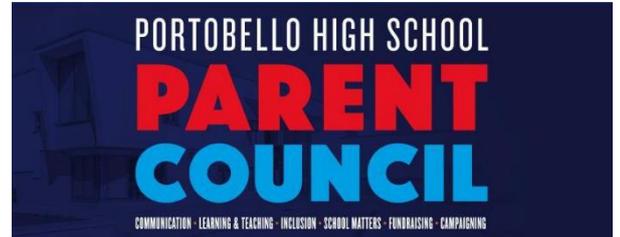


Weekly Update 27th November 2020

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 1 December

The next meeting of our Parent Council is on Tuesday 1 December from 7.00 – 8.30 and can be accessed on Teams via the link sent emailed home to parents and carers. As well as the usual standing items, there will be an opportunity to hear from Alison Fotheringham, DHT, and Mary Hand, Teacher of Maths and Support for Learning, about how the school supports Mental Health and Wellbeing including some practical ideas for parents and carers.



Our first Virtual Parents' Evening

Current restrictions meant that we held our first Parent Consultation Evening online this week for S5 and 6. Thanks to all those who provided feedback which we will use to prepare for S4 next week. Feedback from staff was unanimous – we much prefer having our families in the building!! It just didn't feel the same without you!

Brunstane Road and Colliesdene Area Traffic Calming

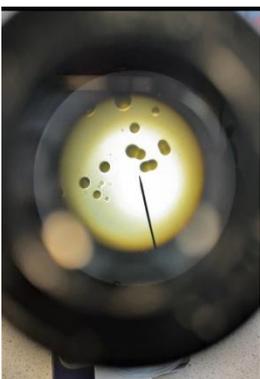
The City of Edinburgh Council's Transport Contracts and Design team has recently opened a public consultation regarding a traffic calming proposal for the Colliesdene area in Edinburgh, also known as the Joppa triangle.

Please follow this link for the online survey: <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/brunstane-traffic-calming/>

Parent Consultation on School Day

A big thanks to all those who have already responded to our parent and carer consultation on proposals to reduce the length of time young people are outside at break and lunch. A reminder that this closes at the end of the day. Our Pupil Consultation was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances and will now take place next week.

National 5 Laboratory Science



Our Lab science class has been working hard on their aseptic techniques this week, plating up bacterial colonies in our current skills unit: microbiology.

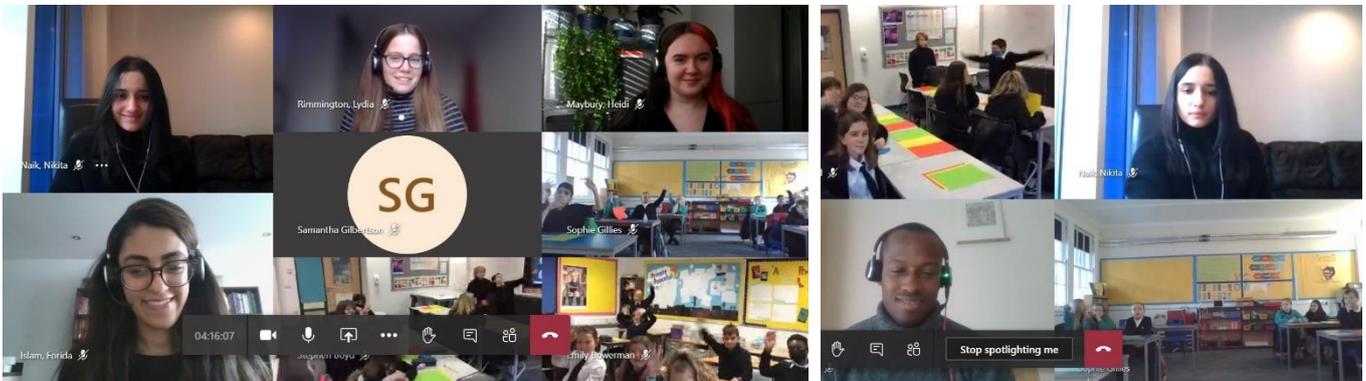
This is a photo of *M. luteus* bacteria growing on a plate made up by one of our pupils.
Photo credit: Marcus Singh!



Numeracy in the News First year event

Mr Boyd, Support for Learning Teacher, recently took part in an event called Numeracy in the News. He linked up with a number of schools across Britain and had professionals such as accountants, economists and city traders take part in a Teams meeting. Pupils looked at the American election outcome and Covid – the numbers around the issues, analysing them in detail and in context.

A big thanks to Economist Foundation and Burnett News club for their time.



Food Bank Collection



Every November the Science department staff collect food bank donations for the Trussell Trust. Trussell Trust food banks provide emergency food and compassionate, dignified support to people locked in crisis. The food bank network helps people break free from poverty by providing additional support to help people resolve the crises they're facing so that they don't need to use a food bank again in the future. This includes debt advice, mental health support, or benefits guidance. Food banks rely on the support of their local communities to support people in crisis. This year, the staff collected 8 bags of donations and have donated to the Edinburgh NE food bank.



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S5/6 Bakery NPA have been competing in a BAKE OFF to coincide with GBBO final this week. So far they have completed their signature bake to produce 3 iced cupcakes and Star Baker is hotly contended going into the Technical Challenge - results next week!



Talent Vs Cancer v2

To raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust, Cameron Donovan is hosting an online Talent Show on Friday 18th of December at 6pm.

As part of his Duke of Edinburgh volunteering, Cameron has decided to follow in the footsteps of his older brother Kieran who hosted a 'live' show a couple of years ago.

Pupils + Staff can enter by emailing Cameron (info in school notices) and submitting a video to be shown on the night. A Teams link will be sent out nearer the time for families to watch the show.

If you would like to donate to Teenage Cancer Trust and support the cause, there is a JustGiving page:
<https://bit.ly/3pX09Fw>

If any local businesses are able to donate a prize, please email hazel.taylor@portobello.edin.sch.uk

Food Bank collection

Ailsa, Naomi and Milly in S3 are organising a collection for the foodbank in the run up to Christmas as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh volunteering.

Pupils are being asked, if they can, to bring a donation in to their Key Adult for collection on either the 3rd, 10th or 17th of December.

This year they are looking for some special Christmas items to give out to people over the festive season. See below for the list of suggested items:

Tinned/jarred/bottled products:

Baked beans, other beans/pulses, soup, fish (eg tuna/mackerel), meat, vegetables, luncheon meat or similar, cooking sauce (curry/pasta/ etc), rice, jam, fruit, custard, drinking juice, long life milk, ketchup.

Dried products:

Breakfast cereal/porridge, pasta/rice, noodles, sugar, biscuits, tea, coffee, stock cubes.

Bathroom & cleaning products:

Toilet paper, soap, shampoo, shower gel, shaving cream, sanitary products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, washing powder, washing up liquid, tissues, household cleaning products.

Christmas items:

Christmas crackers, Christmas baubles, Christmas gifts, advent calendars, selection boxes, chocolate coins, Christmas mince pies, chocolate yule logs, chocolate bars, chocolates, tubes of smarties/jelly tots/chocolate buttons, microwaveable Christmas puddings, sponge puddings (individual size), jellies, trifle mixes, angel delights (or similar), crisps and dips, biscuits for cheese (eg cream crackers, oatcakes, digestives), pickled onions, pickled beetroot, Branston pickle.

No donation is too small! Thanks so much for anything you can bring in.