

Weekly Update 15th October 2021

October Break

The school closes today for the half term break. As Monday 25 October is an In-Service Day, we look forward to seeing all of our young people back in school at 8.30am on Tuesday 26 October. In the meantime, we wish all of our families a restful and well-earned break.

Parent Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Parent Council will be held on Wednesday 27 October from 7.00 – 8.15pm. A link will be sent home to all parents ahead of the meeting.



S6 Wellbeing Mentors

Meet our team of S6 Wellbeing Mentors!! Amy, Poppy, Lars, Lily, Kushveer, Ollie, Elena, Sam, Rosa, Torri, Chloe, Sophie and Niamh...

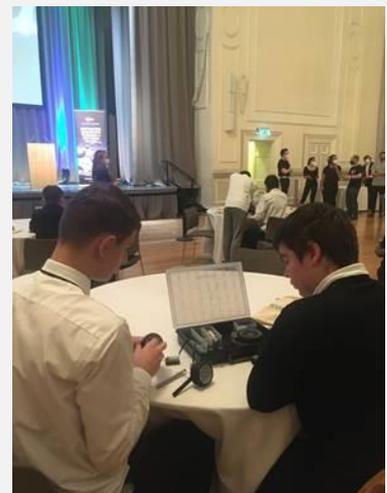




Many young people find it easier to talk to their peers first, before they talk to others and we have 13 fabulous and fully trained Wellbeing Mentors ready to support the young people at Portobello High School with their mental health and wellbeing. They have lots of fantastic ideas that they will be working on alongside the Mental Health and Wellbeing working group. After the October holidays, they will be starting a drop-in session one lunch time per week. Information will be shared with young people after the break.

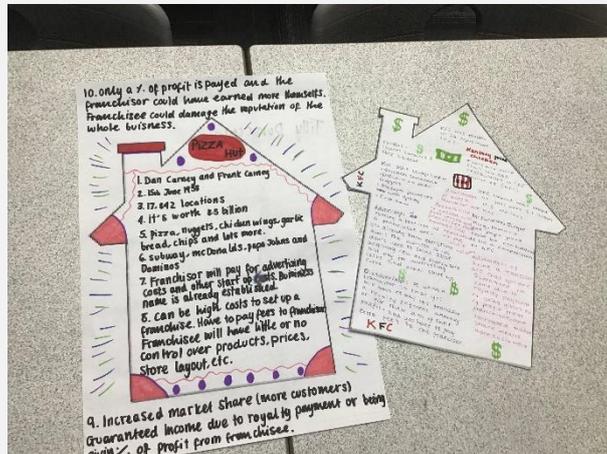
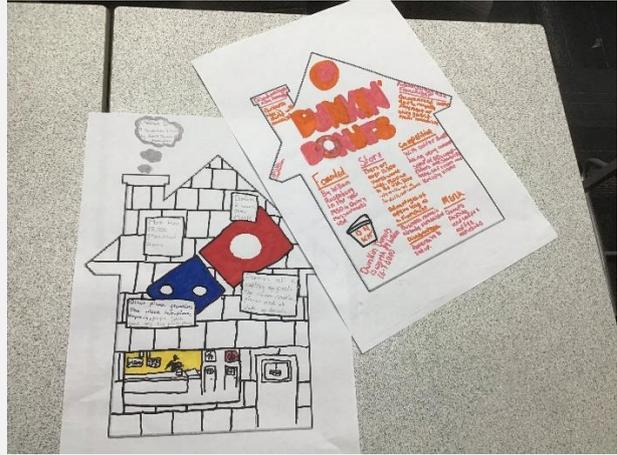
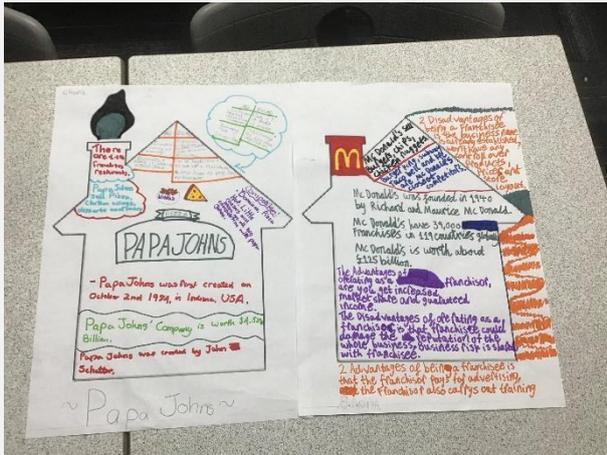
Scottish Schools Hydrogen Challenge

