

Weekly Update – 17th November 2017

Fireworks Incident

Yesterday at morning interval, there was a fireworks incident near the school. One young person was seen by ambulance personnel, did not need hospital treatment and was taken home to recover. Dangerous behaviour of this sort in and around the school is totally unacceptable and has been met with robust sanctions for those involved. A Police Scotland investigation is underway. Once again, we are pleased that a large number of our young people demonstrated very responsible and helpful attitudes during this time. We encourage anyone with information to contact the school or Police Scotland.

Curriculum Review – Consultation Event for Parents and Carers

This event will take place on Monday 27 November at 7pm. Please note that spaces are limited and a letter is attached giving information on how to indicate interest in attending. Responses are requested by the end of the school day on Wednesday 22 November.

Hairdressing Course

A group of S4 young people have been taking part in this joint opportunity with Castlebrae Community High School. Tutor Jacqueline Lamont said, “The girls were amazing and really need to be congratulated on working so hard. They are all exhausted!! 50 students and a few staff have had their hair done in the Castlebrae salon. They all worked very well with the Castlebrae girls and are all a joy to have.” The photos below show the girls working in the Castlebrae salon.



Weekly Sports Update

Football

U13s: Portobello 2 – 7 Lasswade

U14s: Royal High 0 – 5 Portobello

Basketball

S1 Boys: Portobello 34 – 6 St Thomas Aquinas

Sports News and Achievements

Congratulations to Eddie Gladstone- Wallace (S2) who was selected to compete in the Irish Open Junior and Senior Diving Championships in Dublin last weekend. Eddie competed as part of the Scottish Diving Team and secured 1st place in the 1 metre event for his age group and 4th place in the 3 metre event.

A huge well done to Peter Rich (S1) who has been invited by Scottish Gymnastics to attend the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Performance Pathway Camp. This is a very exciting opportunity to support Peter's training and development!

Finally, good luck to all our pupils who are representing Portobello High School in the Edinburgh Schools Swimming Championships at Ainslie Park Leisure Centre this Sunday!

Children in Need

A huge well done and thank you to all those who took part in this year's Children in Need appeal in school – the current total stands at £1100! Many students from all year groups (especially S4 and S6) have helped with collecting money, bake sales, henna patterns and face painting today, particularly Mary Bremner-Watt (who organised the collection and bake sale), Kulsumma Islam, Julia Sikorsky, Lizzie Luke and Kayley Bridgman. All the young people who helped today have been wonderfully enthusiastic and a real asset to the school. Photos below!





App of the Week

This week's app of the week is Gojimo. It's a free app which is so useful as it is stuffed full of free content for all subjects. There is prepared quizzes and notes and the best thing is that you can access it offline! This means when you're walking to the shops, waiting for the bus or staying at your technophobe granny's house you can revise without using WiFi or Data.

Rose Tully

Remembrance Event

Thursday the ninth of November, Portobello High School hosted a Remembrance Ceremony to reflect on and honour the sacrifices men and women made to make our country what it is today. The evening opened with a speech from Mrs McKay. Her words were followed by an evocative modern dance, choreographed for the event by Sophie Bleau and performed with Charlotte Cullen. Eilidh Riddell and Lucy Gladstone-Wallace sang 'In Flanders' Fields', prompting us to think about the symbol of the poppy. Local minister Andy Scarcliffe spoke powerfully about sacrifice, and Chloe Wilkinson and Emily Graham also shared their reflections on the evening's theme. Together, they encouraged the audience to find ways of connecting personally with stories of sacrifice, and to think about how members of our own community were affected by conflict. Finlay Templeton, Andrew Dickie and Tommy Hurl performed a script written by Ms Wells, exploring the impact of war on three members of one family. There was also a screening of a film made by the S3 Media class, sharing memories from their own family histories. The event drew to a close with a song performed by Ms Wells. Finally, Mr Barker and Mr Knowles played a haunting rendition of the Last Post, to accompany the important ritual of the flags being lowered by members of the British Legion. Thank you to Mrs Sinclair, Ms Wells and Mrs Sumerling, who worked hard to organise the event, giving members of the Portobello community a moving and memorable opportunity to pay their respects to those who gave so much for others.

Rose Tully and Kirstin Fordyce



Which couple is this?

There's history here,
They danced last year.
No need to fear,
there back with a new dance,
taking a cha-cha-chance!

Admin meets Art,
they're off to a good start,
dancing away, with strictly
underway.

Issy and Christy

Check out the progress on the fantastic costumes made by Linda and Anna Bradley!

