

Weekly Update – 29th September 2017

Tempest School Photos – S1, S3, S5 and S6 Pupils

A reminder to all parents and carers that Tempest will be in school on Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 4th October to take photographs of pupils in S1, S3, S5 and S6.

S1 Food and Textile Technology

Our new S1 classes have been learning about hygiene and safety in the kitchen and developing some knife skills making Fruit Sundaes.

L Bradley



Roald Dahl Day Quiz – We have a winner!

And the results are in! The Library Prefects have judged you!

Well done to Duddingston for earning the most Reading Hack Points. Their efforts clearly paid off, since they also scooped the prize! Massive congratulations to D13, who have only gone and won themselves £25 worth of vouchers to spend at the book fair. Their tiebreaker scored them a whopping 37/40 points. Fizztacular!



Suspended Timetable – Blackpool Trip

Any pupil interested in the Blackpool trip should collect a note of interest form from Miss Richards in G28. Trip costs £200 and includes 2 nights bed and breakfast, coach travel, trip to Blackpool Tower, full day at Blackpool Pleasure Beach and visit to Madame Tussuads. Notes should be handed back by Tuesday 3 October.

Suspended Timetable – London Trip

Anyone wishing details of the London Trip during next year's suspended timetable, should see Mrs Myles in LG43.

Book Fair 2-6 October 2017

The school library will be hosting a book fair next week. Pupils can browse and buy books in the library, or pick up a leaflet to bring home.

Authors Jenny Robertson and Moira McPartlin will be in school to speak with pupils and will be selling signed copies of their books. And don't forget it's Portobello Book Festival, where all events are free! More details at <https://portobellobookfestival.wordpress.com/>

Parent and Carer Support and Information Sessions on Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Issues

These Support and Information Sessions are for Parents and Carers who wish more information or are concerned about their pre-teen or teenager's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health. Each monthly session has a different topic focus. There is also an opportunity for parents and carers to meet other parents and supportive professionals in a safe relaxed environment. Parents and carers of 11-18 year olds from in and around Edinburgh are welcome to attend any of the sessions.



The next Parent and Carer Support and Information sessions will take place on- Thursday 5th October, 6.30-8.30pm, Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre, 5 Moredunvale Place, Edinburgh, EH17 7LB (Free parking is available at the venue, *Bus Routes: Lothian buses 3, 8, 33*),

Sleep and Teenagers Delivered by Angela Boniface, Sleep Scotland Councillor and Reuben Addis from CAMHS, this session will explore strategies to help establish positive sleep routines with teenagers in order to promote emotional wellbeing.

Please contact Jillian Hart, Parent and Carer Support Development Officer, on 07860736129 or email jillian.hart@edinburgh.gov.uk if you would like to attend



APP of the WEEK!

In honour of European Week of Modern Languages, this week I am going to recommend Duolingo!

It's an amazing app for practicing any language you are studying. There are sound bites, writing practice and reading practice as well as an option for practicing pronunciation.

You are encouraged by rewards and points which unlock new levels!

Rose Tully

Sporting Success!

The season has started again and the Portobello Open Girls' Basketball team has opened with a bang! Portobello defeated Mary Erskine's in an astounding 52-16 victory! Not far behind them were the Under 14s Girls, who won their game 32-18, also against Mary Erskine's.

Meanwhile, the Under 15 Boys' Football team secured a 10-0 victory over a depleted Royal High Team, and are now 3-1 on the season going forward. Proud Porty coach Mr Stewart boasted, "We played some really good football and scored some really good goals."

Gregor Turner

House Competition Hots Up!

After recent reminders in assembly about community spirit in school, house captains are working hard to plan a quiz which will run during key adult time. All key adult groups will work together as teams to answer the questions. After groups have answered questions they will have to run to hand them to their house captain to be marked. This event take place over the next few weeks so watch out!

The PE department are also holding monthly competitions, giving pupils the chance to find sports that they have an interest in. There will be many different competitions such as gymnastics, swimming, football and many more. If you are interested and would like to take part, you can sign up in the PE department. These events will take place monthly.

Anyone who has any ideas for competitions can tell one of the house captains and they will take it into consideration.

Kirsten Fordyce

Solve this riddle to find out one of our teacher couples for this year's strictly:

Good luck calculating this pair,
Their moves are sure to multiply the magic in the air
And add to the glitter and volume in their hair!
Simplify this equation with a fraction or a square,
Evaluate the answer, but only if you dare!

Issy and Rose



Sports Round-up

Open Girls Basketball

Portobello 52- 16 Mary Erskines

U14s Girls Basketball

Portobello 32- 18 Mary Erskines

Football

U13s Portobello 6 - 5 James Gillespies

U14s Portobello 4 - 6 Royal High

U15s Portobello 10 - 0 Royal High

U16s Portobello 4 - 2 Balerno

U14s Rugby Development game

Portobello 70 - 15 Forresters