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Portlethen Primary



Newsletter

School Values

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

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 31 st March	Tuesday 18 th April
Monday 1 st May (May Day)	Tuesday 2 nd May
Friday 30 th June	Tuesday 22 nd August

Answering Machine for reporting absences:
01224 780238

All of our achievements are shared on Twitter first! We have shared 658 pieces of information since the start of session. Don't miss out!



@Portyschool
658 tweets, 457 followers and 742 likes.

Dear Parents/Carers

We will say "au revoir" to the children and staff of Hillside School and give them our very best wishes as they move to their new school. This session has been spent building our new Portlethen Primary identity which will shape our future as a pupil, staff, parent and community team. It is now time to focus on Portlethen Primary as our own entity. The spirit and ethos of our school community is strong and supportive and there are exciting times ahead. The staff wish the children and families a very happy Easter holiday.

P7 Rotary Quiz

Congratulations to both Portlethen teams who placed 1st and 2nd in the cluster heats against Fishermoss, Newtonhill, Banchory-Devenick and Hillside. A clean sweep! What a fabulous achievement! The winning team of: Aannah, Millie, Chloe, Munsif and Euan will go through to the next round. Best of luck!

Science Week

The pupils enjoyed a fabulous range of exciting learning opportunities during science week. They enjoyed making volcanoes, handling animals, solving design challenges and conducting a massive range of experiments that popped, fizzed and exploded.

Thank you to parents who came along to the science fayre and for the constructive and positive feedback. We were very privileged to have a great many visitors who helped facilitate this marvellous week and a huge thank you to Portlethen Academy science department for their amazing contribution to make it such a roaring success! The staff at Portlethen Primary always work hard to ensure the children are motivated, challenged and have fun!

"I learned that bigger people have bigger lungs than smaller people, so your lungs grow with you" Morag

"My favourite was the food colouring experiment. Fairy liquid pushes the food colouring away." Alex

You have the right to become the best you can be. Article 29, UNCRC

Parents' Groups News

Friends of Portlethen Primary meeting - to be confirmed
- Spring Fayre - Saturday 6th May, 10am-1pm

Parent Partnership meeting - Wednesday 29th March at 6.30pm

PIP - Joint Movie Night with Hillside and Fishermoss.
Zootropolis - Friday 28th April at Portlethen Academy, 6pm.

Dates for your diary

27.3.17-31.3.17
National Autism
Awareness Week

29.3.17
Onesie Wednesday

29.3.17 (2-3pm)
Whole school
sponsored Hip-Hop at
Portlethen Academy

31.3.17
Coffee
Mental Maths Open
Session
Easter Bonnet Parade
Adventure Park

2.5.17 and 4.5.17
Parents' Evenings -
traditional format

9.5.17-12.5.17
P7s at Abernethy

31.5.17
New P1 Parents'
Evening

7.6.17
Sports Day at Nicol
Park

14-16.6.17
P7 Academy Visit

**June - date to be
confirmed**
P7 leavers' treat

30.6.17 at 9.45am
End of term service
and P7 awards at the
church. All welcome.

National Autism Awareness Week

Children will be learning about the challenges that those on the autistic spectrum cope with every day. Children may, if they wish, wear their Onesie (or pyjamas) on Wednesday 29th March.

In the afternoon we will be participating in a whole school sponsored hip-hop event. Proceeds will go to PIP and will be used to purchase outdoor sensory play panels for the rear of the playground.

Children who are wearing fluffy onesies may want to change into their gym kit for hip-hop.

Last Day of Term - Friday 31st March

This will be a very busy last day!

Mental Maths Open Session

Parents are invited to a mental maths open session between 9.15am and 9.45am in your child's class. You will observe the children using a variety of strategies that have been introduced following staff training in November and February on "Maths on Track". **Please join the senior leadership team for a coffee and a chat in the hall beforehand (from 8.50am).**

Easter Bonnet Competition

Children and staff may participate in the Easter bonnet parade. There will be prizes for the best bonnet in each class.

Activities

All classes will be spending time at the Adventure Park or Nicol Park later in the morning followed by class activities in the afternoon.

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

Trial of New Lunch Break

The trial of the whole school lunch break is still going ahead on week commencing Monday 27th March. Portlethen pupils will have lunch between 12.10 and 1.10 pm. Children who are home lunch should be collected or released with prior permission at 12.10pm. The lunch break for Hillside pupils will be adjusted accordingly.

You have the right to food ... and to have your basic needs met, Article 27, UNCRC

Nursery

We wish the children who are transferring to Hillside Nursery after the Easter holidays all the best. We will miss you. Best of luck also to Mrs McDermott from Portlethen Nursery and Mrs Muir and Mrs Forbes from PEYS who are moving to Hillside Nursery.

The children will begin to learn about springtime next week. We are looking forward to having caterpillars and tadpoles in the nursery!

There is lots to look forward to in the next term, not least of which is our day trip, venue to be confirmed.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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