Last Friday, a selection of our S2 pupils were selected to represent Team Porty at the Scottish Schools Hydrogen Challenge Edinburgh Final and they gave an excellent impression of the school. Their determination and focus was amazing. Well done to Bartek Rosinski, Louie Green, Alfie Pryde, Szymon Socha, Donald Lynn, Ross McPherson and Cesc Xargayo Costa, you made us all proud.



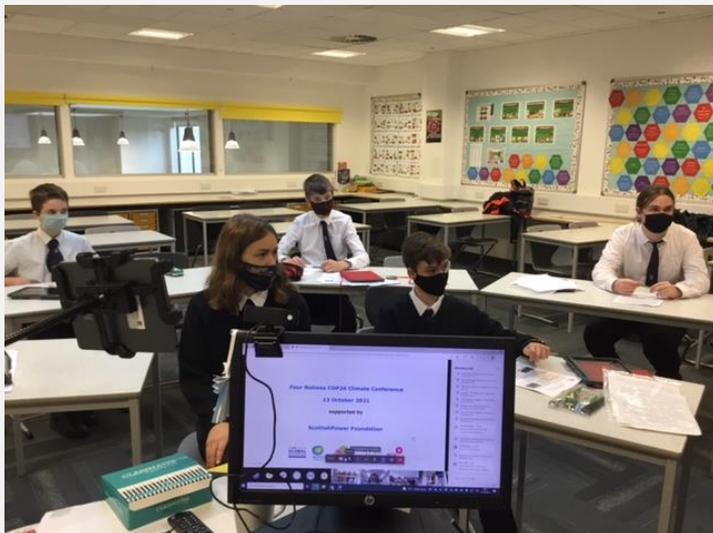
Business

S3 were investigating franchises this week. Here is some of their great work



MOCK COP26

This month S3 Students represented #TeamParty as one of 5 Scottish teams at a MOCK COP26 where they participated in a virtual summit organised along real United Nations protocols. The Four Nations Climate Conference is part of a program of events leading up to COP26 in Glasgow and is designed to get students thinking critically about Climate Change.



Kizhi Bickley, Michael Crump, David Morton, Bailey Ewing-Burnett and Louis Ballany were allocated the role of the delegation from the United States and they presented an opening statement and responded to questions from other countries before breaking into smaller meetings with individual countries to discuss options for international cooperation.

Collaborative statements developed by students at the event will be presented to world leaders at the summit in Glasgow on behalf of UK youth.

They also met with members of Edinburgh City Council earlier this week in a consultation with secondary school students to gather views about how young people would like to be supported in the run up to and beyond COP26.

