

Weekly Update 4th February 2022

Deployment Week for iPads!

There was great excitement amongst our S1 and 2 young people this week as they became one of the first groups of young people to receive their iPads as part of the City of Edinburgh Empowered Learning project. Alongside the deployment of new or refreshed iPads further up the school, this means that #TeamPorty is one of the first schools in Edinburgh to be fully 1:1. Being equipped for our digital future is a key part of 21st century learning and it was great to see so many classes in S1 and S2 #AchievingTogether and making use of their new devices.



As you can imagine, rolling out this number of devices is a huge logistical exercise and we'd like to say a big thank you to Mr Ferrier, CL Technologies, Ms Ross, IT Technician and their team of helpers for all their hard work in a whirlwind of a week! Big thanks are also due to our S6 volunteers, and the deployment team from City of Edinburgh Council and our IT partners, CGI.

Class Charts Homework



We are continuing to make more and more use of Class Charts across the whole school as a means of communicating homework to students and parents/carers. You will see this continue to increase over the coming days and weeks as different departments begin to make use of this as a means of facilitating the sharing of homework tasks, including when they are due, to provide parents/carers with an up to date record of how their young person is doing with their homework. This will be used for all year groups S1-6 and it can be accessed with your usual log in for Class Charts.

If you have misplaced or forgotten your log in details (or even if you have never accessed your young person's Class Charts account), email Mr McCulloch at andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk, stating your young person's name and Key Adult group, and you will receive your log in details. Pupils can get a reminder of their log in details from their Key Adult.

Support for Learners taking National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Exams



Earlier this week the SQA outlined measures that will be in place to support learners taking National 5, Higher and Advanced Highers in 2022. This follows significant modifications already made to course assessments at the start of the session to help reduce the volume of assessment and ease the work load of learners. Resources to support learners will be published by SQA in the week beginning 7 March. Please see below for some useful links to explain the support measures being put in place by SQA:

- *SQA blog post*: Support services for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher learners – a message for parents and carers. [View blog post](#).
- *Frequently asked questions*: new questions about revision support, exceptional circumstances and the 2022 appeals service www.sqa.org.uk/faq

Young people have also been emailed a link, which gives them some key messages on the changes to the SQA 2022 diet.

Mental Health Sessions and Workshops Survey for Parent and Carers

If you are a parent or carer who cares for a child or young person with emotional wellbeing or mental health issues, we would be grateful if you could complete this survey to share your views. This survey is being carried out by a working group of professionals who wish to develop and increase the availability of mental health information sessions and courses for parents and carers. Gaps in the support available for families in this area were highlighted during a large Family Support parent and services consultation exercise during COVID 19. Members of this group are from The City of Edinburgh Council Parent and Carer Support and Psychological Services Teams, Health in Mind, One Parent Families Scotland, The Junction, VOCAL and CAMHS. The views gathered in the survey will be used to inform future developments.

Please follow the link below to complete the survey before 17 February 2022.

[Mental Health Sessions and Workshops Survey](#)

If you wish any more information on the survey please contact Jillian Hart jillian.hart@edinburgh.gov.uk or Paulina Szach Paulina.szach@health-in-mind.org.uk

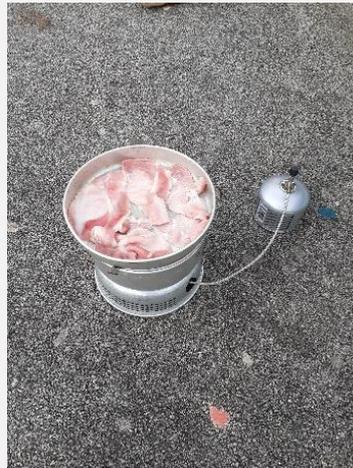
Bronze DofE curricular programme

This week the curriculum group were testing out the stoves! On the menu:

Bacon, black pudding, lorne sausage and tattie scone rolls and chicken noodle soup with sweetcorn

As you can probably guess, the menu was decided by the young people!

Next week we will be looking at whether this would be adequate nutrition for an expedition...!

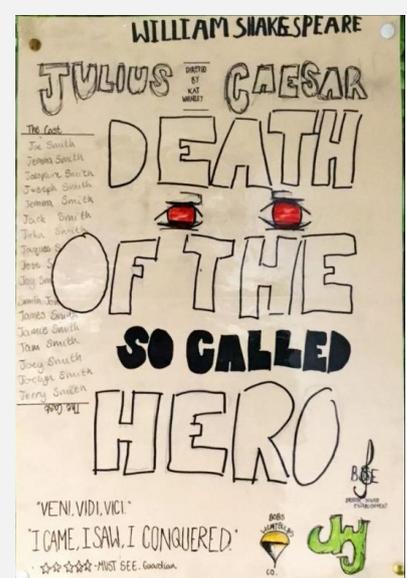
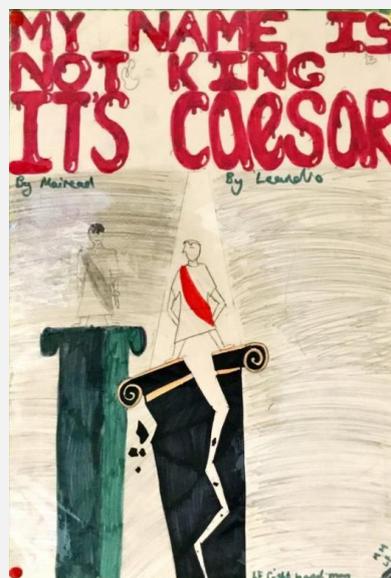
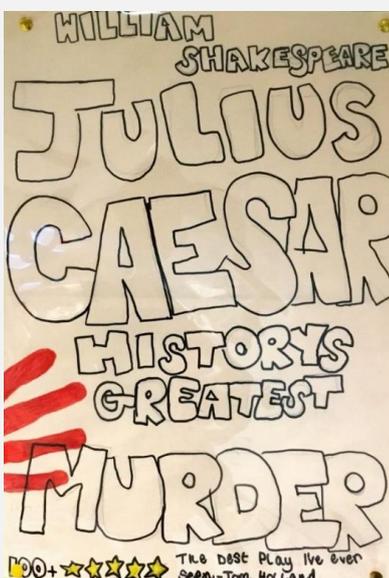


