



**PORT GLASGOW
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PGHS Weekly News

Friday 20 September 2024



This week at Port Glasgow High School

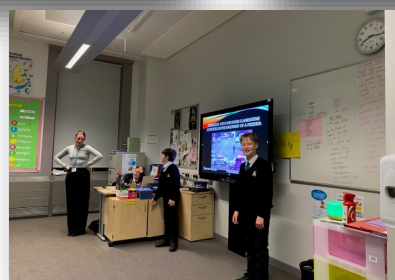
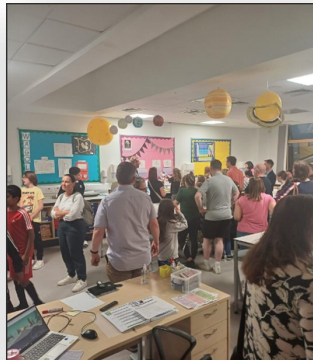


Learning Showcase

The Learning Showcase took place on Thursday evening. This is always an event that Port Glasgow High School looks forward to as we open the doors to our wider community and invite you into our classrooms. We were delighted to welcome many families from across our Port Glasgow Cluster with pupils and parents from Kilmacolm Primary School, Kings Oak Primary School and Newark Primary School joining us along with our S1 and S2 families.

Our Senior Pupils and teachers were kept busy all night due to the enthusiastic participation of pupils in learning activities and our parents couldn't resist getting involved too!

Thank you to everyone who joined us!



Parent Council

Kate McLaughlan, re-elected Chair of the Parent Council, would like to invite you to our next Parent Council meeting on **Tuesday 24th September at 19.00** in Port Glasgow High School. Below is a report from Kate on the work of last year's Parent Council.

I took over position of Chair this year and have been slowly learning the ropes with the support of Michelle (vice chair) and the more experienced members of the Parent Council. We have met 6 times during our Parent Council year and covered a variety of topics including, parental involvement, fundraising and how to put these funds to good use.

Parental involvement

Throughout the year we have been invited to give our input into how the school communicates and supports its families. We have been asked our opinion on how the school reports to parents and this was acted upon, with the reporting year adjusted.

Staff members have come to our meetings to give presentations:

Ms Welsh gave a very informative presentation covering the attainment focus of the senior phase and the support that is available for our students, of which there is plenty.

Mrs Fitzharris also lead a session on attendance, explaining its importance and asking our thoughts/opinions on contributing factors to low attendance and how families can be supported.

The parent council also ran a recycled uniform initiative to reduce the cost of the school day.

Other initiatives to encourage parental engagement that are in the early stages of discussion are workshops such as Heartstart, Literacy, Numeracy and also a Gardening Club.

Fundraising

We had our first Christmas Fayre in several years, raising £415, with the tombola being the biggest hit! Other regular events included the tuck shop at the Christmas Concerts, Spring Concert and School Show. At these events we also ran 50/50 and lucky programs.

Funding

This year we looked at ways to use Parent Council funds to support our young peoples' experiences in school with a bidding system, where departments could apply for funding for projects. We agreed to support the school show (£400) and the gardening club (£30).

Kate McLaughlan, Chair, PGHS Parent Council

We thank Kate and the Parent Council for all their help and support and look forward to working in partnership with them this year. Please join us on Tuesday 24th September at 7pm.



Sponsored Walk

On Thursday of this week, our annual sponsored walk will take place. All pupils will walk along the cycle track from Port Glasgow High School to Kilmacolm to raise money for school funds. Consent forms will be on Parentsportal on Monday. Last week you received a reminder to make sure you are signed up for this. Sponsor money should be donated through Parentpay again this will be open from Monday onwards. Please make sure you complete the consent form on Parentportal to ensure your child can take part in this fun and worthwhile community event.

Lunchtime and After School Clubs

M

After school - Dance, Futsal club, basketball

TU

Lunchtime - SI Coding Club with Dr Chen F086

After school - Fitness, Girls football

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Lunchtime - Craft club with Mrs Barclay S039

After school- Football, Badminton

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Lunchtime - S2 Coding Club with Dr Chen F086

After school - Netball



Subject Departments Updates this week

English

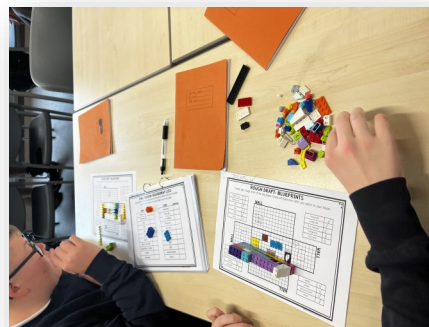
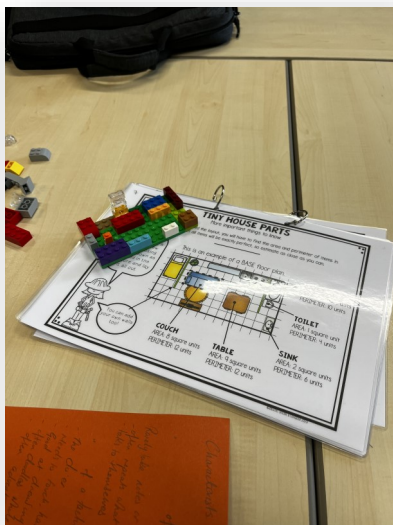
Congratulations to Ms Ormiston's S2 class who entered the national poetry competition "Through My Eyes". 19 poems have been selected for printing and 6 were commended by the committee!

September's "English Stars" are now on display in the English corridor! Congratulations to these pupils who have been working hard in English this month- keep up the good work!



Maths

Our S3 Numeracy class have been doing some exciting project based learning. Pupils have been learning all about area, perimeter and geometry through designing a tiny house. Pupils are using Lego to help model their designs.



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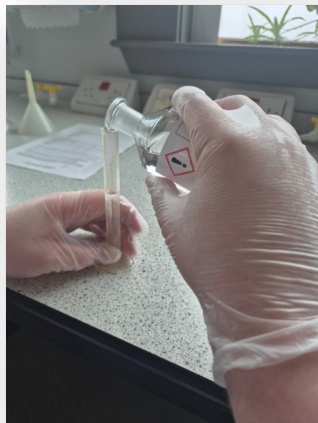
PE

S1 football trials were held last week, and we now have a friendly arranged for Monday 23rd September against the St Stephen's new S1 team. The game will be after school, and everyone is more than welcome to come along and watch.

All extra Curricular clubs are now up and running and numbers are growing each day.

Science

Lots of experiments going on in the biology department this week. S4 pupils have been investigating potato phosphorylase and using it to make starch. The higher human biology class have been looking at the effect of lead on enzymes - can we stop bananas from turning brown?





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Senior Pupil Leadership Team

2024-2025

School Captains



Anna D



Aimee H



Stacy R



Jack K

House Captains

KINGSTON

Emma B & Lana H

LITHGOW

Emily H & Emma W

GLEN

Emma McL & Connie M

FERGUSON

Ava O & James K



S6 Ambassadors

Mental Health

Devon W

Health & Wellbeing

Cara McM



S6 Lead Prefects

Sam McG

Logan V



2024-2025 School Calendar

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-  School Closed/ Holidays
-  Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
-  School Open



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