



Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly celebrated children who have "had a go" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Indie **Year 1:** Amelia **Year 2:** James
Year 3: Emily **Year 4:** Dylan **Year 5:** Faizaan **Year 6:** Molly

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.6%

Well done to Year 4 & Year 6 for best attendance this week at 99%!

Date for Diary

- Mon 24th March - Y5 Easter celebration workshop @ Birtley Methodist Church
- Thur 27th March - Whole School Easter Disco (with party games, 4pm to 5.15pm) details to follow
- Mon 31st March - Reception class trip to Hall Hill Farm
- Thur 10th April - Easter Celebration special lunch (menu on website calendar)
- Friday 11th April - Break up for Easter - Returning Mon 28th April
- Thur 8th May - Reception class trip to Safetyworks
- Mon 2nd June - Inset day
- Mon 1st Sept - Inset day

Rights Respecting

Article 39 - I have the right to get better if I have been hurt or badly treated.

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I have the right to help to get better if I have been hurt or badly treated



Governments should have laws to protect children from harm.

If they are hurt, neglected or badly treated, governments should provide children with special help to help them get better.

Check out some of our World Book Day celebrations

[World Book Day at Portobello.mp4](#)

Nutrition and Hydration Week, Monday 17th - Sunday 23rd March 2025.

Nutrition and Hydration Week has taken place every March since 2012. Its purpose is to bring people together to create energy, focus and fun to highlight and educate people on the value of food and drink in maintaining health and wellbeing.

Nutrition

The Eatwell Guide shows how much of what we eat overall should come from each food group to achieve a healthy balanced diet. You don't need to achieve this with every meal but should try to get the balance right over the day or week.

Hydration

Our bodies need water for a wide variety of functions including regulating body temperature, being physically active and brain function - so it's important to ensure we are drinking the right amount of water to stay healthy.

It's crucial that we know how much fluid we need to stay healthy, what drinks are the best for hydration and why/when our fluid intake requirements may change. The Eatwell Guide recommends that people should aim to drink **6 to 8 cups or glasses of fluid a day**. For further information please visit below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/>



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Parent consultations Reception to Year 5

These will be taking place Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March - these will be a mix of telephone appointments and face to face in school.

Appointment times are 5 minutes per pupil. Teachers will provide a general overview of your child's progress at this time.

If you have anything outside of the general parent evening appointment you wish to discuss, please request a further meeting outside of this time to ensure appointments run as close as possible to the booked appointment time you have chosen.

Booking is now available; this will close Monday 17th March at 9.30am.

Check out our website re: How to book an appointment via your eSchools app.

https://www.portobelloprimaryschool.co.uk/eschools_help_

September Back to school uniform orders

School Uniform cut-off date for back to school is midnight 20th July 2025 (For Home Delivery) and Midnight 15th June (FREE to School Delivery). Emblematic will do their utmost to get your order delivered before the start of term, subject to supplier stock availability.

Orders after this date are not guaranteed and can take over 28 Days due to supply and demand over the summertime. https://www.portobelloprimaryschool.co.uk/how_to_order_school_uniform

Team Portobello news

Well done to our Year 3/4 hockey teams who competed in the event today. They played brilliantly well, both teams coming top in their groups and one team even going through to the final and winning 5-0. Fantastic effort from everyone! #TeamPortobello

Responding to letters/google forms for visits

Please could all parents ensure that they respond to letters and google form links that are sent out via texts for any class visits or events as soon as possible. It is vital that we have the correct information in preparation for each visit and that staff have all the details required for your child too. Many thanks.

Small World Play

Investing in children's play is one of the most important things we can do to improve health and well-being. Our children in Key Stage One have access to outdoor play on our playground every playtime and lunchtime. We have already carefully thought about and planned zones for play opportunities for our children. These include drawing, bikes, building, climbing etc. We would like to further develop our provision to stimulate physical activity and encourage communication and language, and regulation for all. Our aim is to provide all our children with positive outdoor experiences.

Can you donate any pre-loved items?

- Any large-scale games - garden large snakes and ladders, Jenga etc
- Any dolls, barbies etc
- Any small world toys - vehicles, character figures etc
- Plastic or wooden tea sets
- Colouring pens

Please speak to Miss West, Mrs Humprey or Mrs Lister about any contributions you may have.





PPS STEM, our school's robotics team, recently travelled to Telford to compete in the UK Robotics Nationals for VEXIQ. Our STEM squad, the IQ All-Stars, faced off against the top 20 schools in the nation.

Over three action-packed days, the team competed in both driving and coding challenges, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and technical skill. Their hard work paid off as they achieved an impressive 4th place finish in the UK and were awarded the prestigious Create Trophy.

To top off an incredible weekend, the team's coach, Mr. Chipchase, was honoured with the Teacher of the Year award for his unwavering dedication to STEM education and his efforts in providing invaluable STEM opportunities for children across the Northeast of England. The team's success at the nationals and Mr. Chipchase's well-deserved recognition are a testament to the passion and commitment driving the school's STEM initiatives.

Huge thanks to our parents/carers who came along and supported their children at the event too!