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PORTMOAK

Headteacher's Newsletter – June 2023

End of term reports and school photos

We are sending home two envelopes today. One contains a letter about next year's class for your child along with their school report. The other contains the pictures taken of individuals and siblings by Tempest today. There was also a P1 and P7 class photo taken. We will send info about this later on.

Staffing

Mrs Natalie Harrower, our P5/6 teacher is finishing at the summer break after her spending her probationary year with us. She has been successful at interview for a position at Cleish Primary School next session and we wish her every success in her new post. We are also very sad to lose Mrs Karen Livitt, our Pupil Support Assistant, who will be retiring at the summer. I am sure you, like us, will be sorry to see them both go, and that they will be missed.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Dawn Miller who is joining us as probationer teacher next year in the P5/6 class. Some of you will remember Mrs Miller from her successful student placement in the P6/7 class this session.

The full class breakdown is as follows:

- P1/2 – Ms Christina MacGillivray
- P2/3 – Mrs Louise Mossom (Mon/Tue) / Mrs Sarah Herd (Wed-Fri)
- P3/4 – Mrs Caroline Cole (Mon/Tue) / Mrs Kay Baird (Wed-Fri)
- P5/6 – Mrs Dawn Miller (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri) / Mr John Muir will be covering most Wednesdays, with Mrs Cole covering the class when he isn't in.
- P6/7 – Miss Lindsay Kettles

There has been a slight amendment to the letter that is in the envelope with the children's reports today. The letter has Mr Muir down for covering most Fridays in P5/6, but due to a need for Mr Muir in another school that day, this has changed to most Wednesdays, with Mrs Cole covering the class when he isn't in.

Mrs Gibson, our Pupil Support Teacher, is currently off work and won't be back before the summer break. I will let you know if there is an impact on this post in the new school year.

Rotary Quiz

Our team of P7s are due to compete at the Scottish finals in Aberdeen on Saturday, having won both the Kinross area and East Scotland events. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success in this event!

Sports Day

We had another successful sports day, and it was lovely to see so many families able to join us to cheer the children on. A special well done to Kinnesston for winning the sports shield and to Bishop for the fair play award.



Open Morning for the Community with Kinnesswood in Bloom

Thank you to everyone who came along to the open invite to the community to see the Portmoak grows together work in action.

As well as the chance to see the gardening work the children have been doing, our P6 children unveiled the new information board which details their art work and information on local wildflowers, created as part of their John Muir Award. This was created in collaboration with Kinnesswood in Bloom and supported by several local artists and designers.



County Sports

County Sports will take place at the George Duncan Track in Perth on Tuesday 20th June and our school will be well represented after the winners of the Kinross qualifying heats were: Grace Drummond in the P6 girls 80m and P6 girls Long Jump, Alfie Whyte in the P6 boys 800m, Murray Gardner in the P6 boys Discus and P6 boys Shot Putt and Rory Aitken in the P7 boys 800m and P7 boys Shot Putt. This must be a record number of first places from the local event and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well in the next round.

Cricket

Portmoak Primary Cricket team represented us tremendously well at the Perth & Kinross Cricket Finals at the North Inch in Perth on Wednesday 7th June, winning their first 2 games against Morrisons and Meigle, followed by 2 losses against Dunbarney and Viewlands and a draw in their last game which led them to being 3rd overall.



School Uniform

Our new school uniform provider is Earth Uniform and you can now place orders through their website. Here is the link <https://www.earthuniform.com/collections/portmoak-primary-school>. Everything is available to order, apart from the school ties. They are expecting these to be available in the next few weeks and we will keep you up to date. We have updated our school uniform policy to add in plain black leggings and plain black joggers for anyone wanting to wear these as part of their uniform.

Our revised uniform policy is:

“We strongly encourage all learners to wear school uniform and to identify themselves as part of our school community. It is our opinion that when learners wear school uniform, their behaviour, and therefore their learning, tends to be better. Portmoak parents have been consulted on the make up of our school uniform and on the supplier of our branded items.

Our preferred everyday items are:

- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt or maroon polo shirt (with or without a tie).
- Maroon jumper or cardigan with school logo.
- Black or grey trousers, pinafores, school shorts or skirts.
- Plain black leggings or joggers may also be worn if desired.
- Fleece lined reversible jacket with school logo (optional).
- Black shoes

Our preferred items (to be available daily) in gym bags are:

- Black shorts
- White T-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Black “light” gym shoes with non-marking soles– not heavy “trainer” type
- Outdoor trainers and tracksuits are recommended for outside gym.
- For Health and Safety, no jewellery can be worn during P.E. sessions. Pupils who wear earrings will need to remove them or tape them up before taking part.
- Spare socks and a hair bobble for those with long hair should also be included.

Please note that clothing with designer labels or advertising should not be worn.

