

January 2018



Portlethen Primary

Newsletter



School Values

- **T**rust
- **T**eamwork
- **R**espect
- **A**chievement
- **I**nclusion
- **N**urture

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
29.3.18 at 3.20pm	16.4.18 at 9am
6.7.18 at 3.20pm	21.8.18 at 9am
IN-SERVICE/ OCCASIONAL DAYS	
8.2.18-14.2.18 (inclusive)	
7.5.18 (May Day)	

We raised £90 from the church collection which will be donated to SNAC (Scottish Network for Arthritis in Children)

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new year to our pupils, families and the community! I trust you had a restful (and hopefully a little indulgent) break. The children have returned to school ready for the busy term that lies ahead.

At our first assembly of the year we had fun trying to match the New Year resolutions to the teachers who made them. We have this morning been listening to some of your New Year resolutions and if your children think you'll be successful. No pressure! The weather can become bad very suddenly at this time of year so please ensure your children have appropriate clothing including a warm jacket, a hat and gloves. Please check the status of the school's opening regularly during snowy/icy conditions as decisions are made depending on the weather as well as the ability of staff to travel.

You have the right to play and rest, Article 31, UNCRC

Scottish Poetry Recitals

The children all made a great effort to learn their Scottish poem off by heart. This is not an easy task at all so well done to everyone!

Beth Pratt from the Robert Burns Federation kindly came along to school to help judge the competition. The finalists did not make it an easy decision but after much deliberation a winner from each class has been chosen. They will recite their poems to the whole school at an assembly on Thursday 25th January at 2.30pm. Parents of the winners will be invited to the assembly to hear the recitals. They are in for a treat!

Attendance

As we start a new year, I would like to emphasise the importance of good attendance. The attendance stars for December are: P1, P2/3A, P3/4 and P4. Congratulations!

Staffing

Mrs Vivier was welcomed to our team on 18th December. She works with P2/3 on Mondays and Tuesdays and a number of other classes for the rest of the week. Mrs Saunders is now teaching P4 on Thursdays and Fridays.

All of our achievements are shared on Twitter first! Don't miss out!



@Portyschool

1,122 tweets, 617 followers and 1,015 likes.

Adverse Weather Communication:

Website

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>

Adverse Weather Phone Line
0370 0544999
Pin No: 022450

Updates available via Northsound 1

Xpressions App

School Facebook Page



P2 Reading Café

Our next Reading Café is for P2s and their parents and takes place on Monday 22nd January at 2.50pm. Come along and accompany your child to listen to a story read by Anne Carolan of the Library Service. Enjoy a cuppa whilst she talks to parents about reading. Look forward to seeing you all.

Responsible Citizens

I am very proud of a group of our children from various classes who spent a whole morning clearing up the wooded area adjacent to the school. The enthusiastic team used the important skills for life of problem solving and working well with others. They collected four large bags of rubbish! Let's hope that those who made this mess do not re-visit so that we can use the area for valuable outdoor learning opportunities. Fabulous job!

I liked to see the woods look nice and clean. I felt good once it was done.
Olly

It was a little bit hard work. We found a football when we were doing this and gave it to the school.
Logan

Parents' Groups News

Friends of Portlethen Primary:

- The next FOPP coffee morning is 26/1/18 at 9.10am
- Valentines disco 15/2/18. Helpers required

Parent Partnership:

- Next meeting - 30/1/18 at 6.30pm

Dates for your diary: (any additions/changes from last newsletter are highlighted)

8.1.18-25.1.18	Burns poetry recitals and competition
19.1.18	P4 Assembly (parents welcome)
22.1.18	P2 Reading Café (2.50pm)
25.1.18	Scottish Poetry Recital Assembly at 2.30pm
30.1.18	Parent Partnership Meeting
1.2.18	P1 and P7 dental checks
2.2.18	P3/4 Assembly (parents welcome)
6.2.18	Safer Internet Day
16.2.18	Numeracy Drop-In Session (9.15-9.45am)
19.2.17	P3 Reading Café (2.50pm)
20.2.18 and 27.2.18	P5 Active Schools Rugby Taster Sessions
21.2.18	Abernethy Information Evening(6-7pm)
23.2.18	P5/6 Assembly (parents welcome)
26.2-9.3.18	Fairtrade Fortnight
2.3.18	P2/3A Assembly (parents welcome)
7.3.18-28.3.18	P5 Club Golf - Wednesdays
12.3.18	British Science Week
19.3.18	Nursery Reading Café (11.30am and 2.50pm)
W/C 26.3.18	World Autism Awareness Day (day tbc)
26.3.18	Parent Partnership Meeting
26-29.3.18	Abernethy