

Weekly Update 11 September 2020

Smile with your Eyes!

Once again, most of our young people have done a brilliant job of keeping to our new routines around face coverings in communal areas. A selection of some of the face fashion spotted around the building is pictured! We will continue to have a supply of face coverings available for anyone who forgets, and understand that this will happen occasionally. In order to manage this, from next week anyone who does not have their face covering with them will be asked to enter via the main entrance. Where we have concerns that it is more than an occasional slip up, we will contact home and look forward to parental support in keeping our school as safe as possible.



Parent Council

Don't forget the Parent Council meeting on Wednesday night from 7 - 8.15pm. This will be online using Teams.

Please join using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2pxzsu9>

and turn off your mic and camera as we are expecting a large turnout.

The agenda will include an update from Ruth McKay on the term so far and what lies ahead, responses to questions raised by parents on the Facebook page and via email (portyhighparents@gmail.com), and an update on digital learning developments. We will also discuss fundraising priorities which may include outdoor shelters and/or digital learning and how we can raise this money in the current context.



Tuesday Newsday

This week, we were excited to launch our new 'Tuesday Newsday' initiative with Key Adult groups. As part of their Key Adult Time on a Tuesday morning, our young people will have the opportunity to discuss current affairs issues with the support of activities produced by the Economist Educational Foundation. We will focus on a current news story every fortnight and kicked-off this week discussing privacy concerns about Tik-Tok, an issue that is relevant to many of our pupils!

We understand that, now more than ever, it is important for young people to develop a strong set of news literacy skills in order to help them navigate both the volume and quality of information available about current events. We are looking forward to sharing some highlights from our weekly discussions with you as well as providing suggestions for how you could help to continue some of these discussions outside of school.

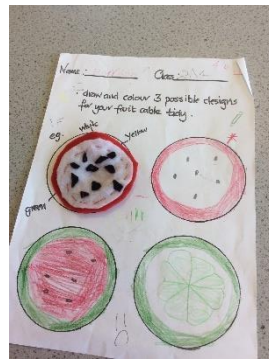
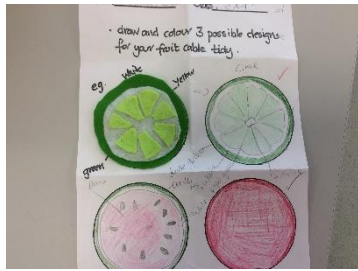
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Ms Crawford's bakery class have been practising plaited loaf techniques using salt dough. Stunning eight and three strand plaits produced by the students.



S2's have been designing and making cable ties.





The bakery class has been working on their cake decorating skills this week. Here are some works in progress...finished results next week.

