



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2021



**COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols**

Please see attached letter and flowchart for reporting COVID-19 over the Easter holidays.

**Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents**

Check your eligibility - a separate emailed letter explaining who can apply and how to access this support if you have been affected.

**Achievement Assembly**

We have had a themed around Easter this week and children have been awarded certificates for creativity.

**Reception:** Lydia Wharton **Year 1:** Callum Atkinson **Year 2:** Hannah Butler

**Year 3:** Olivia Fiddes **Year 4:** Jessica Charlton **Year 5:** Francesca Turnbull **Year 6:** James Allan

**Celebrating attendance**

Year 4 have the highest attendance this week with 99% - well done everyone.

**Easter Egg Competition**

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in this year's egg decorating competition. We hope you had lots of fun creating your entries.

The winners are: **Reception:** Kieran Taylor-Gibson **Year 1:** Lucas Winchester **Year 2:** Hollie Waggott  
**Year 3:** Ollie Rutter **Year 4:** Louie McTaggart **Year 5:** Phoebe Grant **Year 6:** Caleb Taylor

**School Meals**

From 19<sup>th</sup> April the price of a school meal will increase to **£2.60 per day**. We have managed to hold our price for two years but unfortunately need to make the change to help cover school meal costs. If you have not checked whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals recently, we recommend checking details for eligibility on our website:

[https://portobelloprimary.eschools.co.uk/website/free\\_school\\_meals/475371](https://portobelloprimary.eschools.co.uk/website/free_school_meals/475371)

**Northumbria University**

This half term Years 5 and 6 were invited to take part in a workshop offered by Northumbria University. The workshop provided class-based resources for children to learn about higher education. The children watched virtual tours of Northumbria campus, explored the university website and completed a range of fact-based brainteaser activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about university life and the facilities the campus offers. At the end of the session, our students were placed into a prize draw with the opportunity to win a book token worth £10.00 and we are delighted to say Harry and Macey in Year 5 were successful!

**Dance Unite Competition**

Many of our children have or would usually get involved in an annual dance festival which is held at the Sage every March, because of the pandemic it was cancelled last year which was very disappointing for our amazing troupe of dancers in 2020, we hoped they would be able to perform for school reopening last September alas with bubbles being as they are and no mass gatherings that could not happen either.

This year Dance Unite held a competition to design the front cover of what should have been the programme for the schools show, once again the show could not go on. One of our pupils won the design competition and we would like to say a huge well done to Jasleen Grewal from Year 6, Jasleen has received a prize for her winning entry.

Fingers crossed we might have a troupe of dancers once performing in Dance Unite Schools festival 2022.





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### Sporting Achievements

Well done to Finlay Gray from Year 6, who has been chosen for the district football team, he has his first match on April 7th, against Sunderland district at the Sunderland AFC academy. His recognition was initially through playing for Portobello's school team in year 4 & 5 coached by our very own Mr Malia. Well done Finlay, what a fantastic opportunity.

Two more of our footballing Year 6 pupils have enjoyed invitations to a girl's football camp this week organised and led by our local female England International, Jill Scott MBE. Jill was born and bred in Sunderland and has 150 caps for England to date, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest capped lioness in history. Well done to Macy Bangura and Sienna Small, our future lionesses.

### Teacher Achievements

Not one, not two but three of our amazing Teachers have been nominated for awards this week!

Well done to Mr Chipchase for being runner up in a competition arranged by Kip McGrath Tutoring, Mr Chipchase is truly "Awesome" as it says so on his certificate!

Miss Howe our Year 3 Teacher and Mrs Brooks our Year 6 Teacher and Deputy Head; have both received nominations via the Families Newcastle Gateshead Magazine Awards! The nominations are for the **Star Teacher/Child Carer** category and we will have to wait until later in the year for the results. Well done to both and we thank you for your kind nominations!

### Warning - parking on Tantallon

Unfortunately we have had reports of many punctures to our parent and carers cars again over the last couple of weeks. We avoid caution in parking in the area and ask that should you be affected you contact Northumbria Police. The more of us that do, the more likely we are to see the situation change.

### End of summer term date

School closes to staff and pupils at the end of the day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

### Finally

Have a wonderful Easter break everyone. We hope the sun shines and there are lots of special moments together for you all.

***New rewards and communication tool launching after Easter - more information to follow regarding: Marvellous Me***

***School reopens to staff and pupils, all being well, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.***

