

# PORTMOAK PRIMARY NEWS

## APRIL 2017



### End of Term Easter Egg Competition



Thank you to all our wonderful entries to the Easter Egg competition which was judged by Ken our cricket coach. A very special well done to the class winners who were as follows; Primary 1 – Nathan Cameron with Humpty Dumpty, Primary 2 – Eilidh McGarva with Beauty and the Beast, Primary 3 – Skye Robertson with Zoe and the Zeggbra, Primary 4 – Emily Robertson-Justice with the Egg and Spoon Race, Primary 5 – Hannah McGarva with Presidegg Trump, Primary 6 – Isabel Gray with Moregg and Primary 7 – Millie Lockhart with Egg Sheeran.

### Local Council Elections – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

School will be open as normal on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Several people have asked about this, as it is an In-service day in Fife due to Council elections but I would like to confirm that there is no change within Perth & Kinross. Our school is not a polling station so it will also be business as usual the day of the general election in June.



### Lost Property

Our lost property boxes at the office are overflowing with items – if your child is missing anything please come in and take a look in the boxes outside the office. Please do make sure children's names are written on their clothing labels, as we do check for names before items end up in there.

### Portmoak Gala

The 2017 Portmoak Gala will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Well Green, Scotlandwell. The Royal Party for this year will be; Gala Queen: Chloe Vlasto, Escort: Ellis Lowe, Flower Girls; Eilidh McGarva and Maeve O'Hare



## Active Travel Week – 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May

Walk to School Week at Portmoak PS has been renamed Active Travel Week because walking is just one active way to get to school. Children also enjoy cycling, scooting and skating. If your children normally come to school by car then parking farther away and completing the journey on foot also counts. Park and Stride parking is available at the church. Please help your children join in if possible. Thank you.

## Fir Park Ski Trip

After calling off our planned day at Glenshee twice due to a lack of snow this season, we decided to change venue for our annual ski day. Primary 4 – 7 Pupils enjoyed a successful trip to FirPark dry ski slope in Tillicoultry. All the skiers were praised for listening, attitude, effort and behaviour.



## School Office

Please can we remind parents to come to the office window rather than standing in the doorway when you need to speak to office staff.



## ParentPay

In our continued effort to remove cash and cheques from school we are striving to reach 100% activation for parents using our Online School Payments solution ParentPay. We currently have 90% of families signed up to use this so it would be great if the last remaining families could activate their accounts. Making a payment is straightforward and no card details are stored in any part of the system. I will be writing to those who have not yet done this with their personal activation codes shortly. Remember that office staff would be happy to assist you in setting up your account if that would be helpful.



## Primary 7 Rotary Quiz

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April our Primary 7 Rotary Quiz Team went to the Rotary Quiz Area Finals at Balwearie High School in Kirkcaldy. The team performed extremely well getting full marks in 6 of the 10 rounds and finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place overall. Well done Calum, Finlay, Sophie and Callum.

### Dates for Your Diary:

- Monday 1st May – holiday
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – P1-3 trip to St. Andrews Botanic Garden and Gruffalo Trail
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – P5/6 and P6/7 to Deep Sea World
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – P6 to Ardroy Residential
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – P7 Transition visit to Home Economics Dept at KHS
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – P6 return from Ardroy
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Mr Young delivering a day of music
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Pre-school picnic
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – P6/7 assembly (P6/7 family & friends please join us in school at 9.15am)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May – Active Travel Week
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – P7 Safe Taysiders
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Pre-school picnic
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Events & Fundraising Meeting
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – P7 to Dalguise Cluster Residential
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – P7 return from Dalguise
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Kinross-shire Cricket Festival
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – P1/2 Vane Farm
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – P6/7 Cluster Athletics Event (4.15 – 6.00pm)
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Dress Down Day for Chocolate Tombola at Portmoak Gala
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Portmoak Gala
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June – Health Week
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – transition visits to Kinross High School for P7s
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – transition visits to Portmoak for new P1s
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – P6 Ardroy pupils leading John Muir Assembly – P6 family & friends welcome from 9.15am
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June – Michael Bruce Week
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – P4-7 Trip to Queensferry
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – County Sports Finals, Perth. For those involved.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Leavers' service at Portmoak Church 9.30am
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – End of Term 12 noon.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August – School Session 2017/18 commences for Staff
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – School Session 2017/18 commences for Pupils (Primary 1 Pupils at 9.15am)