Please mark all clothing with your child’s name with labels or permanent ink.

In Primary 1, 2 and 3, an overall should be provided to protect clothing during art and craft lessons.

In warmer weather, school dresses in a red or blue checked material are also acceptable.

We recognise that chain stores and supermarkets offer suitable, self-coloured school-uniform items, but we do also have Portmoak Primary School branded items including polo shirts, sweatshirts and jackets. These items are available on the Earth Uniform website by searching for Portmoak School Uniform or on the link below:

<https://www.earthuniform.com/>

One Planet Picnic and inter-house cricket

We held our one planet picnic and inter-house cricket on the morning of 13th June. After the first round it was Kinneston v Leven in the playoff for 3rd place and a Lomond v Bishop final. All the classes came out to see the final and had their one planet picnic snack. Well done to Lomond, 2023 house cricket champions!



Portmoak Gala

We were very fortunate with the weather for Gala day, the sun shone and it was a wonderful day and a real highlight in the community diary. We are delighted to have this local partnership back in action and to see the Gala return after Covid. A huge thank you to the committee and wider team of volunteers.



Young Persons Free Bus Travel Evaluation

Transport Scotland are conducting an Evaluation of the Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme, with a survey available for parents/carers of children aged 5-23 – alternatively, young people aged 12-23 are welcome to complete the survey themselves. Feedback is being sought from those with experience of using the Young Person's Free Bus Travel, and those that do not use it in order to find out why.

The survey seeks to understand use of the scheme and any benefits or challenges that have been experienced since its introduction. It should take about 10 minutes to complete, and there is the opportunity to enter a free prize draw to win up to £250 in One4All vouchers.

If you have not already taken part, the survey can be accessed here: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Yr1-YPFreeBusTravel>
The closing date for all responses is 9th July 2023.

Perth & Kinross Anti-bullying Strategy Survey

Over recent months Perth & Kinross have supported discussions with children, young people, parents, carers and staff in Perth and Kinross Council schools about bullying and the approach taken in our schools. This has provided valuable information that will help inform the revision of the Perth and Kinross Council Anti-Bullying Strategy. To add to this information, the council are inviting parents and carers of children and young people in our schools to complete a survey which asks for their views on bullying. The information you provide will be anonymous. You can access the [survey here](#).

Lost Property

We have lots of lost property again at Portmoak – all of which has no name. Please pop into the office if you want to look for any missing items – there are a lot of jumpers in particular. Also, for next year please ensure you label all of your child's uniform with either a permanent marker or one of the commercial labels / stampers which are on the market.

Ardroy – P6 trip

We have booked an opportunity again for the children in P6 to go to Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre, Lochgoilhead, in May 2024. This is an excellent weekend with the opportunity to work on the John Muir Award in a lovely part of Scotland. The cost for the trip is £277, payable in instalments, which will be live on ParentPay for current P5 children before the summer break.

The suggested payment plan is as follows:

- 28 August - £50 non-refundable deposit
- 28 September - £38
- 28 October - £38
- 28 November - £38
- 28 February - £38
- 28 March - £38
- 28 April - £37

P7 activity days

This year P7 enjoyed two days with Nae Limits and Willowgate in the run up to their We will be exploring options with the cluster schools in August and will be in touch in the new term about the plan for next year's offer for P7 children.

Transport

If your child gets a bus or taxi to school, please make sure you have completed the online form requesting this travel for session 23/24. This can be found here: [Schools - transport and trips - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](#)

School transport is organised centrally, and the Transport Team will write to you directly. Of course, if you have any concerns or difficulties with this then let us know and we will do our best to help.


Summer Break

Staff and children are looking forward to the summer break. There are two in-service days when we return, with the children coming back to school on Wednesday 16th August after the two staff-only days. We look forward to welcoming our new P1s on those days too. They should come along at 9.15am for a softer start on their first morning, and then it is the usual start time of 9.00am from the next day.

Perth & Kinross School Holidays 2023-2024 – [click here](#)

