



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
22nd November 2024



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Spencer **Year 1:** Charlie **Year 2:** Alannah
Year 3: Dylan **Year 4:** Jazmine **Year 5:** Callum **Year 6:** Lily

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.4%
Well done to Year 2 for best attendance this week at 100%!

Dates for Diary

- Tues 3rd Dec - Whole school Xmas film night (book/pay by midday Fri 29th Nov)
- Fri 6th Dec - Flu vaccination - whole school
- Fri 6th Dec - 2pm School Fayre (donations from Monday 25th please)
- Mon 9th Dec - Y2 A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist PM
- Thur 12th Dec - Save the Children (Xmas jumper day/non uniform)
- Thur 12th Dec - Xmas dinner day (no other options available see menu)
- Mon 16th Dec - Pupil Christmas Shop (donations from Monday 25th please)
- Tues 17th Dec - KS2 Xmas parties
- Wed 18th Dec - Reception, Y1 & Y2 Xmas parties
- Thur 19th Dec - Christmas Breakfast club (book by Fri 29th Nov)
- Thurs 19th Dec - Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip AM
- Break up for Xmas Friday 20th December!

Rights Respecting

Article 42 - Governments should actively tell children and adults about this Convention so that everyone knows about children's rights.



PE kits

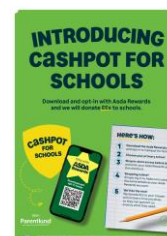
Could you please make sure that your child always has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school, as some PE lessons may still take place outside during the colder months. Outdoor kits should be black/dark blue.
Many thanks

Free School meals

If your financial circumstances change, please check whether your child/children could be eligible for free school meals. This is a confidential service! <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals>

ASDA Rewards

Parentkind - the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up and are continuing with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative - all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, until the 30th November 2024.



Outright Campaign

This year Portobello has signed up to take part in the OutRight Campaign. This is a national campaign which is organized by UNICEF and is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to share their views and really make a change in their local area. Involvement aims to develop knowledge of:

- Children's rights and the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)
- The different mechanisms for using their voice and making change (including democracy and global citizenship)
- How to use their voices, calling on decision-makers to act on the children's rights issues that children themselves see as the most important

We will be completing lots of different activities throughout the year.

As it was World Children's Day on Wednesday 20th November, we chose this date to launch our campaign.

We can't wait to get started! <https://www.unicef.org.uk/.../teaching-resources/outright/>



All we want for Christmas is you.....

Are you looking for a way to spread some holiday cheer and make a difference in our school community? We are in need of parent and carer volunteers this Christmas season! By volunteering, you'll have the opportunity to help plan and participate in exciting events like school fayres, discos, and film nights, which all contribute to a fun and enriching environment for our children. Your involvement truly benefits every student, and we assure you that it won't take up too much of your time. Events like these simply can't happen without your support. For more information, please reach out to Mrs. Lister. Join us in making this holiday season and every season unforgettable for our pupils!



Huge thanks to our new parents/carers who have volunteered this week!

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Upcoming events

Xmas Film Night Tuesday 3rd Dec (whole school) - Please pay by midday Friday 29th November. Please give consent via google form: <https://forms.gle/RqRmG9aY2vyVhqb6p6>

Peter Pan Panto (Y1 to Y6) **Consent can be given via Google form: flexible payment available can be paid in instalments of £5 if required/** please pay in full by Wed 18th Dec.

<https://forms.gle/CQPyRvKFB7rejuCh6Panto>

If you do not want your child to attend the Panto, please advise school via email:

portobelloprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk or comment using the above google form.

Children's Xmas Parties

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - if you would like to pick up your child at midday to get them home and changed for their PM party, please let class teacher know on the day - to be back in school for 1pm

Key stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) - if you would like to pick up your child at 12.30pm to get them home and changed for their PM party please let class teacher know on the day - to be back in school for 1.30pm

Lots of children stay in school and cannot be picked up, please send in party clothes and staff will support their change of clothing if required.

School Xmas Fayre

You can collect children at:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 1.45pm

Year 3,4,5 & 6 @ 1.55pm

As soon as you have collected your children you can come straight into the fayre.

More details to follow re stall holders, raffles/cash prize raffle tickets/tombola's and a special visit from you know who..to follow!

School Xmas Lunch Menu Thursday 12th December

If your child is in Year 3 to 6 and usually has a packed lunch, please ensure you pay for school dinner via school gateway.



The poster features a festive design with a red and white striped border at the top and bottom. At the top center, the text "Merry Christmas" is written in a large, red, cursive font, surrounded by green holly leaves and red flowers. Below this, "Pupil Menu" is written in a green, cursive font. To the right of the text is a circular logo for "GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING" featuring cartoon vegetables. The menu items are listed in bold red capital letters: "ROAST TURKEY BREAST WITH MINI CHIPOLATA SAUSAGE, STUFFING, ROAST AND CREAMED POTATOES, PEAS, CARROTS & GRAVY", "QUORN FILLET WITH MINI VEGGIE SAUSAGE, STUFFING, ROAST AND CREAMED POTATOES, PEAS, CARROTS & GRAVY", and "SHORTBREAD CHRISTMAS TREE BISCUITS, FESTIVE CHOCOLATE MUFFINS OR SATSUMAS". At the bottom, there are illustrations of green Christmas trees.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some 'scary adult thing'. Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and 'nice to haves' is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



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