



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Lucas **Year 1:** Lily **Year 2:** Bella **Year 3:** Mia
Year 4: Emily **Year 5:** Aishah **Year 6:** Charlotte

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.3%

Well done to Year 5 for best attendance this week at 100%!



Peanut ball or gym ball

We would be very grateful if you have a spare/ unloved gym or peanut ball which you could donate please!

Dates for Diary - Please check out the parent planner for future dates/events emailed 18th November.

Calling all Parents/Carers/Grandparents - WE NEED YOU!!

Our School Xmas Fayre is only 1 week away; wow we can't quite believe it. In the meantime, please keep the donations coming in, we can't have a fayre without your support.

Xmas Fayre Donation suggestions:

We would love to run a bottle tombola - if you've a bottle of something alcoholic or non-alcoholic please pop them into school for the fayre. Family and children's board games, toys, Xmas smellies always go down a treat too.

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.

Families Magazine - Here is your November/December magazine!

There's lots to get excited about in our November/December magazine. Pick up some great present ideas in our children's gift book guide and don't miss our interesting school articles. Plus, lots more!

[READ NOW](#)

Brighten the day Christmas launches 27th November

For Low cost/free activities for families <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/9646/What-s-on> filter using the menu for Children/ Young People and facebook.com/GatesheadFamilyHubs

There are free activities at Birtley Library on a weekend too.



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Stepping Up is a brand-new digital guide and App designed to support young people, their families, and carers as they move through key stages of life — from early years to adulthood.

What's Inside?

- Clear guidance and key principles for all young people
- Enhanced support for those with additional and complex needs
- Practical ideas, helpful questions, and things to explore
- Tools to help young people and families successfully navigate the many transitions they will encounter
- Co-created with young people, families, carers, and professionals — this digital guide is built on real experiences and real needs.

Visit the Stepping Up website to find out more and to download the app:

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/stepping-up>



Supporting Families, Professionals & Communities to protect children across Gateshead

Internet Safety

The internet offers children access to information, communication with their friends and opportunities for exploring the wider world. Children get a lot of benefit from being online. However, they should have parental supervision and good advice to make sure their experiences are happy and safe.

See below link for advice and resources.

<https://gatesheadsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/parents-carers/online-safety/>



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
28th November 2025



Keeping our Children Safe

We ensure that safeguarding permeates all aspects of our school life. There can be no issue of greater importance to our staff, governors and parents and carers, than the safety of our children. We ensure that the following underpins everything we do:

- Protecting our children and learners from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of our children's and learners' health or development
- Ensuring that our children and learners are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Undertaking a role to enable those children and learners to have optimum life chances and to enter adulthood successfully

If you have concerns about any child, please to speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

- Mrs Humphrey (Headteacher) - Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Miss West (Deputy Headteacher) - Deputy Designated Lead
- Miss Clarke (SENCo) - Deputy Designated Lead
- Mr Chipchase - Deputy Designated Lead

NB: Gateshead Local Authority have also launched a brand-new website dedicated to safeguarding children in Gateshead. It's designed to be your go-to hub for all things related to children's safeguarding, packed with resources, guidance, and updates. <https://gatesheadsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>

Can you support our School?

Christmas Shop Donations
Required

We would like to set up a Christmas Shop with a buy a gift & wrap service in school on Monday 15th December. All pupils, should they wish to take part will be able to choose and buy a gift for a loved one for £2.00 - this gift would be wrapped and then be addressed to a loved one to open at Christmas.

Can you help? We have 183 wonderful pupils in our school - we therefore need 183 donated gifts which we can display in our shop from which a child will choose one and it will then be wrapped and tagged ready to bring home.



Donated gifts can be for all ages (no alcohol products allowed) - do you have any new unwanted gifts to donate to school - a bath bomb, bubble bath, a candle, sweets, any unused soft toys/games, books, colouring items, packets of seeds for a garden maybe, a scarf or a cotton hanky even. We also ask for donations of wrapping paper and small/medium gift bags.

Staff will be on hand to carefully help wrap up each gift and each pupil buying a gift for £2.00 will write their gift tag or get support doing so.

Donations to be with us by Thursday 11th December please.

The gift of giving for just £2 is cheaper than the shops and a lovely experience for the children to choose something by themselves for a loved one too. All proceeds raised will go towards buying equipment for our school.

