



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Theo **Year 1:** Ember **Year 2:** Alex
Year 3: Ellyse **Year 4:** Jack M **Year 5:** Callum **Year 6:** Ava

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.5%
Well done to Year 6 for best attendance this week at 98.8%!

Date for Diary

- **Midnight 15th June - School Uniform order deadline for free to School Delivery**
- Tues 17th June - Y2 & Y4 Newcastle trip & Discovery Museum Workshops
- Thur 19th June - Sponsored colour run event/national picnic day lunch
- Wed 25th June - Y6 Beamish Museum Trip
- By Friday 27th June - Please purchase your Fayre entry ticket online via Schoolgateway by 27th June or purchase on the day of the fayre. Each one bought will be entered into a prize draw.
- Thur 3rd July - Y3 @ cricket all day
- Fri 4th July - Summer School Fayre 2pm
- **Monday 7th July - Occasional Day - school closed to pupils and staff**
- Tues 8th July - Y1 trip to Tynemouth
- Thur 10th July - DT Showcase/workshop, timings will be shared in the summer term

Class Assemblies!

We are absolutely thrilled to invite you back into school for class assemblies over this next half term and the first practises are well underway. Other than Year 6, the assemblies will last approximately 30minutes. If you have mobility concerns, could you please let us know as soon as practical.

On arrival at school please wait behind the wooden gate to the office. We will admit you, as our guests, into the hall as quickly as we can but please be patient as we need to ensure the children are all safely accounted for. The children in the rest of your child's Key Stage will form part of the audience along with yourselves.

We ask that assemblies are not filmed to safeguard all our children. After we have dismissed children from the audience back to their classes you will have the opportunity to take a photograph of your child and spend a couple of moments with them. Please see dates below:

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| • Year 4 - Wednesday 18 th June at 9.30am | Year 3 - Tuesday 24 th June at 9.30am |
| • Year 5 - Thursday 26 th June at 9.30am | Year 1 - Wednesday 2 nd July at 9.30am |
| • Reception - Thursday 3 rd July at 9.30am | Year 2 - Friday 11 th July at 9.30am |
| • Year 6 - Friday 18 th July at 9.30am | |

Rights Respecting

Article 30

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I have a right to speak my own language and to follow my family's way of life

Governments should make sure children can learn the language, religion, and culture of their family if it is different from those of most people in the country where they live.



Nessy Breakfast

Please ensure your child arrives at school no earlier than 8:30am for Nessy Breakfast sessions. In recent weeks we have had several children arriving before this time, the session is staffed from 8.30am. Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning at home and at school.



NEEDS YOU!

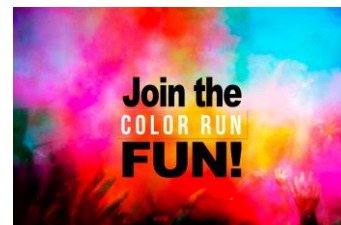
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Can you spare a few hours of your time?
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Do you know any local businesses who would be willing to donate anything towards our fundraising?

Do you or anyone you know have any skills we could use at our fayre?
Face painting/Hair braiding/ Circus skills
Please Contact Mrs Lister if you can help!



Everyone's invited!

SPONSORED COLOUR RUN FOR PRIDE

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE, 2:00PM
Funds raised will go towards new equipment for school

£4 ENTRY FEE FOR MAINTENANCE

Enjoy our fun small obstacles and powder spray stations!

For the event, all participants will need to wear an old white t-shirt and sunglasses.

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION

Sponsored Colour Run at Portobello Thursday 19th June 2025 @ 2pm

An account has been created on Schoolcomms/ParentPay for parents/carers to collect sponsorship money from friends and relatives to pay online: FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS 2025 or send in cash to school along with sponsor form.

NB: if you or an adult family member are entering to take part on the day, please pay the £4 adult entry fee online or send in an envelope to school re: Parent/Carer Entry Sponsored Colour Run Thursday 19th June 25. Please make sure you add the name of the adult taking part too and for which child.

For your child to take part in the colour run please complete below consent by 23rd May

<https://forms.gle/yfMAanrJVApfPFRG7>

The colour run on the 19th of June also coincides with National Picnic week and on the day, there will be no other dinner option available.

CoderDojo @ Gateshead Library

What is a CoderDojo? CoderDojo is a free coding club ran at Gateshead Central Library on the second Saturday of every month. The club is free of charge and offers children the opportunity to learn about cybersecurity, games, programming and building their own websites. If you are interested in taking part, then please contact the team on the website:

<https://coderdojonortheast.org.uk/>

NATIONAL PICNIC WEEK

June 2025

Selection of Wraps
(Tuna, Cheese or Ham)
Ham & Cheese Roll or Cheese & Tomato Roll
Chicken or Quorn Bites
Vegetable Sticks
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Ice Lolly
Bottled Water

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Weekly Newsletter
13th June 2025



Team Portobello news

County Netball Finals

We are so incredibly proud of our netball team who narrowly missed out at being crowned county champions in the finals last week! They played so well and deserve all the praise that they get. 2nd in the county is a fantastic achievement. Well done everyone!

Sports week

We have had a fantastic sports week with all of our children enjoying taking part in sports day and school games day! Well done everyone, you have been amazing!

Congratulations to 2 of our Year 6 children

A huge well done to Iona and Ava T who were offered places at Durham football academy this week. This is thoroughly deserved, and we are so proud of you both.

SCHOOL FAYRE

FRIDAY 4TH JULY @ 2PM

TICKETS: £2.50 PER CHILD

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY
UNTIL 27TH JUNE 2025
OR ON THE DAY AT THE MAIN RECEPTION

Ticket Includes:

Access to the Open Arena, where children can explore and develop their circus skills alongside the amazing team from Circorama!

Every ticket purchased will be entered into our Prize draw.

1st prize a £20 Metrocentre voucher
2nd prize a £10 Metrocentre voucher

CIRCORAMA



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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY

Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING

Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES

Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.

PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.

ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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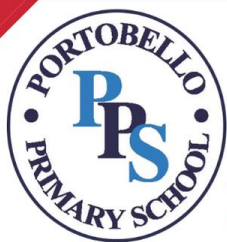
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