

## Weekly Update 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Consultation on School Day

A reminder that this survey, which has been sent to parents separately is open until Friday 27 November. A consultation with our young people will take place next week during Key Adult Time and will be undertaken by our Student Leadership Team.

### Parental View of 20/21 Higher and Advanced Higher Exam Diet

On behalf of our Parent Council, please find below a link to a survey which is aimed directly at the parents and carers of pupils sitting Highers and/or Advanced Highers, to help establish how COVID has impacted on their learning and preparation for exams in 2021. The closing date for the survey is the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

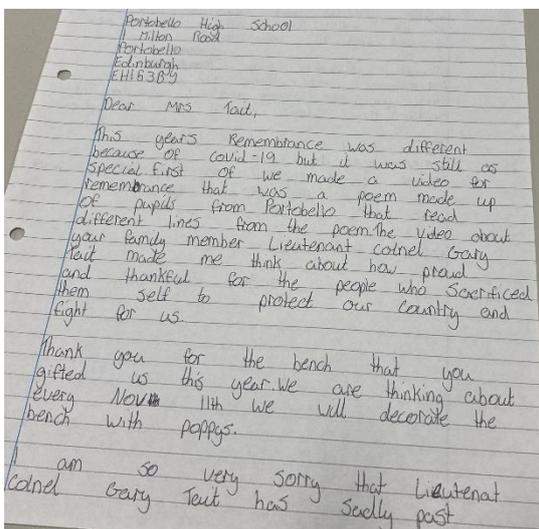
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3HFM9K9>

### NHS Guidelines for Winter Vomiting Bug (Norovirus)

Just a reminder that young people who are affected by this seasonal illness must stay off school for 48 hours after symptoms stop. Your support in this is much appreciated.

### Remembrance Bench

This year the school has been presented with a Remembrance Bench commemorating Lieutenant Colonel Gary Tait (a former pupil of Portobello) who recently passed away after a long battle with cancer. His colleagues in the Army contributed to Portobello's Remembrance Video by outlining the Lieutenant's first-rate qualities and outstanding work ethic. In response to this video, our first years decided to write to the Lieutenant's mother and wife to express their sympathy and thanks for the memorial bench. Some members of the class had a personal connection with the Lieutenant and were able to share family photographs. Here are a few pictures of the heartfelt letters which express great ideas about how we could use the Remembrance bench every year as a focal point in our Remembrance.



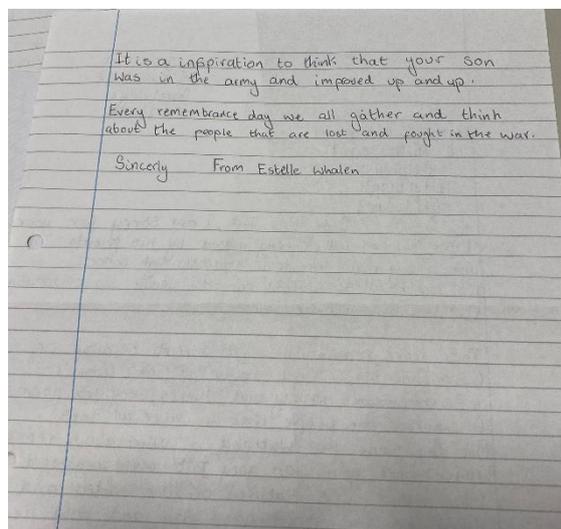
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Dear Mrs Tait,

This year's Remembrance was different because of covid-19 but it was still as special first of we made a video for remembrance that was a poem made up of pupils from Portobello that read up different lines from the poem the video about your family member Lieutenant Colonel Gary Tait made me think about how proud and thankful for the people who sacrificed them self to protect our country and fight for us.

Thank you for the bench that you gifted us this year. We are thinking about every Nov<sup>th</sup> 11th we will decorate the bench with poppies.

I am so very sorry that Lieutenant Colonel Gary Tait has sadly past



It is a inspiration to think that your son was in the army and impressed up and up.

Every remembrance day we all gather and think about the people that are lost and fought in the war.

Sincerely From Estelle Whelan



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Part 1

Dear Mrs. Tail,

I thank you for the Remembrance Bench that you have sent to our school. It is very beautiful for everything that your husband did for a better life and everything he has sacrificed for the king.

The idea about your family name is so good. I think about my grandpa that he has lived 80 years old. His grandpa was not a disappointed man but he died in his 60s and he was very young. It also made me realize that I'm very grateful to still have him close and healthy for the age that he is and how grateful I should be to see of the lucky survivors left behind.

On remembrance day at Perthshire High School we usually have a very special evening and we start by playing speeches, poems or songs that mean something very important to them. This year sadly we were unable to do anything gathered up.

During the Minute of Silence we think that we are all so lucky to have people who did and served so well so that we could live like we do without wars that they might be fighting when they were growing up.

We as a generation should try to realize what they have started and make all this fighting between countries. Even during this hard period and dealing with Covid 19, I think we should stay and still stay together and all stay on each other's feet. I know though it may have been hard being locked up in our houses for 5 months now that it is somewhat over it should be easier. All this to say we are all thankful and so sorry for your loss.

Yours faithfully,  
Lucie Johnson

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Dear Mrs. J. Tail,

Thank you for thinking about giving us a bench to remember your son by, everyone that walks past it will think about your son. Normally we would have a Remembrance evening and we would do performances like sing or read a poem.

