP

Thursday 25th April- 27th June 2019, 12.30-2.30pm

And

Rannoch Community Centre, Rannoch Terrace, EH4 7ER

Wednesday 1st May- 26th June 2019, 9.30-11.30am



We welcome applications directly from parents and carers or someone can apply on their behalf. Applications can be made by completing our online [application form](#) . Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require more information or you wish to discuss particular support needs.

Blood Donation

This year we had 46 of our staff and pupil attending the NHS blood donation event in the school. As a result, NHS collected 34 useable donations and gained new 28 donors onto their records. Many thanks to all those who volunteered. Your contribution will have made a difference to someone.

Careers Convention 2019

Last week saw all of our S2/4/5/6 pupils attend our annual Careers Convention. Once more this was well supported by many contributors from a wide range of organisations. There was representation from the workplace, further education, University, Apprenticeship and Trainings and a number of our armed forces.

This was a brilliant opportunity for our learners to further investigate possible future pathways.



PE UPDATE

Football



U16- Porty 2-0 Royal High Our boys make it 2 wins from 2 in their Lothians Cup group with a hard fought win over a good Royal High team. Both of our goals from Ashraf!



Well done to our Girls Football team taking part in the Football Festival at Castlebrae CHS



Rugby

Porty HS had a full fixture card against Trinity HS on Saturday which produced 3 excellent competitive matches. The U14 team faced an unknown outfit in the first meeting between the 2 teams this season.

Trinity had won their pre-Christmas League Conference but in true Porty style our boys opened the scoring with a strong converted try under the posts. The game ebbed and flowed with Porty being narrowly ahead with a minute to go. Just a lapse in concentration at the very end allowed Trinity to sneak in a very well taken try, which they converted to win by the closest of margins 19 - 18.

The boys all showed amazing spirit, determination, fantastic teamwork and great courage throughout and it's obvious that all the hard work, training and effort they have put in all season is paying off with some great skill and game awareness being shown. Well done to the Porty and Trinity boys and big thanks to the Hollyrood, Leith and Liberton boys who have joined us.



Unfortunately, our U16s and U18s were also narrowly defeated. A big thank you to Trinity for some great games of rugby.

Basketball

Massive congratulations to the S1 Girls Basketball team who have reached the Final of the Scottish Cup with a 59-44 win against Falkirk HS. Thanks to Falkirk HS for a great semi-final game.

Massive Congratulations to the u15 boys team who are also through to the Final of the Scottish Cup with a 73-51 win against Millburn. Many Thanks to Millburn for a great Semi-Final game



Netball

Good Luck to the S3 Girls who are playing St Augustine's on Thursday in what is sure to be a great game of netball!

Cross Country

Porty High had seven athletes competing in the Scottish Schools' Athletics Association Cross Country Championships at Hopetoun House on Saturday, competing against secondary schools from all across Scotland.

Christina, Stella, Eily and Sophie ran in the S1 girls race. Four runners is enough to get an overall team position for the school and, with four strong finishes, the girls won team silver for the school, only missing out on gold by fourteen points (189 for Porty, against 175 for the winning team). A fantastic achievement.

Attached photos show the girls after the race, firstly when they were still exhausted (but ecstatic) and the second after being presented with their silver medals.



Jamie and Jim represented Party S1 boys. Jamie ran a fantastic race to sneak inside the top fifty in 48th place, while Jim also delivered a strong performance in 67th place. Couple of action photos attached, and a photo together after the race.



The final athlete for the school was Flora in the S3/S4 girls race. In a tough race in deteriorating conditions, as storm Freya began to hit Hopetoun Estate, Flora managed to secure 7th place, and a selection to represent Scottish Schools at the Schools International cross country in Ireland later this month. A very happy Flora holding the clipboard with the SIAB selection slip.



Appropriate Kit

Pupils are reminded to bring appropriate kit when outside for PE. Please come with long trousers, jumpers and a waterproof top as well as a change of top and trainers. We have recently had a number of pupils just bringing shorts and T-shirts, which is not appropriate for going outside while the weather is so cold and wet.

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. For the latest PE news, follow @PortobelloPE on Twitter

Portobello High School Opportunities Bulletin

Apprenticeships

- **Andi Kelly Hair Studio** - Apprentice Hairdresser
- **Myles Hairdressing West** - Apprentice Hairdresser
- **Dentsu Aegis** – Media Assistant
- **The Mental Welfare Commission Scotland** - Casework Admin Apprenticeship
- **Arthur McKay** –Trainee Project Engineer
- **Joinery apprenticeships: Mactaggart & Mickel**, with a closing date of March,
- **Leonardo Company - Apprentices**
Leonardo Company early career opportunities for 2019 **closing date 13 March 2019**.
Leonardo are hosting an Instagram live chat Q&A on Thursday the 7th March for prospective apprentices

Websites to find apprenticeships:

<https://www.apprenticeships.scot/>

<https://www.thegarantee.org/young-people/find-a-job/>

Other Opportunities:

- Police Scotland – Police Officers recruitment
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service recruitment -recruiting over 300 people
- Clyde Marine Training: Clyde Marine Training are a Merchant Navy Training provider

Work experience opportunities:

- Armit Auto's: Work Experience Opportunity,4 weeks ,can lead to an apprenticeship
- Ernest young-business academy,must be in 5th year , dates are :29th July-2nd August 2019.
- Scottish Water work placements -usually 1 week
- Timpsons work experience

Jobs:

- Lothian bathrooms-labourer job, recruiting a school leaver
- Recruitment and skills centre Fort Kinnaird advertises many part and full time jobs here, follow them on Facebook or go on their website
- Royal Bank of Scotland - Various Customer Service Roles full and part time

Contact us: If you would like to discuss anything within this bulletin or make a careers appointment to find out more info on them, please contact Martin, Cara or Megan (careers advisers at Portobello high school)

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