

## Weekly Update 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

### Farewell to Ms Fotheringham!

After nearly 17 years in her post as DHT for Brunstane House, today sees Ms Alison Fotheringham retire from Portobello High School. Having previously been on the staff as an Assistant Principal Teacher of Guidance in the mid-90s, Ms Fotheringham has worked in Portobello for more than half her career.

Throughout her time in the school, she has been a trusted and valued colleague and an important source of advice and support to a great many young people and families. Her organisational skills are nothing short of legendary, as demonstrated by her effective stewardship of SQA processes, especially during the pandemic.

We thank her for all she has contributed to #TeamPorty and wish her a long and happy retirement!

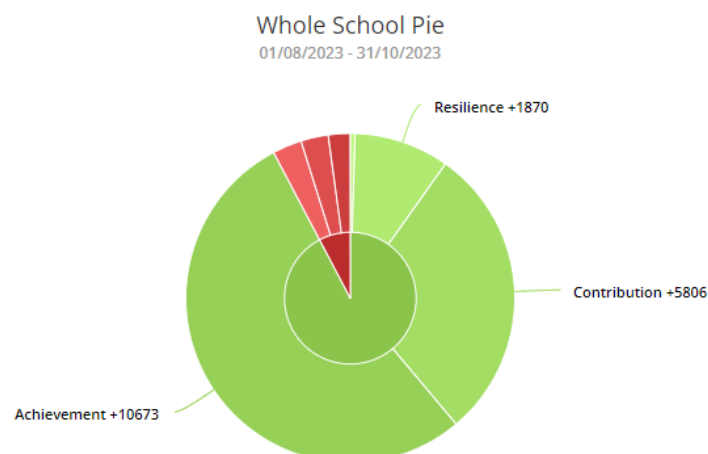


### Class Charts Update

We continue to make use of Class Charts at Portobello High School to communicate behaviour and homework with learners and their parents/carers.

Learners can be awarded 'greens' for occasions when they have been successful in their learning or attitude; 'reds' are given when learners are not successful in meeting our expectations of being Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Since August 2023, more than 18,000 greens have been awarded to learners at Portobello High School. We are very pleased to see that the vast majority of our young people are actively engaged in their learning, behaving respectfully and safely, and picking up greens as a result.



We are also continuing to expand our use of the Homework function on Class Charts. This allows teachers to share due homework via the app with learners and parents.

All learners in S1-6 have received their log in code. Parents have also been given their own access code – these have been emailed home.

If any parent or learner has not received or misplaced/forgotten their log in details, they can receive a reminder of this by emailing Mr McCulloch, Curriculum Leader for Modern Languages, at [andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk](mailto:andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk) stating their child's name and their year group.

Please remember to download the Class Charts app or go to [www.classcharts.com](http://www.classcharts.com) and log in regularly to see how your young person's individual pie chart showing their greens and reds and any homework that has been given.

## Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland

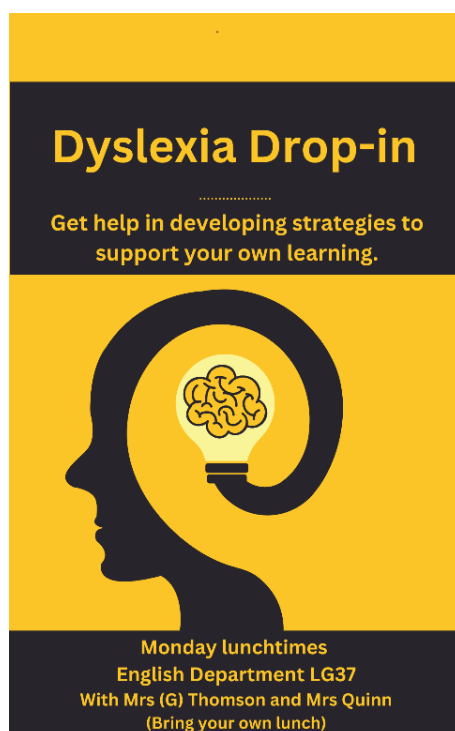
During Dyslexia Awareness Week UK (2-8 October), Mrs Thomson and Mrs Quinn shared information at House Assemblies about what it means to be dyslexic and the [support available in school for literacy difficulties, including dyslexia](#).

This week in Scotland, we celebrate Dyslexia Awareness Week (1-7 November) - another great opportunity to raise awareness of dyslexia among our learners, teachers, parents and carers.

Look out for Ellie's Blue Dyslexia Ribbon being worn around the school and download this [children's presentation from Dyslexia Scotland](#) (ppt.download), with links to two engaging short films called '[See Dyslexia Differently](#)' and another in which Miles explains why his [Dyslexia is both 'rubbish and awesome'](#).



