

# PORTMOAK PRIMARY NEWS

## JUNE 2017



### Staffing Update

Just a reminder that the Class Teachers for next year are as follows:

P1/2 – Ms MacGillivray

P2/3 – Mrs Mossom

P4/5 – Mrs Herd

P5/6 – Miss Kettles

P6/7 – Mrs Woods

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Woods was the successful candidate for the permanent Principal Teacher post so she will continue to teach P6/7 next year. We have Mrs Herd joining us in P4/5 on a permanent basis as Mrs Bell has successfully completed her probationer year and will be working at Ladybank Primary in Fife next year. Mrs Fraser will continue to cover P6/7 for one a day a week as well as providing a period of French for each class during the teachers' non-contact time. Mrs Milroy will continue as our Pupil Support Teacher and will be here for one day a week. Mr Ainsworth will provide PE on both a Tuesday and Friday next term – a reminder to please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor and indoor PE Kit in school at all times.

Our support staff hours have not changed from last session. Mrs Clark will continue in her role as Senior Clerical in the office assisted by Mrs Davies, who will split her time between the office and the classroom. Ms Gibbon and Mrs Williams will continue to provide support in the classroom along with Mrs Cox, one of our current parent helpers, who was the successful candidate at interview for Primary School Support Worker. Mrs Cox will taking over Mrs Welsh's permanent hours, as Mrs Welsh leaves us for teacher training. We also have Mrs Jennifer Thomson joining our support staff on a fixed term contract until Christmas. We would like to give them both a very warm welcome.

I am also pleased to be let you know that Mrs Barnacle has been offered a day a week on a permanent basis as the Kinross Area Support Teacher, which is a new post in the council providing additional flexibility and supply when required to locality schools, so although we will have to share her next year we will be able to welcome her back to Portmoak on a relatively regular basis.

### Parking

In the interest of the children's' safety please do not park in the bus lane at any time (even if the school buses have already dropped off) or in the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge. We have had a traffic warden issuing tickets in the car park recently so please park responsibly.



## Forth Bridge Crossing

Our P4-7 classes were lucky enough to attend the Education Centre for the new Forth Crossing and were learning all about how the new Queensferry Crossing was built. They also were able to walk across the current Forth Road Bridge. This was a super trip and I do hope you have all seen the opportunity to put your names down for a ballot to walk across the new bridge the first weekend in September. Info here: <https://www.queensferryexperience.com>



## Leaver's Assembly

Our Leaver's Assembly will be on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am in Portmoak Church**. All classes will play a part in this assembly and Parents / Carers are welcome to join us. Please note that there is limited parking at the church and Portmoak Hall, so please consider parking in Kinnesswood and walking to the Church. If you are able to assist with walking to the church with the children please contact the school office to let us know.



## Story Teller Session

P1-3 welcomed Sylvia Troon to school to hear stories relating to the hill and loch and to see her puppets. They had a lovely afternoon.



### **Michael Bruce Poetry Winners**

The children who have been selected to have their poems displayed on posts as part of the Michael Bruce project are:

P1/2 – Ben Weir and Emma Drummond

P2/3 – Craig Hardie and Amber Morrison

P4/5 – Jaya Verden-Anderson and Heather Cox

P5/6 – Ava Weir, Lacey Houston and Danielle Finlayson

P6/7 – Cara Gray, Sophie Palin and Millie Lockhart

### **Dates for Your Diary:**

- 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)

