



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
14th May 2021



Achievement Assembly

This week children have been awarded certificates for showing a love of learning! Well done to the following:

Reception: Eloise Medd & Jacob Cuthbertson **Year 1:** Jack Birt **Year 2:** Alisa Cunningham

Year 3: Harry Dunn **Year 4:** Lola Tweedie **Year 5:** Joshua White

Year 6: Hayden Steele

Celebrating attendance

Reception have the highest attendance this week with over 99%. Fantastic Reception - well done!

PE CHANGE OF DAYS WEEK 17th May

Please note change to PE days for Reception Class, Year 3 and 6 next week 17th May - as Mr Malia is accompanying our Year 6 pupils on a residential to Robinwood from the 19th.

Reception should come to school in their PE kit on Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 should come to school in their PE kit on Monday and Tuesday

Year 6 should come in their PE kit on Tuesday

Sunday 16th May is National Childrens Day

National Children's Day UK is all about the importance of a healthy childhood, and how we need to protect the rights and freedoms of children in order to ensure that they can grow into happy, healthy adults.

For more information or to get involved see:

www.nationalchildrensdaysuk.com

<https://www.facebook.com/NCDUK2021/>

National Numeracy Day - a message from Mr Chipchase

On Wednesday 19th May we will be celebrating National Numeracy Day. All our students will be taking part in a range of activities that focus on how maths is used in a real-world context. Throughout the school day, we will be completing an exciting construction challenge, a fun sports challenge, a geocache maths trail and we will be taking part in the national number heroes' competition. Numeracy skills form a vital part of our daily lives and our pupils' futures. There are many great ways that your child be supported further with their maths skills in real world contexts at home. Listed below are only a few fun ways:

Money: Allow your child to help with the weekly shop. They could read and compare prices of items; help count notes and coins or help you add up your basket total.

Baking: A great way to not only practice maths but also have a lovely treat. Focus on the reading of scales and amounts of ingredients as well as focusing on the importance of timing.

Exercise: Exercising or being active with your child is a fantastic opportunity to practise maths. You can record times or count the amount of times you are able to complete a certain action/exercise. Beat that personal best with the help of maths!

Board games and card games: Games are an excellent way of working on number knowledge. Focus on counting the amount of turns on a board, numbers shown on a dice/cards or counting points/money in games such as Monopoly.

Treasure hunts: Draw a treasure map of a room in your home or garden on squared paper or a squared grid with coordinates. Hide items around the area and mark their location on your map and let the hunt for treasure begin. Your children will gain excellent position and directional knowledge from this activity. If you'd like to increase the challenge of your treasure hunt get your child to count their steps and list their direction of travel. I hope you and your children enjoy making maths a fun part of every day.

Families Newcastle Gateshead online Magazine

Click on the following: [the LINK to our digital May/June issue](#)

There is a great section on life skills beyond the classroom: from tying a shoe lace to making a bed, a brilliant piece on DIY Father's Day gift ideas too without breaking the bank, as well as competitions to enter as well as ideas for days out and mini breaks in the UK.