Don't forget that all Porty learners with Dyslexia or literacy difficulties are welcome to come along to our Dyslexia Drop-In Club on Monday lunchtimes in LG37.



## Music

Congratulations to Emily Crump and Lucas Ryan in S3 on achieving a Distinction in their Grade 5 Music Theory exam. Well done!

## Star Linguists

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

A poster titled 'Star Linguists October 2023' with an orange background and yellow stars. It features ten callout boxes, each containing a student's name, class, and language, followed by a quote from their teacher and the teacher's name.

*Star Linguists*  
October 2023

**Logan Welsh 3CD1 (French)**  
"Logan, I was so impressed by your performance for your most recent Speaking assessment. Your pronunciation was lovely and your work was so accurate. You always work really hard in class and you are making amazing progress in the subject. Excellent travail!"  
- Ms Jouve

**Beth Harris 1i (French)**  
"Beth has had a fantastic start to S1 French. She achieved fabulous marks in recent Listening and Speaking tests. Her hand is always up to answer questions and her classwork is always of a very high standard. Fantastic work Beth - bravo! Keep it up!"  
- Mrs Purkiss

**Jas Bakowicz 1H (French)**  
"Jas, you are my Star Linguist for October 2023 because you have made an outstanding start to S1 French. You work so hard in every lesson and you always contribute lots of answers. You have made great progress already with your knowledge of language and grammar. You seem to retain the new words very naturally! Well done, Jas - keep up the great work."  
- Mr McCulloch

**Seren Rockingham 1D (French)**  
"Seren, you are such a star in French this year! I have been really impressed with your work in French, not to mention the full marks that you got in the recent Listening Assessment. You are super helpful to those around you as well. Keep up the brilliant work!"  
- Ms Taylor

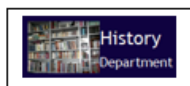
**Maisie McElroy 1F (French)**  
"Excellent work Maisie! You prepared fantastically for your recent assessments in French and it definitely paid off! You should be extremely proud. Keep up this amazing standard moving forward."  
- Miss Brown

**Harry Harrison-Teig 3AB1 (Spanish)**  
"Harry, what a fantastic impression you make in every Spanish lesson. You show consistent effort, focus and participation and your vocabulary and understanding is progressing incredibly quickly as a result. I can always rely on you to have an answer in class, with excellent pronunciation to boot! Well done - keep it up."  
- Miss Davies

**Michael McGuffie 2CD1 (French)**  
"Michael, you have showed some real 'Star Linguist' level of work recently, and I'm very proud of you. Your hand is always up in class and I can always count on you to give me a correct answer if the class is unsure. Moreover, you performed fantastically during the Speaking assessment and have been showing great commitment to your French work. Michael, tu es génial donc continues comme ça!"  
- Mr Lecomte

**Callie Barlow 1B (French)**  
"Callie I have been so impressed with your enthusiasm and hard work in French since August. You always try hard to participate fully during lessons and you work at such a fast pace. Well done for achieving such fantastic scores in your recent listening and speaking tests, you are making excellent progress!"  
- Mrs MacNicol

*Well done to all our superstars!*



# HISTORY DEPARTMENT

## NOV ASSESSMENT-WINDOW NAT 5 REVISION OPPORTUNITIES

|             | TIME                 | ROOM |             | TOPIC                | SKILLS            | SKILLS                  |
|-------------|----------------------|------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| TUES 7 NOV  | Lunchtime            | F12  | Ms Luty     | ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE | EXTENDED RESPONSE | EVALUATE THE USEFULNESS |
| WEDS 8 NOV  | 3-4pm (Teams online) | G18  | Ms Campbell |                      |                   |                         |
| TUES 14 NOV | 4-5pm                | F12  | Ms Luty     | MIGRATION & EMPIRE   | EXPLAIN           | HOW FULLY               |
| WEDS 15 NOV | 3-4pm                | G18  | Ms Campbell |                      |                   |                         |
| TUES 21 NOV | 4-5pm                | F12  | Ms Luty     | FREE AT LAST         | DESCRIBE          | COMPARE                 |
| WEDS 22 NOV | 3-4pm                | G18  | Ms Campbell |                      |                   |                         |

## NOV ASSESSMENT-WINDOW STUDY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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|--------------|--------------|-----|---------|--|
| Every MONDAY | 12:30-1:10pm | F13 | Mr Swan | open floor for any, and all, of your issues. |
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## National 5 Modern Studies- Revision menu

**NATIONAL 5 MODERN STUDIES REVISION MENU**

**DATES + TOPICS**

- 30/10/23, 15:50 (G17)- Causes of crime
- 01/11/23, 12:40 (G18)- Impact of crime
- 06/11/23, 15:50 (G17)- Conclusion
- 08/11/23, 12:40 (G18)- Support + Oppose
- 13/11/23, 15:50 (G17)- Causes of Terrorism
- 15/11/23, 12:40 (G18)- Impact of Terrorism