| School Terms and Holidays 2023-2024 | | | | No of School Days - Pupils | No of School Days - Staff |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Autumn Term | Start - Staff | Monday 14 August 2023 | In-Service Day (1) | 38 | 40 |
| | | Tuesday 15 August 2023 | In-Service Day (2) | | |
| | Start - Pupils | Wednesday 16 August 2023 | | | |
| | End | Friday 6 October 2023 | | | |
| Autumn Holiday | Start | Monday 9 October 2023 | | 10 | 10 |
| | End | Friday 20 October 2023 | | | |
| Winter Term | Start | Monday 23 October 2023 | | 44 | 45 |
| | | Friday 10 November 2023 | In-Service Day (3) | | |
| | End | Friday 22 December 2023 | | | |
| Christmas Holiday | Start | Monday 25 December 2023 | | 10 | 10 |
| | End | Friday 5 January 2024 | | | |
| Spring Term | Start | Monday 8 January 2024 | | 56 | 57 |
| | | Wednesday 14 February 2024 | In-Service Day (4) | | |
| | | Thursday 15 February 2024 | Occasional Holiday (1) | | |
| | | Friday 16 February 2024 | Occasional Holiday (2) | | |
| | End | Thursday 28 March 2024 | | | |
| Spring Holiday | Start | Friday 29 March 2024 | | 11 | 11 |
| | End | Friday 12 April 2024 | | | |
| Summer Term | Start - Staff | Monday 15 April 2024 | In-Service Day (5) | 52 | 53 |
| | Start - Pupils | Tuesday 16 April 2024 | | | |
| | | Monday 6 May 2024 | May Day Holiday | | |
| | End | Thursday 27 June 2024 | | | |
| Notes: | | | | 190 | 195 |
| Easter Sunday - 31 March 2024 | | | | | |

Primary School Menu 2023-24 – [click here](#)



Primary School Menu 2023-24

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Tayside Contracts

Information on School Meals

We can provide packed lunches all year round for school trips and class outings.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL P1-5 PUPILS

No application process necessary. Save up to £45 a month per child. That's around £420 a year!

Unlimited bread, fruit, vegetables and salad available daily. Yoghurt* is also offered as an alternative on dessert days.

(V) Vegetarian (Ve) Vegan
* May contain nuts ** May contain Sesame Seeds

| WEEK COMMENCING | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| WEEK 1 24th April 22nd May 19th June 17th July 14th August 11th September 9th October | 6th November 4th December 1st January 29th January 26th February 25th March | Milkshake (V) Cheese & Garlic Swirl (V) Chicken Fillet in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding & Boiled Potatoes Baked Bean Baked Potato with Salad Selection (Ve) Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread (V) Peas | Beef Burger Roll** with Potato Wedges Tuna Mayo Finger Roll** with Salad Selection Quorn Fillet in BBQ Sauce with Boiled Potatoes (Ve) Sweetcorn Raspberry Jelly with Peaches (Ve) | Mild Chicken Curry with Rice Tomato Pasta (Ve) with Crusty Bread (V) Ham Sandwich with Salad Selection Broccoli Marble Sponge with Custard & Mandarins (V) | Pasta Bolognese with Crusty Bread Mild Vegetable Curry with Rice (Ve) Cheese Finger Roll** with Salad Selection (V) Green Beans Oatle Biscuit with Banana Slices (Ve) | Lentil Soup (Ve) Chicken Taco with Rice Vegetable Noodles (V) Breaded Fish with Chips Peas & Sweetcorn |
| WEEK 2 3rd April 1st May 29th May 26th June 24th July 21st August 18th September | 16th October 13th November 11th December 8th January 5th February 4th March | Milkshake (V) Steak Pie with Boiled Potatoes Fish Fingers with Boiled Potatoes & Beans Baked Bean Baked Potato with Salad Selection (Ve) Vegetable Medley Gingerbread Sponge with Custard & Peas (V) | Mild Chicken Korma Curry with Rice Veggie Nuggets with Potato Wedges (V) Tuna Mayo Sandwich with Salad Selection Peas & Carrots Tiffin with Mandarins (V) | Lentil Soup (Ve) Chicken Burrito with Diced Potatoes Creamy Cajun Salmon Pasta with Crusty Bread Quorn Dog Roll** with Diced Potatoes (V) Broccoli | Breadsticks (Ve) with Dip (V) Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Baked Beans Golden Savoury Rice (Ve) with Crusty Bread (V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potatoes (Ve) Sweetcorn | Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Breaded Fish with Chips & Beans Veggie Bean Burrito with Salad Selection (V) Peas Raspberry Jelly with Pineapple (Ve) |
| WEEK 3 10th April 8th May 5th June 3rd July 31st August 28th August 25th September | 23rd October 20th November 18th December 15th January 12th February 11th March | Milkshake (V) Vegballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta (Ve) Quorn Dog Roll** with Diced Potatoes (V) Macaroni Cheese with Crusty Bread (V) Broccoli Strawberry Ice Cream with Berry Sauce (V) | Traditional Mince with Boiled Potatoes Fish Fingers with Pasta Salad Baked Bean Baked Potato with Salad Selection (Ve) Carrots Shortbread with Apples (Ve) | Pizza Swirl (V) Chicken Burger Roll** with Pasta Salad Tuna Mayo Finger Roll** with Rice Salad Lentil Bolognese with Rice (Ve) Sweetcorn | Cream of Tomato Soup (V) Roast Beef in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes Egg Mayo Sandwich with Salad Selection (V) BBQ Vegetable Sub** with Salad Selection (Ve) Vegetable Medley | Ham Sandwich with Coleslaw Breaded Fish with Chips Meat Free Taco with Rice (Ve) Peas & Carrots Chocolate Orange Sponge with Custard & Mandarins (V) |
| WEEK 4 17th April 15th May 12th June 10th July 7th August 4th September 2nd October | 30th October 27th November 25th December 22nd January 19th February 18th March | Milkshake (V) Chicken Sausages in Gravy with Roast Potatoes Ham Sandwich with Coleslaw Tomato Pasta (Ve) with Crusty Bread (V) Green Beans Chocolate Brownies with Peaches (V) | Fish Bites with Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans Baked Bean Baked Potato with Salad Selection (Ve) Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baked Beans (V) Peas & Sweetcorn Vanilla Ice Cream with Pineapple (V) | Vegetable Soup (Ve) Steak Pie with Boiled Potatoes Chicken Fajita Baked Potato with Salad Selection Mild Vegetable Korma Curry with Rice (V) Vegetable Medley | Savoury Slice (V) Chicken Goujons with Baked Beans & Chips Meat Free Chilli with Rice (Ve) Cheese Finger Roll** with Coleslaw (V) Peas | Creamy Chicken Tomato Pasta Breaded Fish with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans Quorn Fillet in Gravy with Potato Wedges (Ve) Peas & Carrots Chocolate Cuckoo with Mandarins (V) |

