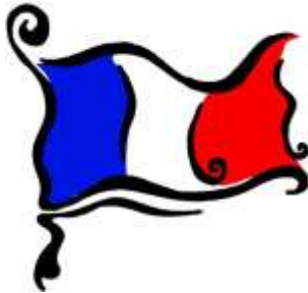


PORTMOAK PRIMARY NEWS

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French Café



Don't forget we are hosting our French Café on Tuesday 28th March. There are currently 69 family members booked in and we look forward to seeing you all from 9am in the school hall.

P7 are looking forward to being your waiters for the morning and P4-6 have created menus. Entertainment will be on hand with P1/2 – on stage to sing 'Le Gouzi, Gouzi' and P2/3 – on stage to sing 'Il fait beau'. Several members of P4-7 will also be giving you a weather update.

End of Term Easter Egg Competition

Children are invited to use their best artistic skills and imagination to decorate an egg (all types of real/artificial are fine, if real please make sure they are blown or boiled though).

Entries to be brought into school clearly labelled with name and class on the morning of Thursday 30th March and winners will be announced during the Easter Assembly on Friday 31st March. There will be a prize of an Easter Egg for each year group winner

Spring Discos

Thank you to all of the helpers who supported us at the spring discos this month. A great night was had by all.



Perth and Kinross Euroquiz 2017

Well done to our P6 pupils who competed in the Perth and Kinross Euroquiz competition. Our school traditionally does very well in this event, and this year was no exception, while we did not take the title of P&K champions this year our team made it to the final and finished neck and neck with a tiebreaker question. St. Dominic's just pipped us to the post and will go on to the Scottish Parliament in May and we wish them well in this event.

Kinross-shire Rotary Quiz 2017

Another outstanding performance by our pupils led to Portmoak winning the 2017 Kinross-shire rotary quiz. This was a hard fought race, with high scores from several other schools too. The winning team will go on to the regional finals in April at Balwearie High School in Kirkcaldy. Good luck to our P7 champions for this event!



Parent Workshops

Thanks to everyone who joined us in February for the Parent Workshops. If you missed our information evening you can download our leaflets to read at home.

We have also updated our ASN leaflet this year to reflect changes to Council and school procedures.

Information was emailed in February about **Rick Click - Online Safety Parent and Child workshop** on **Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 3pm**. Hope you can join us for this event too. If you haven't yet put your name down please get in touch ASAP.

If you don't find what you are looking for – have you tried reading our school handbook? We have tried to make this as much of a One-Stop-Shop for parents as we can. Remember you are always welcome get in touch with us if you can't find what you are looking for!

Leaflets can be downloaded from the school website here:

<http://portmoak.com/parent-workshops-2017/>



Safer Internet Day – 7th February 2017



All classes were involved in safer internet day this year. Topics covered were:

- Keeping personal information safe – P1/2
- Watching things online – ask an adult first – P2/3
- Viewing pictures and images online – what to consider – P4/5
- Rules for safe internet use – P5/6
- Social media do's and don'ts – P6/7

Dalguise Cluster Residential Info Sessions

We are going to be running two information sessions on the same evening. This is open to children who will be taking part in the cluster residential in either May 2017 (current P7) or May 2018 (current P6). Children are invited to come along with their parents. This will allow us to give the initial info to the P6 children for next year and to finalize details and answer any last minute questions from this year's P7. These are both at Loch Leven Community Campus in the assembly hall.

- Thursday 20th April 2017 at 6pm for P6
- Thursday 20th April 2017 at 6.45pm for P7

School Meal Information

A reminder that school meal prices have been increased to £2.10, applicable from 19 April. This was a planned increase with the charge of £2 being held firm for the last two years.

This charge applies to nursery, primary 4 to primary 7 pupils only unless registered for [free meals](#). All primary 1 to primary 3 pupils continue to be entitled to receive the school lunch free of charge.

Please remember you can pay using ParentPay for school meals and I'd encourage you to sign up to this as soon as possible if you have not already done so, as this makes for less work for our busy office staff in the morning.



I have also been advised that there is a menu change in terms of the drinks that will be on offer after the holidays. Children will only be offered milk or water and not an option of fruit juice as they have currently.

Extended Learning and Achievement Visit (ELAV)

As you know we had an ELAV in the school at the start of March. This is like the P&K version of an inspection and involved a team of 4 Quality Improvement Officers over two days, including our school lead officer, Anne Dalziel.

The purpose of the visit is to scrutinise the school's own self-evaluation and seek evidence for progress made and to support the school in identifying areas for improvement. These visits occur on a rolling programme in all schools; our last visit was May 2012, with a follow up in March 2013.

After Easter a report will be issued to all parents and carers. The report will contain information about what the school is doing well as well as setting out the priorities identified for improvement in the coming sessions. The visit went very well and I look forward to sharing the findings with you once the final report is issued to the school.

Red Nose Day

Thanks for the support for our red nose day on 24th March. The House Captains enjoyed their role as organisers on the day and led an assembly which made us think about where the money goes and the good that it does. We raised £285 from the dress down and sale of red noses.



Falkland Palace Trip – P4/5

P4/5 had a very successful visit to Falkland Palace last week and enjoyed getting into the spirit of things with fancy dress and the actors who led the visit. Great feedback on their behavior and manners – they were a real credit to the school.



Exciting news for P4-7

Just hot off the press – we have booked a day of learning about the new Forth bridge – the Queensferry Crossing for our older three classes on Monday 19th June. Letters will come home in due course about this exciting opportunity, there will be bus costs only as the exhibition centre is free.

Dates for Your Diary:

- Tuesday 28th March – French Café from 9am
- Wednesday 29th March – Right Click online safety workshop at 3pm
- Friday 31st March – Easter Service led by P1/2 in Portmoak Church (all parents please join us from 9.30am at the church – helpers wanted to walk along too)
- Tuesday 18th April – In-service day for staff
- Wednesday 19th April – Pupils back to school
- Thursday 20th April Dalguise Information Session at LLCC: 6pm for P6 (May 2018 trip)
- Thursday 20th April Dalguise Information Session at LLCC: 6.45pm for P7 (May 2017 trip)
- Friday 21st April – ski trip date one
- Tuesday 25th April – iteach in school training digital leaders and staff
- Tuesday 25th April – Mr Young delivering a day of music
- Thursday 27th April – P6&7 take your child to work day
- Wednesday 26th April – Rotary Quiz – regional finals
- Friday 28th April – P4/5 assembly (P4/5 family & friends please join us in school at 9.15am)
- Monday 1st May – holiday
- Wednesday 3rd May – P1-3 trip to St. Andrews Botanic Garden and Gruffalo Trail
- Friday 5th May – P6 to Ardroy Residential
- Monday 8th May – P6 return from Ardroy
- Tuesday 9th May – Mr Young delivering a day of music
- Friday 12th May – P6/7 assembly (P6/7 family & friends please join us in school at 9.15am)
- Friday 19th May – ski trip date 2 (if sufficient numbers for two sessions)
- Tuesday 23rd May – iteach in school training digital leaders and staff
- Wednesday 24th May – P7 to Dalguise Cluster Residential
- Friday 26th May – P7 return from Dalguise
- Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th June – transition visits to Kinross High School for P7s
- Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th June – transition visits to Portmoak for new P1s
- Friday 9th June – P6 Ardroy pupils leading John Muir Assembly – P6 family & friends welcome from 9.15am
- Wednesday 28th June – Leavers' service at Portmoak Church 9.30am
- Thursday 29th June – End of Term 12 noon.