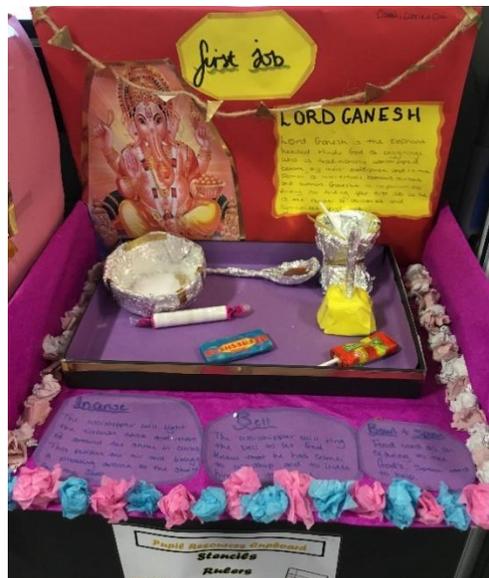
Your son did a great thing for Scotland and was lucky to make it home but it is very sad that he lost his battle to cancer. He went from being at the very bottom to getting to the very top and that takes years of hard work and complete dedication. Every year on Nov 11th we will remember your son and what he did for all of us.

I am extremely sorry I can't imagine losing any of my really close family members, especially after all he went through, I just feel so bad and I don't really know how to say it, but I really am sorry.

Yours faithfully,  
Emily Johnson

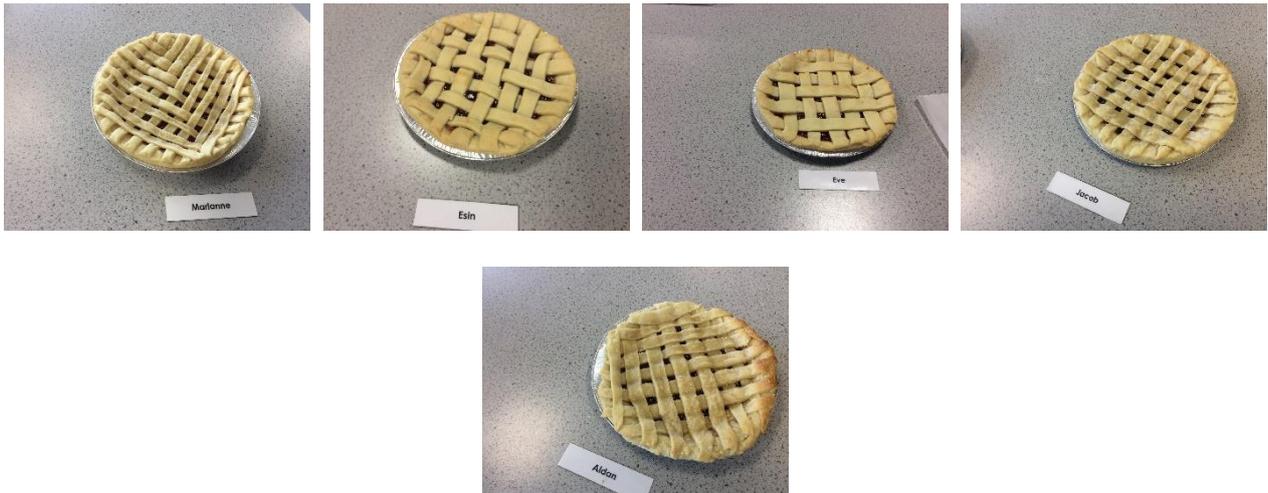
### S4 National RMPS

S4 have been consolidating their understanding of Hindu worship by creating specific shrines to show the key factors of worship to specific deities. Pupils chose an appropriate deity for their given scenario which allowed them to tailor their approach and research beliefs and practices further. Here are some of the fantastic outcomes from Ms Wilson's class!

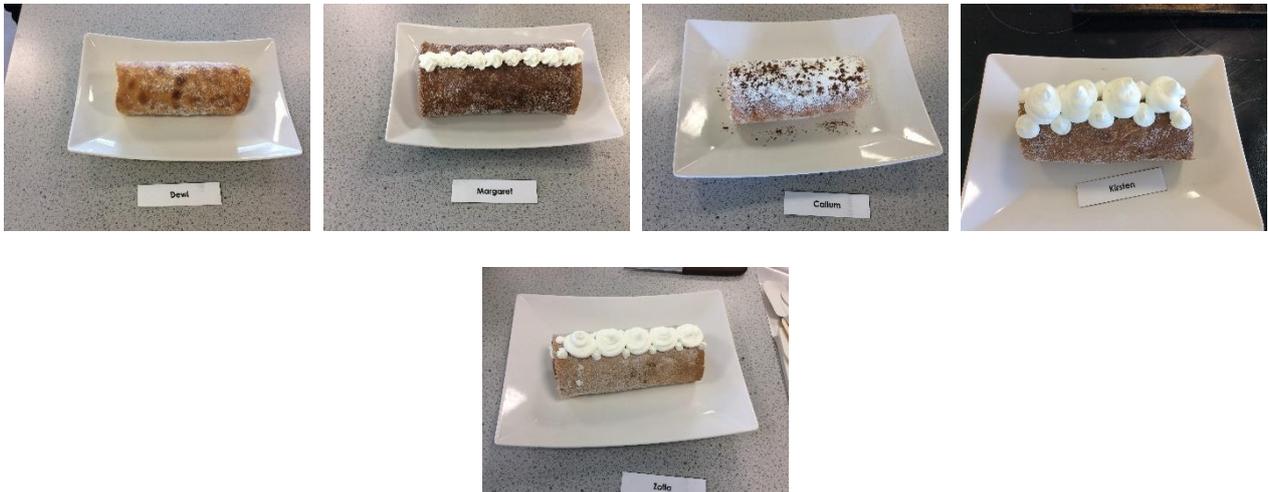


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The Nat 5 Hospitality classes have been perfecting their pastry skills with these jam tarts.



The bakery classes have been whisking eggs to make Swiss rolls



The bakery classes have also been making and decorating lemon drizzle cakes

