

PORTMOAK PRIMARY NEWS FEBRUARY 2016



Staffing

This month we were delighted to have Mrs. Paula Woods join our staff as Acting Principal Teacher. Mrs. Woods has taken over responsibility for the learning and teaching in P4/5 and is looking forward to meeting the parents from this class during next month's Parent Contact evenings. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to Portmoak.

Cross Country

After training hard in all weathers, 20 children were selected from P6 and P7 to compete in the Perth and Kinross Cross Country event at Perth Race Course this month. The children did very well, competing amongst almost 200 runners at the event. Our P6 girls received the Gold team Award for their efforts. They all returned with smiles on their faces despite the cold day! Well done to all of them.



Easy Fundraising

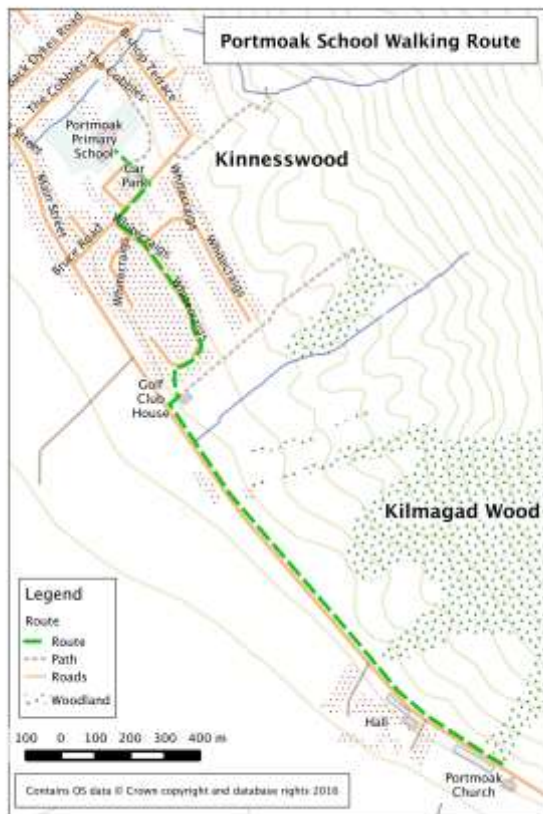
This is just a reminder for all parents to consider making use of Easy Fundraising when doing your online shopping. There are a wide variety of retailers who are part of this scheme and it is any easy way for the school to benefit for free!

Parent Talent Bank

The Parent Council are hoping to gather details of parents who are willing to support the school by sharing the talents they have. These may be gardening, crafts, sports, specialised skills or even just your time! It is intended that the school could then call upon these volunteers to support work in the classroom or around the school grounds if needed. I hope you will consider having your name added to the list. The collection of information will be gathered during our Parent Contact evenings in March.

Park and Stride

Portmoak Church has very kindly agreed to allow the parents/carers of children at Portmoak to use their car park as a Park and Stride point. Hopefully this will support more children in being able to walk to school.



The Junior Road Safety Officer's committee would like to pass on this map of the route to school from the Portmoak Church car park. The walk only takes 10 to 15 minutes and the route is very pleasant as it goes along a dedicated off road path separated from the traffic and along a quiet residential street before crossing the road to the park using the red road marking. The only parts needing special care are crossing the main road to the path and a short length of pavement from the path to reach the golf club. This is the same route we use when the whole school walks to special assemblies at the church.

The whole school is taking part in the Walk Once a Week challenge. They are recording their journeys to school on the Travel Tracker and badges are awarded each month to pupils who walk to school at least once a week. We are hoping more children can earn their badges using this new opportunity to Park & Stride to school. Please give it a try!

SSPCA visits

All our classes had a visit from the SSPCA this month and enjoyed learning about Scottish wildlife, food and farming and animal welfare. They were each given souvenirs from the visit and have hopefully shared with you some of the important messages from the visiting SSPCA officer.