30TH OCTOBER  
16TH NOVEMBER

## Johnston Carmichael Visit

Miss Richards and Mr Thayne's Higher Business Management classes received a visit from Elisa from Johnston Carmichael who are an Accounting company based in Edinburgh. Elisa spoke about the different opportunities available to school leavers such as apprenticeships, the day-to-day tasks an Accountant would do and the myths of being an Accountant. The classes also took part in a budgeting exercise which looked at how we would advise businesses to cut back on costs especially during the current cost of living crisis. Miss Richards and Mr Thayne would like to thank Elisa for visiting the classes and for her interesting talk.





## Duke of Edinburgh Update

Things are **very** busy this year for DofE, we have a record number of applicants and so have been spending the last few weeks getting things up and running and all of the admin associated with that.

All communication to pupils for DofE (Bronze and Silver) is done via their **DofE Team**. We expect pupils to have notifications switched on for this and to check it regularly. Resources such as training schedules and information from meetings can be found in the Files section of their Team. It is imperative that pupils take the initiative with their award and ensure they attend all training sessions. At Bronze in particular, we will not be allowing pupils who have missed more than 2 training sessions to go on Expedition, as it is not safe for them to do so without having received the full training programme.



### Gold Open Group

If anyone is interested in doing their Gold Award this year they should scan the QR code below and send in their details. This is an open group and so can be continued beyond school.

## FTI

**Cake and Bake** have been working on baking and decorating commercially acceptable cupcakes recently. This week we are making Battenburgs so watch this space for more photos.

**Practical Cookery** have been making and presenting a delicious Cajun Chicken and Rice dish, practicing their knife skills, cooker control and presentation. As well as making Coconut Lemon towers.

**National 4 Practical Cookery** were completing their Soup and Scone assessment and practicing their cheesecake making skills in preparation for their next assessment

**S3 Fashion and Textiles** - Have been working on Sewing Machine driving licences and making fabulous Tote Bags.

## Action for Children – Art Competition

This very exciting competition is being run by Action for Children, if you're interested in curating an entry please see Miss Kaur in F18.



*What makes a neighbourhood?*

**Action for children**

**ART**

**Competition**

*Action for Children*

**Like art? want to be part of helping create change in your community? like prizes?! We want to see your creative ideas!**

**How to enter**

Entry deadline 4th of December 2023

Prizes will be won in each category and from two age groups 12 and under and over 12s

Services can collect local entries and photograph, scan etc them onto [ryan.mcquigg@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:ryan.mcquigg@actionforchildren.org.uk)

**REGISTER**

This art competition is seeking young people to submit things that capture the good AND bad things about their neighbourhood  
This can be done via any 4 mediums of

1. Photography.
2. Craft/drawing/painting.
3. Music/ poem.
4. An open category (like sculpture, video or dance etc)

This competition is only open to the young people who we support, care for and love

Phone us: 0131 370 6730  
Email us: [directhelp@mindroom.org](mailto:directhelp@mindroom.org)  
Website: [www.mindroom.org](http://www.mindroom.org)





## **PARENT AND CARER PEER SUPPORT GROUP**

For parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people in Edinburgh.

### **What are Parent and Carer Peer Support Groups?**

These groups are to help parents and carers to share their knowledge and lived experience of supporting neurodivergent children. Peer support is when people use their own experiences to help each other.

### **What will the Parent and Carer Peer Support Group consist of?**

Each monthly online group will have a topic where parents and carers can share information, resources, and strategies.

### **Where and when will the groups be held?**

This monthly parent-led group, supported by Edinburgh Council, is hosted online on Teams by Salvesen Mindroom Centre.

The next Parent and Carer Peer Support Group for 2023/24 will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.30-11.30am\*** on Microsoft Teams. The topic for this session will be **'Emotional regulation and anxiety school-based avoidance'**.

\* Remaining dates and links will be provided upon signing up.

### **Get in touch!**

To sign up to our Parent and Carer Support groups or to find out more information about any of our services.

Phone us: **0131 370 6730**

Email us: **directhelp@mindroom.org**

Website: **www.mindroom.org**





## DYW Update

It's been a busy week of events with events about careers in hospitality, high end television, accountancy and some financial education thrown in too!

<https://sway.office.com/X2M1AiNhlcPTWIUn?ref=Link>

DYW Weekly Opportunities and Update 1/11/2023

DYW Weekly Opportunities Listing

[Go to this Sway](#)

*I work part time: Mon – 8.30am to 4pm, Tues - 8.30am to 3.45pm, Wed - 9am to 1.45pm.*

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