Kind regards Miss Wyatt



ALL
INVITED

Christmas FAYRE MARKET

CASH RAFFLE DRAW AT 3.15PM

GET YOUR GIFTS AND DECORATIONS
WHILE SUPPORTING SMALL LOCAL
BUSINESSES

TEN STALL HOLDERS ON SITE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

OPENS AT 2PM UNTIL 3.30PM



AT PORTOBELLO PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Christmas



★ CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT:

1.40PM RECEPTION AND KS₁ (Y₁ & Y₂) ★

VIA KS₁ YARD

1.45PM KS₂ (Y₃ TO Y₆) – VIA THE KEY
STAGE 2 YARD

ONCE ALL CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PICKED UP FROM THE KS₁ YARD
CAN YOU MAKE YOUR WAY TO STAND BEHIND THE KS₁ WOODEN
ENTRANCE GATE AND ALONG TO THE PATH/CARPARK OR HEAD
TO THE KS₂ YARD AND GIVE US 10 MINUTES TO GET EVERYTHING
INTO PLACE READY TO OPEN THE DOORS AT 2PM.

EVERYONE WELCOME, BRING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS ALONG TOO, CAN DROP IN FROM 2PM
ONWARDS.

PLEASE GIVE US 10 MINS TO GET EVERYONE
IN PLACE - OPEN AT 2PM

STALLS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

SUGAR STATION - ALL THINGS SWEET AS WELL AS A I'M A CELEBRITY LUCKY
DIP BOX - IF YOU DARE PUT YOUR HAND INSIDE..

NANA LYNNE BOWS AND BANGLES - A VARIETY OF GIFTS LOVINGLY
CREATED JUST FOR YOU!

CAKES BY OSCAR - THE BEST CAKES IN BIRTLEY, BUY TODAY OR ORDER FOR
ANOTHER DAY

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CAKESMADEBYOSCAR](https://www.facebook.com/cakesmadebyoscar)

SUSAN E WILLIS CELEBRATED LOCAL AUTHOR FROM BIRTLEY: BOOKS
ABOUT NORTH EAST SUCH AS CHRISTMAS DELIVERY, DARK ROOM
SECRETS CHECK OUT

[HTTPS://WWW.GOODREADS.COM/AUTHOR/LIST/4097547.SUSAN_E_WILLIS](https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/4097547.SUSAN_E_WILLIS)
FOR MORE INFO

MALLOW SQUISHY LUXURIES - BRACELETS AND LIBERTY STYLE BAGS PLUS IPAD
COVERS, BASKETS, KEY RINGS AND MORE

BEN G'S GRAN - DELICIOUS HOMEMADE PIES AND QUICHES

CUP DESIGNSXOXO - PERSONALISED BOTTLES & CUPS, GLASS CUPS WITH
STRAWS

I MAKE STUFF 3D PRINTER CHILDREN'S ITEMS INCLUDING KEYRINGS, FIDGETS,
FIGURINES AS WELL AS CLOCKS AND GUITARS

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=61582802708644](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61582802708644)

FAYE'S PAINTS (FACE PAINTER) [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FAYESPAINTS](https://www.facebook.com/fayespaints) OR
@FAYESPAINTS ON INSTAGRAM

JEAN YOUNG - GRINCH BAUBLES, LIGHT UP WREATHS, TREE DECORATIONS
PERSONALISED CUSHIONS & HANDMADE TEA LIGHTS

PLEASE GIVE US 10 MINS TO GET EVERYONE
IN PLACE - OPENS AT 2PM

SCHOOL STALLS AVAILABLE

CHRISTMAS CLASS CRAFTS AVAILABLE TO BUY: HANDMADE BY YOUR
CHILD - PRICES FROM 50P

TOMBOLA £1 A STRIP

GUESS NAME OF THE GIANT "HIGHLAND COW" £1 A GO

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE XMAS CAKE £1 A GO

LUCKY DIP BOX £1 A GO - TRY YOUR HAND TO SEE IF YOU CAN DIG OUT
THE CASH PRIZE TOO

SANTA'S GROTTO - £1 DONATION PER CHILD WITH A GIFT FROM SANTA
HOT CHOCOLATE & MINCE PIE £2
JUICE AND BISCUIT £1

**XMAS CASH RAFFLE BOOK WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD
ON FRIDAY 28TH
£100, £50 AND £25 CASH PRIZES**

**MUST RETURN BOOK BY WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER TO BE ENTERED
INTO THE DRAW.**

**IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE DRAW PLEASE SEND BACK TO
CLASS MONDAY.**