
Weekly Update – 29th March

Spring Concert

The Spring Concert will take place on Thursday 4th April in the school hall at 7.00pm. Entry is available via ParentPay. Full Price £6, Concessions £3. As ever, there is a wonderful variety of musical talent to come and see so make sure you get your tickets!

Staff Update

We bid farewell today to one of our Senior Facilities Technicians, Emil Nowakowski. Emil is a familiar face to many of our families both from his time in Portobello and at the Royal High Primary School. We wish him all the best in his new venture.

S5/6 Course Choice

Thank you to all those young people who met today's deadline for the return of Pathways Forms. Work will start over the weekend on planning for next session.

Childcare Foundation Apprenticeship

If your child plans to remain in school for 5th and 6th year, there is a foundation apprenticeship in Early education and childcare which will be delivered by the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC), in four HUBS across Edinburgh - WHEC, Liberton, Castlebrae and Drummond. Pupils who are interested should contact their PSL for an application form.

Portobello High School – Opportunities Bulletin

Apprenticeships

- **Clark Contracts – Trade Apprentices:** Clark Contracts are recruiting for Trade Apprentices in a variety of trades including Joinery, Painting & Decorating
- **East Lothian Council:** are looking for 2 Apprentice Plasterer's in Tranent and Business Admin HR & Payroll in Haddington
- **Charlie miller:** Trainee hairdressing apprenticeship
- **Ferrari** -light vehicle technician, parts advisers
- **Scottish Government:** Business assistant apprenticeships
- **BT Internet:** Power planning engineer
- **Western Toyota:** light vehicle technician
- **Barratt Developments**– Bricklaying, Carpentry & Joinery Apprentice
- **Arnold Clark:** Light Vehicle Technician
- **Balfour Beatty**- apprentice electrician and apprentice mechanical engineer
- **Scottish Water** Customer Service Network Operator Apprentice

Websites to find apprenticeships: <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/> <https://www.theguarantee.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:

- **Arnold Clark ,Scottish water** -Both 1-week work experience
- **Ernest young**-business academy, must be in 5th year, dates are :29th July-2nd August 2019.

Jobs:

- **Market street hotel recruitment event** -go along to market street hotel ,6 Market street (next to the City Art Centre) on Wednesday the 3rd of April between 3-7pm , no need to book , bring along your CV, they are looking for reception, reservations, housekeeping, kitchen and food.
- **Part time jobs at Ravelston Hotel**-waiting staff and kitchen porters
- **St Andrews takeaway Portobello** -waiting and counter staff
- **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:** This bulletin contains basic information- 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

Martin.brynes@sds.co.uk - Main school careers adviser Cara.davidson@sds.co.uk -School careers adviser and post school careers adviser Megan.welsh@sds.co.uk-Work coach

Arthur McKay Job Opportunity

An exciting job opportunity that may be suitable to some S5 and S6 school leavers. This is an **entry level** Trainee Project Engineer role, and the link can be found here:

<https://www.ataliansevest.co.uk/jobs/trainee-project-engineer-2/>

If anybody is interested in this position, please email your CV and a short paragraph about yourself to amy.munro@atalianworld.com

The Trainee will be predominantly based in Projects however will rotate between Projects, Design and Estimating. They will assist with managing a team of Chargehands and site employees to ensure the successful delivery of multi-discipline projects. After one year, there will be an opportunity for the candidate to undertake a HNC in Building Services Engineering. This office based roll will be based in our head Arthur McKay office in Loanhead, Midlothian.

Requirements for this role are:

- Higher Maths
- Higher English
- Higher Physics or Technical Studies
- Basic computing skills with knowledge of Microsoft Office including Excel and Word
- Good communication skills and willing to learn
- A team player

A driving licence would be desirable, however not essential. Any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Munro on the above email address.

PE UPDATE

Football



International recognition continuing with Josh Doig once again playing for Scotland Schoolboys against England on Friday night, unfortunately losing the game 2-0. Well done again Josh!

Rugby



An enjoyable afternoon of 7s for U16s & U18s today. Well done boys! Thanks to all coaches, parents and supporters for helping out and cheering on the boys!! And thanks to Edinburgh Rugby COE Sport for organising

Saturday saw 2 games played at Duddingston with the U16s and U14 teams both in action for the first time this season against Linlithgow.