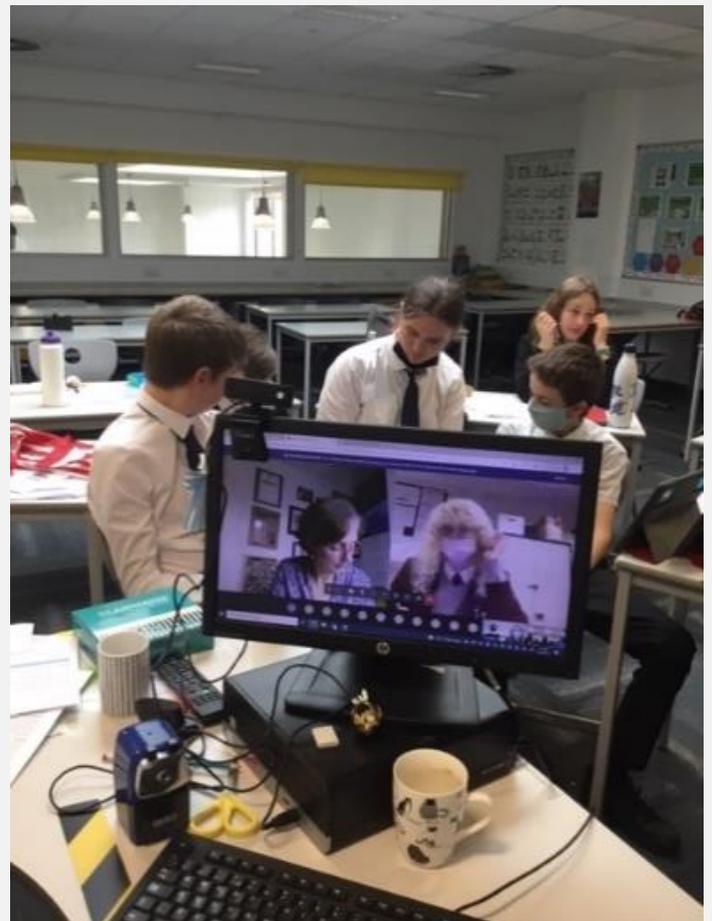
Next month the team will attend the COP in Glasgow in the Green Zone where they will work with Youth Climate Ambassadors from Wales, Ireland and England as well as key policy makers and Indigenous voices at a youth led panel event.

Oneclimate.org are offering young people the chance to challenge the world leaders meeting at the COP26 Climate Summit by creating short video clips that will confront the delegates as they walk through the conference centre.

These short clips should highlight in around 20 seconds, one thing you're doing to play your part in tackling the climate emergency and also suggest what politicians could, and should, be doing.

Upload your clip to #mybityourbit

<https://oneclimate.org/mybityourbit/> for more details.



Free School Meals

Please see the [latest blog post](#) from the Schools Transactions team which covers a range of useful information including Free Meals, Education Maintenance Allowance and Tax Free Childcare.

Click on the link to be taken directly to the page <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/xfp/form/261>

Dynamic Earth



Our young STEM team have completed their workshops with Dynamic Earth. This week we enjoyed a fantastic trip to Dynamic Earth where our group enjoyed learning about our planet. We have had an exceptional experience with the Dynamic Earth team who created a program tailored and developed for and with our young people. We are extremely proud of the team and how well they have engaged with the program.



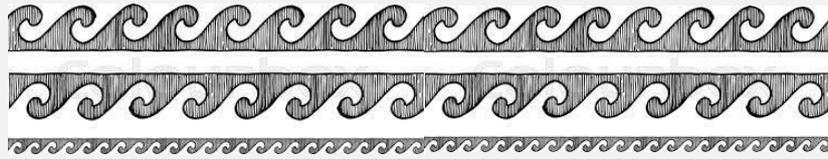
Water Polo

Congratulations to Sam Molloy S6 who has been selected for the Scottish Water Polo U19 Boys Squad. Well done, Sam!

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 3 November for all young people who returned consent forms before the deadline. Further information will be issued after the holiday

The Odyssey 1st Rehearsal



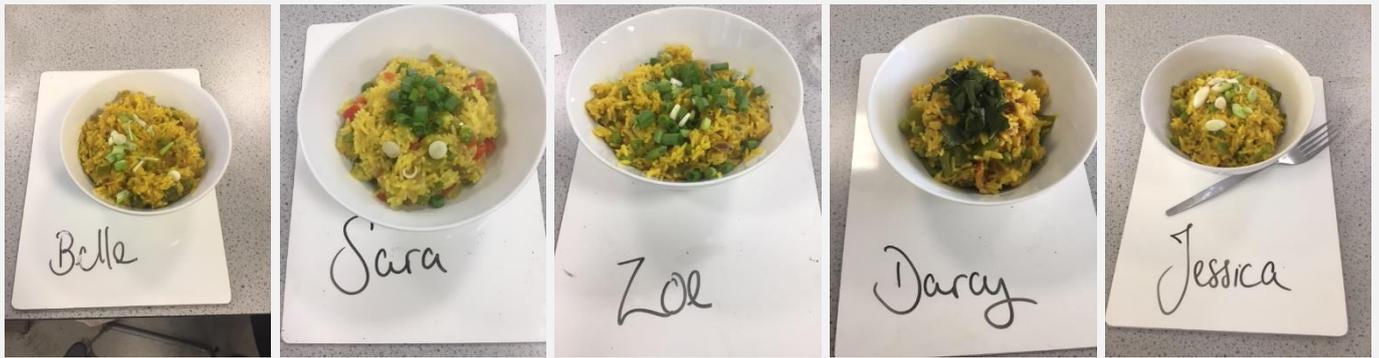
At last, we have started!! We had our first rehearsal yesterday after school and to be honest, it was joyous. We began with a great bunch of really talented and creative new S1 pupils who will be the stars of the future, whatever they decide to do!

