



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Ewan **Year 1:** Evie **Year 2:** Isobella

Year 3: Harper **Year 4:** Max **Year 5:** Jack M **Year 6:** Charlotte

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.2%

Well done to Year 2 and Year 3 for best attendance this week at 99%!

Dates for Diary

Clubs have started

NB: the following clubs will run for x 5 weeks and end week 9th February:

Rights Respecting, Eco Club, Sports Club, Lego and Football

Other dates

- Wed 4th February - Y3 Trip to Segedunum Roman Fort
- Tues 17th February - Pancake Day at Breakfast Club - must book!
- Tues 17th February - Chinese New Year Menu and Pancake Day pudding: details to follow
- Thursday 19th February - Non-Uniform day fundraising for Benny
- Thursday 19th February - Valentine's Disco - see details on pages 3/4
- Fri 20th February - Inset day/break up for February half term returning Monday 2nd March

Families Magazine

In your January/February magazine, you'll find interesting articles and features on education, early years and health. Discover the role of schools in children's mental health and the importance of allowing children to develop at their own pace. Plus, some great ideas for New Year's Resolutions you'll be able to stick to!

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Rights Respecting Article of the month: Article 12

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I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously



When adults are making decisions that affect children they should ask them what they think.



Adults should take account of children's views when making the decision.



Children should be supported to give their views in a way that is best for them.

Lost Property Notice

A grey Stanley-style water cup was found in the school meeting room on the day of the Christmas Fair (the one where the tombola was held).

If you think it might be yours, please get in touch with the school office to claim it. It's still unclaimed!



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 Weekly Newsletter
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Parent/Carer Workshop: Would you like to find out about what it means for us to be a Rights Respecting School?

Rights are important to everyone at Portobello. During Multicultural Week, we would love for you to come and join us to find out more about what we do as a Rights Respecting School. You will join your child to take part in many different activities all to do with rights. We can't wait to see you there!

Date: Wednesday 18th February

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Parents/Carers between 9.15 - 10am

(For Reception and KS1 Parents/Carers - our hall will be available to wait in after dropping off your child as the session will start as soon as registration is complete)

Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) Parents/Carers between 10.15 - 11am

Please complete the below google form to advise if you can make it, a grandparent or other adult family member is welcome if you cannot make that date,

Kind regards

Miss Pendleton

<https://forms.gle/xEh3EiipCooXa2ye6>

BOOK ONLINE BY MIDDAY Monday 16th February

Breakfast Club are celebrating Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday, 17th February.

There will be pancakes galore on Tuesday, 17th February. Pancakes will be served with fresh fruit toppings and chocolate, or syrup sauce will be available too. Usual breakfast club food items are available too!



Year 1 to Year 6
Valentine's Disco!
 Thursday, February 19th,
 straight after school!
 Collect from the normal key
 stage pick up yard @ 4.30pm

 £3 per pupil includes: entry,
 juice cup, crisps & a special
 valentine's mix up too.
 Payment required by Friday
 13th Feb!

Non-uniform day
fundraising for Benny
£1 per child

Fundraising for Benny We are having a non-uniform day on Thursday, 19th February, which is our last day of this term. We hope you can help us to raise some much-needed funds to help Benny receive lifesaving treatment. Benny is known to some of our families who have asked us if our school can support their friend. Please click on the link and read Benny's story. Can we ask you to put your hand in your pocket and donate £1 for your child to come into school in non-uniform? They can come in whatever clothes/dressy up outfits they wish, so long as they are warm enough and the clothing is suitable for school. No cropped tops please, and easy toilet access clothing a must! <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/benjaminahmanizad>

Benny is fighting a life-threatening cancer

Benny is a happy and caring four-year-old who loves dinosaurs, Ninja Turtles, pizza and dreams of playing for Newcastle United when grows up. In February 2023, at just two years old, he was diagnosed with stage 4 high-risk neuroblastoma. After completing treatment in March 2025, he began CPMD, a relapse-prevention drug. Sadly, scans in September showed that Benny's cancer had returned. His family is now fundraising in the hope that they can travel to Rome for life-saving treatment.

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 Stand By Benny

You can give Benny hope by donating today:

To donate online, visit: solvingkidscancer.org.uk/children/benny

To donate by text, send the word **BENNY** followed by any whole amount (up to £20) to 70085

As an example, texting **BENNY 5** would cost 15 p plus your standard network text charge

SCAN TO DONATE

If you would like to fundraise for Benny, please contact: [Solving Kids' Cancer UK](https://www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk) for support at [fundraisingsolvingkidscancer.org.uk](https://www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk) or on 020 7284 0800

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Reception Class Valentine's Disco!

Thursday, February 19th,
during school time!
Collect at 3.20pm

£1.50 per pupil includes: juice cup, crisps &
a special Valentine's mix-up.
Payment required by Friday, 13th Feb!

Non-uniform day
fundraising for Benny
£1 per child

Gateshead
Libraries



Saturday Craft Club: Meet Gemma Koomen

Saturday 7 February
Birtley Library
11am-12pm

Meet author and illustrator Gemma Koomen, whose illustrations have brought our library to life. Find out more about her books and take part in a craft activity.

For ages 5+
Free, pre-booking essential

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70's vs 80's vs 90's

FAMILY DISCO

BEST DRESSED CHILD & ADULT COMPETITION

MUSIC

»»» FOOD «««

DRINKS

8TH FEB | 3 PM - 5PM

£3 PER PERSON

BIRTLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
 RAVENSWORTH ROAD, BIRTLEY, DH31EN