The U14s fielded a squad of 16 and it was particularly pleasing to see Zach Lumsden return to the field after breaking his arm in 2 places last year ! He came on towards the end and got stuck straight back in as if he had never been away. Well done Zach.

We missed Will Hurd this week due to concussion and a skiing accident kept Zac Griffiths out of action with a broken thumb. We look forward to welcoming Alex Vipond back soon too hopefully.

The U14 boys got away strongly though on a brisk Cavalry Park Day with the wind blowing as usual straight down the pitch. Sensible decision making by Captain Rio Volpe saw the boys use the wind well and drive the ball down field with some great attacking play which paid off with great tries coming.

Linlithgow had a big squad of boys cheering them on and it looked as if their subs would turn the tide as the game rampaged up and down over the 3 x 15 minute sessions. Porty were narrowly ahead at the end of the 2nd session with all to play for.

However 2 recent narrow defeats have given the boys big game experience and the forwards secured the ball, the scrum was solid and the backs cut loose around the pitch. Solid tackling and few errors saw the lead stretch as the game went on. No leaked tries at the bitter end this time and Murrays solid goal kicking kept the lead comfortable right till the end.

Tries from Murray McCowan, Rio Volpe and Lewis Veitch saw the Porty Team end with a brilliant 26-19 win. Although the try scorers will always get the glory the whole team played an amazing game against a very strong and skillful Linlithgow side. Our pack of forwards led by Max Pye were without doubt the key to securing strong quick ball and Jamie Regan is a truly dynamic back row player who will run till his batteries run out. Well done Mario for putting in a brilliant shift yet again and keeping that scrum solid.

Thanks to the Liberton, Holyrood and Leith boys again without whom the team could not perform and remember if you want to give Rugby a Try and join this fantastic group of guys just let Mr Hare or Mrs Inkster know.

Basketball



A massive well done to both the S1 girls and the S3 boys teams who both played in Scottish Cup finals. Unfortunately, both teams were unable to grab the victory with the S1 Girls losing 42-48 to Stirling and the S3 boys losing 68-61 to Park Mains. Commiserations to the Porty players and congratulations to both winning teams!

Netball

Congratulations to the u16 Netball team who won against St Augustine last Thursday. A special mention for the player of the game Millie Beveridge playing at wing defence. Well done girls and thanks to St Augustine for the match!



Cross Country

Well done to all our runners at the Edinburgh Schools Cross Country at Duddingston! Big congrats to our S1-3 Girls who were crowned Edinburgh Schools Winners at the Cross Country and to Flora Henry who won the race overall!



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

We have been receiving some great updates from parents about their kids' achievements:

Nye was fencing at junior year in the 2 year age group. Nye finished 89/292 on Friday in his 2nd weapon (épée, first major comp), and was 59th in Foil his main weapon.

Lottie Burnham represents Scotland in Karate, recently winning silver in Denmark for the Ishoj Karate Cup and is heading to Hungary in October.

Ben Laidlaw- Wado world champion 2018, 16/17 +76kg
Wado European champion 2018, 16/17 +76kg
Gold in Denmark 2019 16/17 +76kg

Lucy Brand has been playing in the Edinburgh District U15 netball team - they were runners up to Glasgow in the District Tournament in Dundee in February.

Mae Paterson- Over the last year her Edinburgh Synchro 13-15 year squad have won gold medals in the Scottish interdistrict, Scottish Club and Scottish national championships. She also competed in a combination squad who got bronze in both the Scottish clubs and the Scottish nationals. She has also competed at the swim England national age groups, once with Edinburgh Synchro and once with the cross-Scotland squad Synchro Caledonia. This year is particularly challenging for Scottish Synchro as a change in the competition calendar to bring the sport in line with the Olympic training year means that the swimmers are doing two seasons together without a break. Mae also achieved a silver in her level four skills assessment. She enjoys supporting younger/more junior swimmers and is looking forward to becoming a junior coach.

Well done to all these pupils! 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 at admin@portobello.edin.sch.uk.



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