Here are a few photos that give a flavour of the rehearsal ...

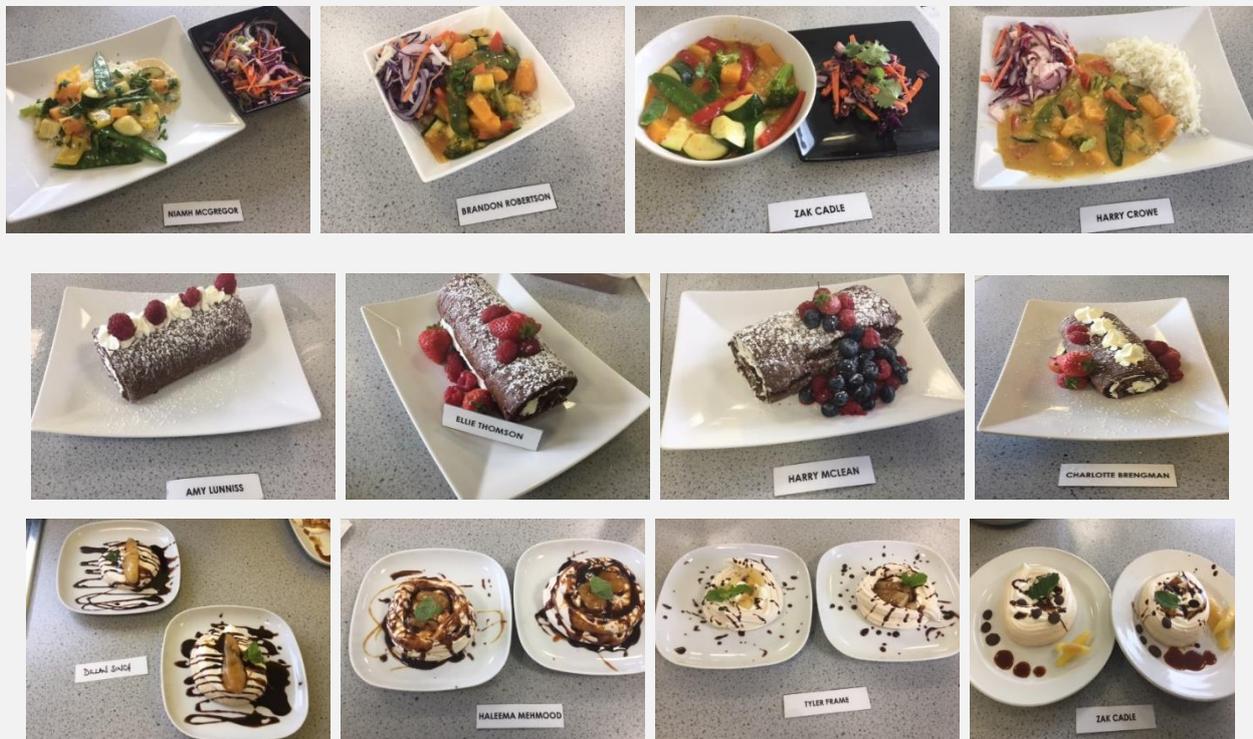


FTT

S2 Practical Assessment, working independently to produce and present a rice dish



Seasonal cookery and presentation skills from Nat 5 Practical Cookery and Cake Craft



S3 Technical challenge to create a dish from instructions without knowing what they were cooking!
They did amazingly well



Chilli was on the menu this week for the S4 Practical Cookery pupils. Chilli Con Carne, Rice and Tortilla chips all made in a double period. Great cooking!

