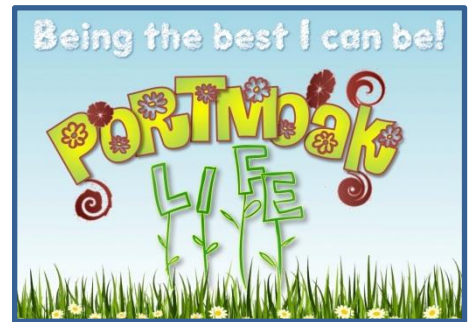


# PORTMOAK PRIMARY NEWS APRIL 2016



## Yoga taster Sessions

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March all the children had the opportunity to participate in a yoga taster session with their class. We were visited by a yoga instructor in connection with Live Active. The children enjoyed their experience and hopefully felt very relaxed afterwards!



## Voicemale

On 29<sup>th</sup> March our choir of boys attended the NYCoS Voicemale 'Tartan terrors' concert at Perth Concert Hall. The boys sang very well and those who attended our end of term assembly at Portmoak Church had the opportunity to hear two of the songs performed on the day.

## P5-7 Day of Song

P5-7 attended the annual Day of Song event last week. They had put in lots of practice with Miss Kettles in preparation for this event and were a credit to the school. Parents will have the opportunity to hear a song from the day at our end of year assembly in June.



## Eco Competition

Last term the Eco Committee launched a competition across the school to design a bin for our school grounds. Following the committee's judging, Lewis Bentall's winning design was sent off to the company for transfer on to the bin. The Eco Committee fundraised for a bin last year and intends to have another fundraiser during Health Week to contribute to the final cost of this bin. Details of this event will follow soon from the Eco Committee.

## Cross Country

Following their successful team win at the Perth and Kinross Cross Country championships last term, the p6 girls' team took it upon themselves to compete in the Scottish Schools' Athletic Association Cross Country Championships in Kirkcaldy this month. The girls did a fantastic job finishing 11<sup>th</sup> out of 26 teams. Well Done girls!



## ParentPay

Over the next few months, Perth and Kinross Council will be implementing an **online payments solution** for schools. This new system will allow parents/carers much more choice of how, when and where you can pay for school costs by using modern technology. It also allows for increased security as pupils would not have to carry large amounts of cash or cheques to school. You will be able to pay for school meals, trips and other school services online or through a mobile app which you can run on a smartphone, tablet or other mobile device. You will access your own **secure account** which will give you information regarding your accounts, including amounts paid, when paid, amounts outstanding, etc.

The Council has undertaken a process of selecting an online school payments supplier through a national framework provided through Scotland Excel, the Centre of Procurement Expertise for Scotland's local government sector. The procurement process is now complete and **ParentPay** have been selected as the successful supplier for Perth and Kinross Council. More information on ParentPay and the product they provide can be found at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Further information to follow soon.

## Annual Parent Survey

We have had a fantastic number of responses to our annual parent survey this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed their views. The survey closes on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and a summary of the feedback will be shared when the data has been collated.

## Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – P4/5 Assembly (P4/5 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Events and Fundraising Meeting 9:00
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - P6 to Ardroy
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – P2/3 trip to Verdant Works
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May - P5/6 Assembly (P5/6 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Euroquiz Final (pm), Herriot Watt University
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Bag2school
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – P7 to Dalguise
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – KWIK cricket tournament, LLCC 10:00 – 2:30
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – County Sports 4-6pm
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - P4/5 visit to Hattonburn – ‘trout in the classroom’ project
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - P2/3 Assembly (P2/3 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Health Week
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day 1:30pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – P7 transition days to KHS
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – P6 John Muir assembly (P6 family and friends please join us from 9:15)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – P6 maths challenge
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – P1/2 trip to Vane Farm
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Prom
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Leavers’ Assembly Portmoak Church 1pm
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – End of term at 12noon

Don't forget to save both school numbers  
01577 867290 (school office)  
and the absentee line on  
01577 867196

