
Weekly Update 26th November 2021

DofE Litter Pickers

Some of our Bronze DofE participants have been tidying up the Golf course and bike paths around the school as part of their Volunteering section. Armed with litter pickers, gloves and bags, they will be clearing these areas every Thursday after school. At this time of year that means mostly working in the dark, so Ms Taylor is going to get some headtorches out of the kit store for them next week!

If any pupils are struggling to find a Volunteering placement and would like to join the group, they should email Ms Taylor and come along to the Canteen at 3.50pm on Thursday.



Empowered Learning Project

City of Edinburgh Council are committed to providing every young person from P6 to S6 with a 1:1 digital device, providing equality of access to digital technology.



In Portobello High School, this builds on the work we have done over a number of years with young people in S3-6. The whole school deployment of Apple iPads will see a few changes, including a move onto an improved Mobile Device Management (MDM) system which will bring a number of important benefits. At present we anticipate that our new devices will arrive in school at the end of January – please look out for further updates nearer the time.



Class Charts – Homework

Following discussions with the Parent Council regarding how we communicate homework to parents and carers on a regular basis, we are currently looking at how we might use Class Charts to help us facilitate this. From now until the end of this term, the Modern Languages department will be trialling the use of Class Charts for sharing homework tasks for all young people studying a language in S1-6 and their parents/carers. This will include reminders of upcoming Talking and Writing assessments for both French and Spanish.

Parents, carers and young people can access this new function using their existing Class Charts log in. If you have misplaced these, please email Mr McCulloch at andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk, stating your young person's name and their Key Adult group, and you will be sent a log in reminder. Young people are able to access their log in details from their Key Adult.

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The S4 Hospitality: practical cookery class were completing an assessment where they were to make Spaghetti Bolognese, along with a chocolate and strawberry cream roulade. Brilliant effort by them.





S4 Practical Cookery made vegetable fajitas with salsa this week so that they could practice their chopping skills.