We would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Please email us at schoolmeals@tayside-contracts.co.uk

Look out for our School Meals Newsletters throughout the year and if you haven't already don't forget to follow us on our dedicated school meals Instagram – @TCSchoolFood

Menu design inspired by competition winner Sophie Bullock (14) from Errol Primary School's 'Save the Planet' theme.

Portmoak Primary Dates for the Diary

| June 2023 | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 14 th | Whole School | Tempest Photos |
| 16 th | All P6's | John Muir Assembly – P6 parents welcome at 9.15am |
| 16 th | P4-7 | After School Netball |
| 19 th | Netball team | Tournament at LLCC after school |
| 19 th | Choir | No after school choir – lunch time end of choir celebration |
| 19 th | Whole School | BBQ for school lunch |
| 22 nd | P3/4 | Trip to Royal Highland Show |
| 23 rd | P7 | Cluster Prom |
| 23 rd | P4-7 | After School Netball |
| 28 th | Whole school | Leavers Assembly – School hall – all parents welcome at 9.30am |
| 29 th | Whole school | End of term – 12 noon finish |
| 30 th | Whole school | Summer holidays until 16 th August |
| August 2023 | | |
| 16 th | Whole school | Term 1 begins |
| 16 th | P1 | 9.15am soft start and 2.45pm soft finish |
| 17 th | P1 | In full day 9am-3pm |
| 22 nd | Block 1 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 1 |
| 28 th | P6 | Ardroy non-refundable deposit due |
| 29 th | Block 1 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 1 |
| September 2023 | | |
| 5 th | Block 1 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 1 |
| 12 th | Block 1 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 1 |
| 19 th | Block 1 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 1 |
| 26 th | Block 1 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 1 |
| 28 th | P6 | Ardroy – instalment due |
| October 23 | | |
| 9 th | Whole School | Summer holidays until 23 rd October |
| 23 rd | Whole School | Term 2 begins |
| 24 th | Block 2 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 2 |
| 28 th | P6 | Ardroy – instalment due |
| 31 st | Block 2 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 2 |
| November 2023 | | |
| 7 th | Block 2 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 2 |
| 10 th | Whole School | In-Service Day |
| 14 th | Block 2 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 2 |
| 21 st | Block 2 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 2 |
| 28 th | Block 2 Skiers | Ski-ing Block 2 |
| 28 th | P6 | Ardroy – instalment due |
| December 2023 | | |
| 22 nd | Whole School | Christmas holidays – 12pm until 8 th January |
| January 2024 | | |
| 8 th | Whole School | Term 3 begins |
| February 2024 | | |
| 14 th | Whole School | In-Service Day |
| 15 th & 16 th | Whole School | School Holidays |
| 28 th | P6 | Ardroy – instalment due |
| March 2024 | | |
| 28 th | P6 | Ardroy – instalment due |
| 29 th | Whole School | End of term (3pm finish) |
| April 2024 | | |
| 15 th | Whole School | In-Service Day |
| 16 th | Whole School | Term 4 begins |
| 28 th | P6 | Ardroy – instalment due (final) |
| May 2024 | | |
| 6 th | Whole School | May day holiday |
| 24 th – 27 th | P6 | Residential weekend |

June 2024

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| 27 th | Whole School | End of term (12 noon finish) |
| 28 th | Whole School | Summer holidays until 14 th August |

Don't forget to save both school numbers 01577 867290 (school office)
and the absentee line & answer phone on 01577 867196.

