



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2023



### Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have used their "imagination" this week. Well done to the following children:

**Reception:** Harry **Year 1:** Harper **Year 2:** Dylan **Year 3:** Alfie

**Year 4:** Jacob **Year 5:** Lucas **Year 6:** Grace

### Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.4%

### Attendance raffle

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that we had 48 children with 100% attendance this half term! This means we had 48 entries into our raffle for two £50 shopping vouchers. All of the children were given a number and a random number generator was used to pick the winners!

And the lucky winners are.... Joe W in Year 6 and Jessica B in Reception. Well done on outstanding attendance! Their parents will each receive a £50 e-gift card when we return on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Remember**, after half term the raffle restarts so all children will be entered back into the draw. **BUT**, they need to be in to win!

### Dates for Diary

#### **October Half term 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

- Y6 to Saltwell Park to commemorate Remembrance Day - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Y3 to Durham - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Y2 to Kirkley Hall - Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov
- 123 Magic Positive Parenting Session - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - all parents/carers/grandparents welcome
- Y4 to Jarrow Hall Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Children in Need - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov (non-uniform, wear something yellow or spotty)
- Y2 - A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Y5 trip to Parliament - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Flu vaccination - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - whole school
- Reception Panto Trip - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec
- School Fayre - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December details to follow.
- Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec
- Break up for Xmas Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec
- Inset day Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - pupils return Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 24

### Ofsted comment

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Ofsted Inspection this week. Our wonderful community rose to the occasion and all of our children were stars! We expect our judgement letter from the Inspector in around six weeks. This will be shared with you all as soon as possible.

### Would you like to learn a magic spell?

The Early Help Team at Gateshead Council are offering a free two-hour session, in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November for parents/carers and grandparents, they have availability for up to 12 people.

123 magic Positive Parenting Program session Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

The 1-2-3 Magic Program is the simplest, most effective parenting program for helping parents/grandparents raise disciplined, happy children.

The program's positive parenting approach continues to offer parents and grandparents a simple and gentle-but-firm approach to managing behaviour of children from 2 to 12-years old.



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Session commences at 9.15am, come along for a cuppa beforehand at 9am. Session time will be 9.15 to 11.15am. We will send info out on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November with a reply slip so we can gauge interest and plan our tea/coffee supplies too.

**Thankyou from Gateshead Foodbank**

The total fantastic weight we collected from your school was 144.24kg. Big thanks firstly to Portobello's school council and a great big thank you to all of the children and parents for their kind donations.

**School Photos order by 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Have you ordered your school photos yet? The closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Order through the Tempest website using your unique photo proof number: [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

**PE Kit check**

PE kits will be sent home this week for a freshen up over half term. Can you please check kit sizes, clothing and trainers, some children must have had a growing spurt since September and are squeezing into clothes/trainers. Can you also check Velcro on trainers too and ensure they continue to stick and hold your child's foot in the shoe.

**Half term activities**

Check out the Kids Pass website for family discounts across half term activities.

<https://www.kidspass.co.uk/>

<https://www.kidspass.co.uk/kids-eat-free-restaurants>

Things to see and do at Northumbrian Museums

<https://museumsnorthumberland.org.uk/whats-on/>

**Help needed to reopen Birtley Pool**

Gateshead Council closed Birtley Swimming Centre on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. A project team comprising local community volunteers alongside members of Birtley and Gateshead and Whickham swimming clubs, plans to reopen Birtley Swimming Centre in April 2024 as a Community Asset which will be run by a new not for profit charitable organisation. The activities they are planning will support the physical health and mental well-being of the local community. See below to support:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/help-us-reopen-birtley-swimming-centre>

**School gateway/ParentPay APP notifications re meals/trips/clubs**

Thank you to everyone who has created an account so far - we still need 40 more pupils' parents/carers to do so. Amazing number of you using the app, well done so good to see.

If you are struggling with any aspects of ParentPay, please check out the link below:

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/4407691522449-Account-Access>

For any other enquiries or generic parent support link below:

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb>



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