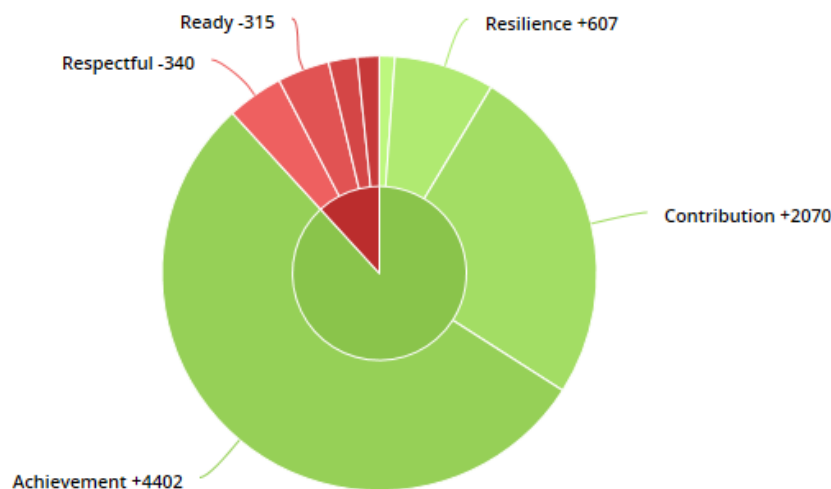


Weekly Update 25th September 2020

Class Charts

A reminder that Class Charts for all classes from S1-6 is now fully operational and our staff are using this to provide feedback on learners' engagement and to celebrate instances where they have gone 'above and beyond'. Since the start of term, over 5700 'greens' have been awarded by staff to our pupils for **Achievement, Contribution or Resilience** and the school's overall pie chart is currently sitting at an impressive **89% green** (see below).



Please remember to download the Class Charts app or go to www.classcharts.com and log in regularly to see how your young person's individual pie chart and how they are getting on in their lessons.

S1 parent log ins are being posted home this week.

If any parent/carer of learners in S2-6 has misplaced their log in details for Class Charts, they should contact Mr McCulloch (andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk), stating their child's name and their year group, and these details will be emailed to them.

S6 Student Leadership Team

The application process for this year's S6 Student Leadership Team will begin next week. Following feedback from young people, we have changed the title of our leadership roles to School Captains and Depute School Captains. We will continue to have House Captains aligned to our 4 school houses. We look forward to the usual high standard of application and to announcing the results.

Support for Families in the North East of Edinburgh

There is a large range of supports for families in the North East of Edinburgh. The latest information for free low-cost activities and support can be found at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/pacs

School Calendar 2020/2021

The school calendar for this session will be sent home via email and placed on the school website. Given current restrictions it is sadly missing many of the events which have become highlights of our school year such as concerts, shows, expeditions and so on. As we are unable to have in-person Parents' Evenings, we plan to use a digital platform for parent consultations this year and our booking system will operate in the usual way.

Face Coverings in the Local Community

We continue to be very pleased with the way in which our young people have adapted to the use of face coverings in school. Following feedback from members of the public, we would like to remind everyone that the use of face coverings is mandatory in shops and on public transport. We would very much appreciate parental support in reinforcing this message with young people.

Parent Council JustGiving page

The Parent Council has set up a JustGiving page for any donations that parents wish to make to the Council's fundraising as our usual events can't take place this year. We're hoping to support the school with projects such as outdoor seating and shelters, and digital resources. If you'd like to contribute, the link is below. Thank you!



https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/victoria-bruce-1?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socpledgedesktop&utm_content=victoria-bruce-1&utm_campaign=post-pledge-desktop&utm_term=rP6nx22q7&fbclid=IwAR00Xi8cHQDzEhyzuPSq0ougwvwLgmmsFbOl4KQrpmBfjj_xi-ZLaBjGz-k



Virtual Open Day Event – Royal Observatory Edinburgh

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September

You might want something to do this weekend that you can be done safely from the comfort of your own home. The Royal Observatory Edinburgh are offering people a chance to see behind the scenes to find out about what actually happens at an observatory, where astronomers and engineers work together to explore the mysteries of space.

There are live events, videos and activities for all ages, you can ask a space expert, watch a star show or try out some simple craft and science activities!

Just visit <https://www.roe.ac.uk/vdod2020/> to book free live events and find out more!

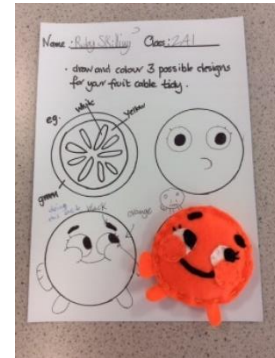
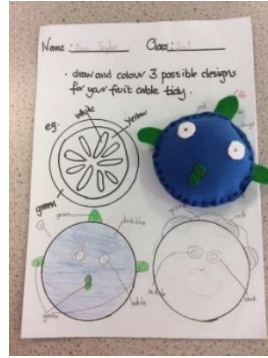
Local Hero

Julie Nisbet, Modern studies teacher has been nominated for the Evening News Local Hero in the Fundraiser of the year category. This is the second time Julie has been nominated, after previously winning in 2017 for her contribution to health in the city. Congratulations and good luck!

FTT

S2 wrapped up their textiles project and are moving on the food sustainability this week





S2 enrichment class for felt crafts have created their felt monsters.



2d4's coasters/cable wraps



Mrs Sladen's bakery class managed to get cooking this week. We made flatbreads, a plaited loaf and bread sticks. The results (and smell) were amazing!





The finished results



The S4 HFT class did some disassembly this week to see what is in their sandwiches.