Every Child a Library Member Pilot Project

Libraries and Information Services are looking to support childhood literacy by promoting library membership for every child in Perth and Kinross through the Every Child a Library Member project. Schools have been asked to assist the promotion of the library service and help get children registered with their local library. The pilot project will firstly target the early years (nursery and P1-P3). Membership forms will be sent home for parents to complete and return to the school. The contact for Loch Leven Community Library is 01577 867205.

Badminton Course

Active schools are keen to establish some lunchtime or after school badminton clubs in schools to hopefully encourage future players in Kinross Badminton Club. They are offering a training course to parents who may be keen to take this forward. Please use the information below to reserve a place if you would be interested.



BADMINTON BASICS IS A SIX-HOUR COURSE GEARED TOWARDS VOLUNTEERS WITH LITTLE OR NO BADMINTON EXPERIENCE. IT FOCUSES ON FUN GAMES FOR BEGINNERS, ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS TO LEAD SESSIONS AT SCHOOLS, AND ASSIST MORE EXPERIENCED COACHES AT CLUBS. CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AND A COACHING PACK.

TUES 15TH MARCH 16:00 - 19:00 AND TUES 22ND MARCH 16:00-19:00
@ NORTH INCH COMMUNITY CAMPUS GAMES HALL

PLEASE EMAIL DAVID PAUL – DPAUL@PKC.GOV.UK FOR MORE INFO. OR TO BOOK A PLACE ON THIS COURSE.



Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 26th February – Ski trip for pupils from P3-7 (weather and snow dependent)
- Friday 26th February – P1/2 Assembly (P1/2 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Friday 4th March – P7 Assembly (P7 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Friday 4th March – P4/5 visit to Hattonburn – ‘trout in the classroom’ project
- Monday 7th March - Parent Council 6pm
- Wednesday 9th March – Tempest class photos for P1&7
- Wednesday 16th March – P6 Euroquiz Heat NICC Perth
- Friday 18th March - Sports Relief fundraiser – come to school in trackies!
- Monday 21st March - Parent Contact 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd March - Parent Contact 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd March - Ardroy parents’ meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 23rd March – Rotary Quiz LLCC Hall 4pm
- Thursday 24th March – Events & Fundraising meeting 9am
- Thursday 24th March – Spring Discos 5:45 – 6:45, 7:00 – 8:00
- Friday 25th March – Good Friday holiday
- Monday 28th March – Easter Monday holiday
- Tuesday 29th March – NYCoS concert – Perth Concert Hall
- Tuesday 29th March – Dalguise parents’ meeting 6pm – 7pm at LLCC
- Friday 1st April – Easter Service at the Church – led by P4/5, 9.30am start, all welcome
- Friday 1st April – End of Term 3 at 3pm
- Monday 18th April – In-service Day
- Tuesday 19th April - Start of term 4 for pupils 9am
- Tuesday 19th April – Friday 29th April – The Big Pedal
- Thursday 21st April – Parent Coffee and Catch Up, just after drop off (All welcome)
- Thursday 21st April – P5-7 Day of Song, Perth Concert Hall
- Friday 29th April – P4/5 Assembly (P4/5 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Friday 6th May – Monday 9th May - P6 to Ardroy
- Friday 13th May - P5/6 Assembly (P5/6 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Friday 20th May – Bag2school
- Friday 20th May – KWIK cricket tournament, LLCC
- Wednesday 25th May – Friday 27th May – P7 to Dalguise
- Thursday 2nd June - P4/5 visit to Hattonburn – ‘trout in the classroom’ project
- Friday 3rd June - P2/3 Assembly (P2/3 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Monday 6th – Friday 10th June – Health Week
- Monday 6th June – Sports Day 1:30pm
- Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th June – P7 transition days to KHS
- Thursday 16th June – P6 maths challenge
- Wednesday 29th June – P7 Prom
- Thursday 30th June – Leavers’ Assembly Portmoak Church 1pm
- Friday 1st 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

