



Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have thoroughly "enjoyed learning" this week.

Well done to the following children:

Reception: Isla **Year 1:** Alannah **Year 2:** Mason **Year 3:** Hollie

Year 4: Leah **Year 5:** Katie **Year 6:** Amelia

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.4%

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

- Y4 to Jarrow Hall - Mon 13th Nov
- Odd sock day - supporting Anti-Bullying Week Tues 14th Nov
- Children in Need - Fri 17th Nov (non-uniform, wear something yellow or spotty, donation required)
- Y2 - A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist Mon 4th Dec
- Y5 trip to Parliament - Monday 4th Dec
- Flu vaccination - Tuesday 5th Dec - whole school
- Choir singing at Morrisons - Tues 5th Dec - timings to follow
- Christmas Film Club - Wed 6th Dec (after school Y1 to Y6) details to follow
- Reception Panto Trip - Thursday 7th Dec
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Thur 7th Dec (donations required)
- School Fayre - Fri 8th December details to follow
- KS2 Xmas show - 2pm Mon 11th Dec
- KS2 Xmas show - 9.30am Tues 12th Dec
- Reception to Y2 Xmas show - 2pm Tues 12th Dec
- Reception to Y2 Xmas show - 9.30am Wed 13th Dec
- Whole School Xmas Dinner - Wed 13th Dec
- Annual Xmas Shop - Monday 18th Dec pupil only event - donations required/details to follow
- KS2 Xmas parties - Tues 19th Dec PM
- Reception to Y2 Xmas parties - Wed 20th Dec PM
- Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip - Thursday 21st Dec - non uniform/party clothes
- Break up for Xmas Friday 22nd Dec - Xmas Jumper day/non uniform
- Inset day Monday 8th January - pupils return Tuesday 9th January 24

Anti-Bullying Week



On Tuesday 14th November we are celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. We will have a full day learning about what bullying is, what to do if you notice it and your trusted adults. Children to come into school wearing odd socks to show everyone is different but we are all equal. (Along with usual school uniform please).

Parent/Carer Appointments

Don't forget to book your parents evening appointment, face to face and telephone appointments are available.

Appointments will be kept to a 5-minute slot, if you have anything specific to speak to the Class Teacher about, a further appointment can be made for you for a more in-depth discussion should you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's schooling. School books will be available to view too.

Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair will be on site too, this will be manned by staff Tuesday to Thursday next week and then the following Monday and Tuesday 3.20 to 4.00pm, you can pop in after school to browse the items available to purchase, children will also get to see the books in school too.

Angel Award

Huge congratulations to Mr Bone who has been awarded a Gateshead Angel Award this year for the community work that he has done around National book day and the International Day of the Girl STEM event. The office of Liz Twist MP was inspired by his dedication, but also his ability to bring in other schools, along with the work on LinkedIn to connect with local businesses and build the community.
Well done Mr Bone!



Rights Respecting Award

We have been awarded a Silver Rights Respecting School Award by UNICEF UK. UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children, and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Silver is given to schools that make excellent progress towards embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum. There are over 1,300 schools across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales that have achieved Silver and over 600 schools that have been awarded Gold, the next step up and highest accolade granted by UNICEF UK. Well done to our Rights Respecting group, you are helping in making a difference to the world!



Rights Respecting - Article 38 Protection from war

Children have the right to be protected during war. No child under 15 can join the army or take part in war.

Children in Need

This year for children in need Joe Wicks is challenging schools to take part in the Pudsey Bearpees challenge. The challenge is for each class to complete 1000 'Bearpees' over the course of next week. Each class will be keeping a track of the amount their class achieves each day with the hopes of reaching 1000 per class by next Friday. Friday 17th is a non-uniform day - wear something spotty or yellow. Please send in your donations throughout the week. Class winner will be announced next week.



Times Table Rockstars

Info for parents/carers of pupils in Y3 to Y6: trockstars.com/parents/

AED - Defibrillator in school

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED or 'defibrillator') is a machine that is placed externally on the body and is used to give an electric shock when a person is in cardiac arrest i.e., when the heart suddenly stops pumping blood around the body. Cardiac arrest can affect people of any age and without warning. If this happens, swift action is vital, and you must call 999 immediately for an ambulance. While the ambulance crew are on their way, early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and prompt defibrillation can help save a person's life.

Modern defibrillators are simple and safe to operate and use. Once attached, the defibrillator will automatically analyse the individual's heart rhythm and, if required, apply a shock to restart it or advise that CPR should be continued. The department has supplied schools in England with Mediana A-15 defibrillators. The Mediana A-15 has both visual and voice prompts to guide the rescuer through the entire process from when the device is first opened.

Portobello's AED is at the main entrance - when school is open this can be used by the whole school community and the wider public too. Please read our separate guide which could help save someone's life.

Field of Remembrance Trip

This week our school was invited to visit the field of remembrance at Saltwell Park. Year 6, on behalf of all the children at Portobello Primary, met a representative from the British Legion and placed hand decorated crosses to show respect for all military personnel past and present.



Reader of the Week Award

At Portobello Primary School we aim to inspire and instil in our students a love for reading. To celebrate our school's passion for reading, we are delighted to introduce a new weekly reading award.

Every week two readers from each year group, who have made excellent progress in reading, will be selected, and gifted the prize of a reading book that they can keep and enjoy at home. We are very excited for our students to have the opportunity to win a book from a wide range of genres and to celebrate their reading achievements in school.

To ensure that your child has a chance to be one of our award winners, please take time to read your child's home readers three times a week and for Key Stage 2 children to complete any units set on Reading Plus. Thank you and happy reading.



Poetry Competition

A huge congratulations to our two poetry winners Billy Y5 and Dylan Y2. Their poems were filled with fantastic imagery about nature and showed confidence with the genre of writing. A huge thank you to all the children who took part in the competition. We look forward to holding our next poetry competition in Spring term.

School Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 13th December.

If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like to order a Christmas school meal, please let the office know and make a payment via ParentPay.
To advise no other meal option is available on this day.

Christmas 2023



PUPILS MENU



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**Roast Turkey Breast with Mini Chipolata,
Stuffing, Roasted and Creamed Potatoes,
Peas & Carrots and
Gravy**

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**Quorn Fillet with Mini Veggie Sausage Roast
and Creamed Potatoes, Carrots & Peas and
Gravy (V) ***

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**Festive Treats: Handmade Festive
Shortbreads, Cookies, Biscuits, Muffins and
Cupcakes**

