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PORTMOAK

Headteacher's Newsletter – June 2024

Staffing Update

Mrs Dawn Miller, our P5/6 teacher, is finishing at the summer break after spending a great probationary year with us. She has been successful at interview for a position at Kinross Primary School next session and we wish her every success in her new post.

As you are aware, the permanent Headteacher post will need to be readvertised and I will continue in the Acting Headteacher role for term 1. Thereafter, I will return to my substantive post as Principal Teacher. Miss Kettles will continue as Acting Principal Teacher in term 1, with Mrs Christina Smith teaching P6/7 on a Tuesday to give Miss Kettles her management time. Mrs Smith will also give all the teachers their planning time on a Wednesday, as well as teach in P5/6 on a Friday.

We will be welcoming Ms Clare Leitch who is joining us as probationer teacher next year in the P5/6 class.

The full class breakdown for Term 1 is as follows:

- P1/2 – Ms Christina MacGillivray
- P2/3 – Mrs Louise Mossom (Mon/Tue) / Mrs Sarah Herd (Wed-Fri)
- P3/4 – Mrs Kay Baird
- P5/6 – Ms Clare Leitch (Mon-Thur) / Mrs Christina Smith (Fri)
- P6/7 – Miss Lindsay Kettles (Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri) / Mrs Christina Smith (Tues)

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 Bishop for winning the Sports Shield and to Leven for the Fair Play Award. Also, a big thank you to our Parent Council who set up the preloved school uniform stall in the outdoor classroom.



Sponsored Walk

We had a very successful Celebration of Wellbeing Week when we walked the 700 miles it would take to get to Paris. We raised over £3000 and we are very grateful to everyone who sponsored us to achieve this amazing amount. The Just Giving page is still live if you have any other donations to add. I would like to thank the Parent Council for their help in coming up with this fabulous fundraising idea and for setting up the Just Giving page. This money, along with money donated to us by the Gala, and a grant I was able to gain from the Westfield Community Fund, allows us to buy the majority of the new reading scheme and we can't wait to get started on using it next session.



Portmoak Festival Art

Each class enjoyed visiting all the festival artwork at the Portmoak Hall. Every year we say that the next year's art cannot possibly get any better, but it always does! Thank you so much to Mrs Smith and her team of helpers who did an outstanding job at helping the children create such beautiful pieces.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

We have had another successful year with Mrs Smith and Mr Nicol giving all our pupils the opportunity to plant and harvest produce. They have asked for some help over the summer holidays, even an hour now and again to water the polytunnel. They will leave the key readily available, and the barrel is always filled with water. If you are able to help, please email Mrs Smith directly. tomandnorma.smith@gmail.com

County Sports

County Sports took place at the George Duncan Track in Perth on Tuesday 18th June and our school was represented by Daniel Bajjal in the P6 Shot Put event and Alfie Whyte in the P7 800m track event. They both came third in their events. Well done!



School Clubs

Our clubs this session have been very well received and I would like to thank the staff for their time and dedication in giving our children these fantastic experiences. We have had very positive feedback and we hope to be able to offer these again in the future.

Portmoak Olympic Games

As part of their Olympics topic, P5/6 and P6/7 planned an Olympic games for all the P1-4 children. It was a fantastic experience from start to finish, with an opening ceremony that included the Olympic flame as well as flags from all the countries. They also shared a dance with us before then calling out the younger children to take part in the games by being given a specific country to compete for.



School Uniform

A reminder that our school uniform provider is Earth Uniform. Orders can be placed through their website. Here is the link <https://www.earthuniform.com/collections/portmoak-primary-school>. Everything is available to order. 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 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 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.

P7 Hoodies

Our P6s who will be going into P7 after the summer holidays will have one hoody gifted to them from our parent council. If you would like more than one of them, parents will have to pay for the extra ones themselves. I will be in contact early in term 1 to gather information on sizes and number of hoodies to be ordered. We intend to place the order in September so that the children have the benefit of their leaver’s hoody across the school year.

A Note from Friend of Portmoak School

Our Parent Council held its last meeting of this school year this week and we’ve much to celebrate. There is now a permanent Rag Bag bin just inside the school’s car park – we’re so grateful to our amazing volunteers that have persevered to get this in place. Our Just Giving page was used to support the fundraising efforts to purchase a new reading scheme. Our apologies if you had been trying to apply gift aid – we are working to fix this. Volunteers supported pre-loved uniform stalls during sports days and the new

P1 visits with totalling an incredible £175. These funds have been set aside to carry on the tradition of covering the costs of a leaver hoodie for each P7 – thank you for your generous donations! We would also like to highlight the generosity of those attending the exceptional Family Concert during the Portmoak Festival. Our thanks and admiration to Adelaide Carlow and all her amazing volunteers. Together their talents have raised over £300 which has been donated to Friends of Portmoak School. This is earmarked for supporting opportunities for engagement in the arts that would not normally be possible. We are discussing ideas with the school but if you have any thoughts then please email: friendsofportmoakschool@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your support through this academic year and we look forward to supporting the children and the school to making the most of Portmoak Life in the new school year. To those families ending their Portmoak PS journey, we wish you every success and thank you for your support over the years.

P7 activity days

P7 enjoyed two days with Nae Limits and Willowgate with the cluster schools. They enjoyed activities such as giant stand-up paddle boarding, raft building, combat archery, gorge walking and tubing. It was lovely to see all the children having so much fun and making friends with children from other schools.



Hello from Broke Not Broken

As we look forward to the Summer Holidays, we are excited for the Tuesday Trips, our School Uniform Bank and other ways to help families over the holidays. We know the Summer Holidays can be difficult for many reasons so if you are struggling please reach out to us at admin@brokenotbroken.org We very much want to end the School Year by thanking your school community for all of your support to Broke Not Broken this last year. It is so humbling to see so many young people wanting to help others and gives us real hope for the future.

