



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021



### **COVID19**

Up to one in three people are asymptomatic and show no signs of having COVID-19 when they are infected. With that information, from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, all primary school staff have been requested to take part in Lateral Flow Device testing twice a week. This may mean that further disruption to class bubbles may be more likely and there is greater potential for classes to close.

Thankyou for your continued support.

### **Sustrans**

**[www.sustrans.org.uk/OutsideIn](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/OutsideIn)**

This is a free resource to help parents who are looking after their children at home.

**Sustrans Outside In** provides fun ideas and inspiration for parents to bring education, health and wellbeing activities into their home.

Parents can access resources by registering for their free parent newsletter. Over four weeks, you'll receive weekly videos, themed activities, games and challenges designed by experienced school officers.

### **Olympic Torch Visit!**

We had an amazing day on Thursday when we had a visit from the Virtual Olympic Torch on its journey across Gateshead. It was amazing to see our school dressed for the occasion and raise everyone's spirits by coming together (whether at school or at home) by taking part in lots of fun physical activities and even designing our own special Olympic torches! It has never been more important to promote health and well-being, as well as being able to celebrate our wonderful school and community!

### **Remote learning**

We are working on ways to improve our remote learning provision and have begun to trial the use of GoogleMeet to enable us to provide some live sessions to pupils.

### **Well-being calls**

Staff have resumed their well-being calls to families. Please watch out for calls from 'number with-held'.

### **Arts Projects for Schools**

Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas Cards through our Arts Projects for Schools initiative. We raised £284 which will go straight back in to buying art resources for school.

