



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
20th June 2025



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Harry S **Year 1:** Eli **Year 2:** Ellen

Year 3: Theo **Year 4:** Dylan **Year 5:** James **Year 6:** Jack

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.4%

Well done to Year 1 for best attendance this week at 98%!

Date for Diary

- Wed 25th June - Y6 Beamish Museum Trip
- **By Friday 27th June - Please purchase your Fayre entry ticket online via Schoolgateway by 27th June to be entered into a prize draw on the day of the fayre.**
- 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:

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

Health and Sports week's

Well done to all our pupils for taking part in health and sports weeks, the pinnacle must be our Colour Run yesterday, well done to Miss Tindale and Miss Pendleton for organising, huge well done to all our pupils who took part and all adults who participated too. All donations will be used to purchase sports and play equipment for school. Thank you for all your positive messages regarding the event too.

Gateshead Young Carers Service

If your child is aged between 5 and 17 and they help a family member who would not be able to do things without your help, then they might be a young carer. Gateshead Young Carers is a free service that supports children. They have lots of opportunities for young carers to take short breaks from their caring role, meet other young carers and talk to supportive team workers. Pop in and pick up a leaflet from school reception to find out more.



Rights Respecting Article of the Week - Article 16

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I have the right to keep some things private



There should be laws to make sure a child's diary, online messages and phone calls remain private.

Governments should protect children from attacks against them, their way of life and their home.

Exciting update from PPS STEM & Robotics!

This week's post is all about our "STEMtastic" Key Stage 1 team:

⚡ PPS Bright Sparks!

Our group of ten brilliant Year 2 pupils amazed us this week with their curiosity & problem-solving skills using VEX123 robots on their custom-designed competition field. It was their first attempt at scoring points, and they managed to triple their scores by the end of the session!

Great work, PPS Bright Sparks! We cannot wait to see how you get on at VEX123 Gateshead.

[PPS Bright Sparks.mp4](#)

VEXGO

A huge well done to our Year 5 all female VEXGO robotics team. On Tuesday the team finished in a brilliant second place out of 18 schools. It was amazing to see the progress all of the children have made with their coding. A big thank you to Atom technology solutions for team sponsorship this season.

[VEXERS End of Season.mp4](#)





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 Circurama!

Every ticket purchased will be entered into our Prize draw.

1st prize a £20 Metrocentre voucher

2nd prize a £10 Metrocentre voucher





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Please keep the donations coming in, box at the main entrance for dropping off at any time during the day or send into class with your child.
We can't do this without you!



NEEDS YOU!

We are planning our Summer Fayre and we need your help!

Do you have any donations for our tombola or raffle?

We would appreciate any suitable items such as unused gifts, bottles, chocolates etc

Please leave any donations at the drop off point at reception.

Can you spare a few hours of your time?

We are always looking for volunteers to join our Fundraising Committee or even just help out on the day!

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 brading/ Circus skills

Please Contact Mrs Lister if you can help!



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 YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as "Preschool" or "Younger". You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the "Recommended" icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's "My Activity" page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

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