

Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have shown "co-operation" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Thomas **Year 1:** Mia **Year 2:** Alfred **Year 3:** Millie

Year 4: Olivia **Year 5:** Harry **Year 6:** Lucy

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 94.8%

Well done to Year 1 for best attendance this week at 98%

Attendance raffle

Remember, the 100% attendance raffle has restarted so all children will be entered back into the draw. **BUT they need to be in to win!**

Dates for Diary

- Mon 22nd Jan - Reception/Y6 height & weights check in school via School Nursing Team
- Mon 22nd Jan - Y5 Basketball at Lord Lawson PM
- Mon 22nd Jan - Y6 Parent/carers SATs meeting 5pm
- Mon 29th Jan - Y4 @ Newcastle Foundation STEM
- Mon 29th Jan - Y4 Parent/carers Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) meeting 4.30pm
- Tues 6th Feb - Reception Vision Screening in school via School Nursing Team
- Tues 6th Feb - Safer Internet Day in school
- Mon 12th Feb - Chinese New Year School lunch
- Wed 14th Feb - Valentines School Disco (Reception to Year 6, 4pm to 5pm)
- Friday 16th Feb - Break up for half term

Reader of the Week Award

Celebrating our school's passion for reading! A huge congratulations to this week's school reading award winners. We are delighted to introduce this week's star readers who will receive a certificate:

Reception
Amelia
Bronn

Year 1
Alannah
Daniel

Year 2
Ellyse
Ben

Year 3
Jack
Lucas

Year 4
Harry
Charlotte

Year 5
Amelia
Ava

Year 6
Nifemi
Oliver



Weekly Reading Award

Firstly, the staff at Portobello would like to applaud all our fantastic pupils, who have stepped up to our reading challenge this year. The launch of our new reading award has boosted pupil progress and our love for reading in school and at home.

As we continue into the academic year, our weekly reading award certificates will continue to be given out during our achievement assembly. However, the initial launch prize of a free book from school will be replaced by a team point for each winner so that their success can be celebrated by every pupil in school.

At the end of this half term every child in the 'best reading class' will receive a free book!

Instilling a love for reading remains our top priority for all our amazing children. Well done, Portobello!



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Portobello Parent/Carer Fundraising Committee

We need more volunteers to help manage and run pupil events in school we currently don't have any parents/carers from **Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 4.**

Can you give up a few hours of your time across the year to help plan, manage or support events such as after school film nights/discos and our school fayres?

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Mrs Lister. We would very much welcome new parents/carers to join our existing wonderful team.

For these events to run we need your support.



Right of the week

Article 29 - Aims of Education - Children's education should help them fully develop their personalities, talents, and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures, and differences. It should help them to live peacefully and protect the environment.



Online Safety

Children as young as Reception Class are taking about 'Skibidi Toilet'. It is an animated web series of YouTube videos and shorts created by Alexey Gerasimov and uploaded on his YouTube channel "DaFuq!?Boom!". Produced using Source Filmmaker, the series follows a fictional war between human-headed toilets and humanoid characters with electronic devices for heads. Since the first short was posted in February 2023, Skibidi Toilet has become viral as an internet meme across various social media platforms such as Youtube and TikTok. Skibidi Toilet is not appropriate for children. The series includes lots of adult content and is scary for children. Please check the parent controls on your child's device.

Payments

Please ensure all trips/school lunches etc are paid for online where possible via School gateway. Please ensure breakfast club is booked and paid for online ahead of the session required too.

School dinner money: please aim to clear your account on a weekly or at most, monthly basis. If your account becomes in arrears for a month, you will be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch until the account is in credit.

Contact details!

If you have changed your mobile number or email address recently, can you please send a note into school, email us or pop into the school office to advise. If any of your child's emergency contact list needs updating, please advise. If you have changed address or do so in the future, you must keep us informed.

Eschools App



We use Eschools to send texts/newsletters and lots of other information if you haven't yet downloaded the **FREE** eSchools app please do so to save school money.

You will be able to see messages on the move, as every message we send out will be turned into a push notification too, this will save us money, as we will no longer need to send messages with a costly backup text.

If you would like to check out how the app works, click on the link below:
<https://academy.eschools.co.uk/parents-app/>

HMS Northumberland are on tour and coming to the Northeast.



The ship is open to visitors on Sat 27th January between 1000 and 1500hrs.



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Gateshead Autism Hubs

Parent support groups

Do you live in Gateshead?

Are you a parent/carer of parents and carers of an autistic child or young person aged 0-25 years?

The groups are friendly and welcoming but feel free to bring a friend, partner, relative or anyone else for support. Please note, these are group sessions and 1:1 support cannot be provided.

Sessions are designed for adults so that you can get the most from the support provided. No booking is required, and your young person does not need to have a diagnosis.

Get support and advice
Signposting
Share top tips
Meet other parents
Access resources

WHEN: Thursdays / daytime monthly session / 9:30-11:30am

WHERE: Deckham Family Hub

The Elgin Centre, Elgin Rd, Deckham, Gateshead NE9 5PA

UPCOMING DAYTIME DATES

2023: 16th Nov / 7th Dec

2024: 4th Jan / 1st Feb / 7th Mar / 2nd May

WHEN: Thursdays / evening monthly session / 6-7:30pm

WHERE: Deckham Family Hub

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UPCOMING EVENING DATES

2023: 9th Nov / 14th Dec

2024: 11th Jan / 8th Feb / 14th Mar / 9th May

**For more information, please contact the Gateshead Autism Hubs team:
gatesheadautismhubs@daisychainproject.co.uk. No booking required!**



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