English

Mr Castle's S1's have been reading William Shakespeare's tragedy 'Julius Caesar' which traces the plot of eight Roman senators to murder Caesar. Inspired by the events of the play, the

JULIUS CAESAR BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

class were tasked with creating a modern-day poster to advertise the play:



Star Linguists

The Modern Languages Department are continuing to recognise and celebrate outstanding effort and achievement in languages among S1-S3 pupils through our Star Linguist awards. Here are our 'Star Linguist' winners for this month, all of whom have impressed their class teacher through working extremely hard in French or Spanish. Well done to you all!



Star Linguists
January 2021

Holly Black 2AB4 (French)
"Holly, you have worked so hard since the start of S2 in both French and Spanish. You always complete activities to the best of your ability and consistently offer answers in class. You have made a lot of progress in the subject as a result of this. Très bon travail and keep up the hard work!"
- Ms Jouve

Michael Crump 3CD1 (French)
"Michael has been working fantastically in French all year and always puts 100% effort into his work. He showcased this very well recently when making a weather forecast video in French - the acting was second to none and he should definitely think about a career in prime time news! Well done Michael!"
- Miss Long

Kyra Paul 1G (French)
"Kyra has impressed me so much all year but particularly in the month of January. She has participated so well in every lesson and always offers good answers. Kyra works really hard and is always fully focussed on improving her French. She is making so much progress with all aspects of her learning. Well done, Kyra - you are my star linguist this month!"
- Mr McCulloch

Calum Duff 3CD4 (Spanish)
"Calum works hard in Spanish- his pronunciation is great and he is always ready to give an answer in class. His recent Writing Assessment demonstrated his strengths. Buen trabajo Calum!"
- Ms Taylor

Anna Richards 3AB2 (Spanish)
"You have been doing fantastic work in Spanish so far Anna! You consistently put in your best effort, volunteer answers during class discussions and you are really trying to challenge yourself from lesson to lesson. Your knowledge of Spanish vocabulary is impressive. Keep up the good work!"
- Miss Brown

Salma Bickley 1H (French)
"Salma, you are such an enthusiastic, hardworking member of our class. The effort you've been putting in really paid off in your Reading Assessment and you've continued to demonstrate your excellent knowledge of French in lessons throughout January. Well done!"
- Miss Davies

Joe Smith 1F (French)
"Bravo, Joe, you are a true Star Linguist! You have been working excellently since August, always focused, always attentive, always delivering superb classwork. But I wanted to congratulate you on contributing increasingly often in the past weeks. You have a real talent for French and I want you to continue playing with language the way you do. Toutes mes félicitations!"
- Mr Lecomte

Rylee Chetwynd 2CD1 (French)
"Rylee I am so impressed with your enthusiasm and the effort you put into every lesson. Your hand is up to answer every single question and you have made so much progress in all four skills this year, particularly in Talking, your pronunciation is excellent! Well done Rylee you truly are a star linguist!"
- Miss Howie

Well done to all our superstars!

FTT

S3 Appliqué tote bags - the students have been developing their sewing machine skills.

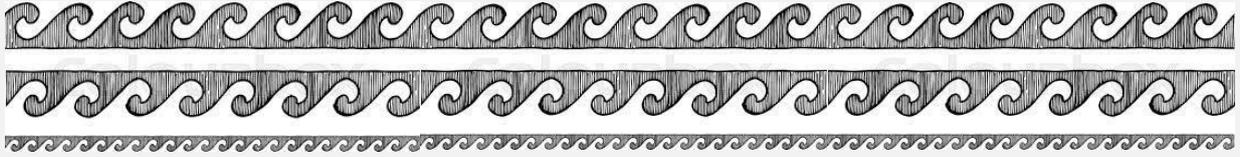


S3s made Nando's Chicken dish today and they all did amazingly with the fine dicing skills and presentation. Great work.



Porty School Show

February 2022 Update!



The Odyssey rehearsals continue ...

And now is the time to add in our

Dancers and Musicians!

All those who are keen to be involved dancing and playing should come to a lunchtime meeting in
the

Drama Studio next Tuesday 8th February at 12.45.

Here are a few photos of our recent rehearsals.

