



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
22nd September 2023



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Jack **Year 1:** Miles **Year 2:** Emmie **Year 3:** Jazmine
Year 4: Peter **Year 5:** Hollie **Year 6:** Jake

Celebrating Attendance

Well done to 4 & 5 for best attendance this week at 98%!

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.4%

Attendance raffle

Our termly attendance raffle has restarted once again for this academic year, so all children with 100% will be entered back into the draw. **Remember, they need to be in to win!**

Health and Safety Notice

Please be aware that once children are dismissed into your care they need to be supervised. The KS2 trim trail is not designed for Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 children so we would be very grateful if you could tell your younger children this area is out of bounds for them at the end of the day.

Dates for Diary

- Macmillan Coffee Morning - all welcome Friday 29th Sept 9am - 10am
- Individual School Photos - Tuesday AM 10th October
- Y1 trip to Beamish Museum - Wed 11th October
- Y6 trip to Safetyworks - Thur 12th October
- Y5 visit LLOBA for performance of SHREK - 23rd October
- October Half term 30th Oct to 3rd Nov
- Y6 to Saltwell Park to commemorate Remembrance Day - 7th Nov
- Y2 to Kirkley Hall - 8th Nov
- Children in Need - Fri 17th Nov (non-uniform, wear something yellow or spotty)
- Y2 - A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist Mon 4th December
- Flu vaccination - Tuesday 5th Dec - whole school
- Reception Panto Trip - Thursday 7th December
- School Fayre - Fri 8th December details to follow.
- Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip - Thursday 21st December
- Break up for Xmas Friday 22nd December!
- Inset day Monday 8th January - pupils return Tuesday 9th January 24

Right of the Week - Article 15

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



Flu vaccination programme has been planned for our school on Tuesday 5th December.

Parents/Carers we need your assistance to support the programme. Please action below and complete the online form.

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> using school code **NB108336**





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Re School gateway/ParentPay APP notifications re meals/trips/clubs

Thank you to everyone who has created an account so far - we still need 40 more pupils' parents/carers to do so. Amazing number of you using the app, well done so good to see.

If you are struggling with any aspects of ParentPay, please check out the link below:

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/4407691522449-Account-Access>

For any other enquiries or generic parent support link below:

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th Sept 9am to 10am Parents/Carers/Grandparents welcome

If you are coming along to our fundraising coffee morning and would like to bake a cake/biscuit etc, can they be dropped off before school starts so we can set up before 9am. If you are planning on purchasing any items which can be eaten on the day, could they be dropped off on the 28th? All donations for coffee/tea etc will go directly to the Macmillan charity.



We will be having a best baker & best faker and best attempt bake competition as well as a guess the number of Colin the Caterpillars too with a donation of £1 per attempt to win a prize. As well as a raffle!

Best Baker 
Award this to the best home-bake or make

Best Faker 
Award for the best shop-bought entry - no baking skills required!

Wooden Spoon 
For the baker who it didn't quite work out for

Eschools and Communication from September 23

To ensure you don't miss out on vital school communications/dates from Sept 23, can you please download the Eschools app. Back up texts will no longer occur to non-app users with the rising costs we cannot continue to support this service. [Parents: App - eSchools Academy](#)

Please review newsletters to keep in the loop, these are emailed and added to the website weekly. If you need a paper copy of anything, please let the office know.

How to get started with Easy Fundraising and collect FREE funds for us every time you shop online

How to support Portobello Primary School - [Portobello Primary School Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

1 - Sign up - Provide a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.

2 - Download the browser extension

Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.

3 - Track your donations

You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Portobello Primary School gets paid.

4 - Sign up and support our school! So far you have helped us raise £231.40

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=197716>





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Reminder: We are a nut free school.

We have children with severe nut allergies in school.

If your child brings in a packed lunch, can you please ensure it is completely nut free.

If your child is in Y3 to Y6 and brings a morning healthy snack into school, can you please ensure it is completely nut free.

MarvellousMe notifications

If you would like to receive MM Teacher notifications and check out how well your child is doing in school, you can receive alerts when a new message is sent to you for your child. You also have the option to set up alerts see below:

- Open the Parent app.
- Select **Settings**.
- Ensure the **Get device notifications** option is switched to **ON** (If it is already showing as ON, switch OFF, then back to ON)
- Optional: Switch the **Get email alerts** to **ON**.



Looking to plan a train journey over October half term?

<https://www.thetrainline.com/trains/great-britain/family-train-tickets>



With the Men's Rugby Union World Cup currently in full swing, and the Women's Rugby Union World Cup taking place in the UK in 2025 with fixtures being hosted in Sunderland we thought it would be an excellent opportunity to invite you to come watch some live rugby!

Our Friends at Newcastle Falcons have this great offer for £5 tickets for both adults and children for all schools within the NorthEast.

To access your offer please [click here](#), you will have to create an account in order to book and access pricing.

Please can you share the following offer throughout the school.

Hope you can join us for a great day of rugby.

Falcons Community – Newcastle Rugby Foundation



BIRTLEY COMMUNITY THEATRE JUNIORS

PROUDLY PRESENT

Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
JR

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 3PM & 6PM
SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 12PM & 3PM

PARK VIEW COMMUNITY THEATRE
CHURCH CHARE, CHESTER LE STREET
DH3 3PZ

FOR TICKETS AND FURTHER INFO
PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE GROUP

Songs by

Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham and Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen and Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts; Brian Louiselle; David N. Lawrence and Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by
Brian Louiselle

Book by

David Simpatico

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by
Peter Barsocchini