There is still time to request a uniform pack and you can do this by filling out this quick form: <https://forms.gle/i9spdFn6iymdC1VEA> If you would like to donate uniform that is in good condition, please drop it off to Loch Leven Community Campus on Wednesday 3rd of Thursday 4th July between 10am and 1pm.

The trips are now almost full, but we have a few spaces left so if you think this is something that would benefit your family, please let your Headteacher know, and they can pass on your details.

From everyone at Broke Not Broken we wish you all a wonderful (and hopefully warm) summer filled with joy and lots of family time.

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 2024-2025 - [Click here](#)

School Terms and Holidays 2024-2025				No of School Days - Pupils	No of School Days - Staff
Autumn Term	Start - Staff	Monday 12 August 2024	<i>In-Service Day (1)</i>	38	40
		Tuesday 13 August 2024	<i>In-Service Day (2)</i>		
	Start - Pupils	Wednesday 14 August 2024			
	End	Friday 4 October 2024			
Autumn Holiday	Start	Monday 7 October 2024		10	10
	End	Friday 18 October 2024			
Winter Term	Start	Monday 21 October 2024		44	45
		Friday 15 November 2024	<i>In-Service Day (3)</i>		
	End	Friday 20 December 2024			
Christmas Holiday	Start	Monday 23 December 2024		10	10
	End	Friday 3 January 2025			
Spring Term	Start	Monday 6 January 2025		62	63
		Wednesday 12 February 2025	<i>In-Service Day (4)</i>		
		Thursday 13 February 2025	<i>Occasional Holiday (1)</i>		
		Friday 14 February 2025	<i>Occasional Holiday (2)</i>		
	End	Friday 4 April 2025			
Spring Holiday	Start	Monday 7 April 2025		11	11
	End	Monday 21 April 2025			
Summer Term	Start - Staff	Tuesday 22 April 2025	<i>In-Service Day (5)</i>	46	47
	Start - Pupils	Wednesday 23 April 2025			
		Monday 5 May 2025	<i>May Day Holiday</i>		
	End	Thursday 26 June 2025			
				190	195
Notes:					
Easter Sunday - 20 April 2025					

Primary School Menu 2024-25 – [Click here](#)

Bread, fruit, vegetables and salad available daily. Yoghurt is also offered as an alternative on desert days.

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

WEEK COMMENCING

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
22nd April 20th May 17th June 15th July 12th August 9th September 7th October	4th November 2nd December 30th December 27th January 24th February 14th March	1st April 19th April 17th May 24th June 22nd July 19th August 16th September	14th October 18th November 9th December 6th January 3rd February 3rd March 31st March
8th April 6th May 3rd June 1st July 29th July 26th August 23rd September	21st October 18th November 16th December 13th January 10th February 10th March 7th September	15th April 13th May 10th June 8th July 5th August 2nd September 30th September	18th October 15th November 12th December 9th January 7th February 4th March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Milkhake (V) Mid Chicken Tikka Curry with Rice Cream Sausage Casserole with Diced Potatoes (Ve) Fish Fingers with Diced Potatoes Peas Mashed Spaghetti & Custard with Peas (V)	Cheese & Chicken (V) Macaroni Cheese with Curry Bread (V) Traditional Pudding with Yorkshire Pudding and Mashed Potatoes Chicken Mayo Wrap with Salad Selection Vegetable Medley	Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic & Herb Bread Cheese Sandwich with Coleslaw (V) Chicken Filler in Tomato Sauce with Roast Potatoes Breadcrumbs Tilts with Mandarins (V)	Quorn Dog Bait** with Potato Wedges (V) Chilli Loaded Wedges (Ve) Cauliflower Cheese with Curry Bread (V) Peas Chocolate Ice Cream with Peaches (V)	Leffle & Tomato Soup (Ve) Chicken & Tomato Pasta with Curry Bread Breaded Fish with Chips Chicken & Sweetcorn Mayo Wings with Salad Selection (V) Peas & Sweetcorn
Milkhake (V) Breaded** & Dip (V) Tomato Pasta (Ve) with Curry Bread (Ve) Sweet Potato & Cauliflower Curry with Rice (V) Quorn Dog Bait** with Potato Wedges (V) Peas & Carrots	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Diced Potatoes (V) Chicken Sausage in Gravy with Diced Potatoes Bean Sandwich with Salad Selection Breadcrumbs Gingerbread (sponge with Apple Slice) (V)	Roast Pie with Baked Potatoes Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread (V) Salmon Fillet with Baked Potatoes Green Beans Oatmeal Biscuit with Fruit Cocktail (Ve)	Cream of Tomato Soup (V) Chicken Fajita Baked Potato with Golden Sausage Rice Quorn Filler in Gravy (Ve) with Mashed Potatoes (V) Chicken Burger Bait** with Golden Sausage Rice Peas & Sweetcorn	Mashed Potato with Rice (Ve) Breaded Fish with Chips Chicken Tikka Bait** with Salad Selection Peas Vanilla Sponge with Peas (V)
Milkhake (V) Steak Mince Medley (Ve) Chicken Meatballs in Sweetish Pasta Sauce with Mashed Potatoes Cheese Finger Bait** with Salad Selection (V) Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Baked Beans Peas & Sweetcorn	Vegetable in Tomato Sauce with Potato (Ve) Salmon & Sweet Potato Fritter with Roast Potatoes Chicken Filler in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding and Roast Potatoes Breadcrumbs Tilts with Banana Slices (V)	Macaroni Cheese with Curry Bread (V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Salad (V) Wagyu Nouggets with Potato Salad (V) Cannoli Shortbread with Fruit Cocktail (Ve)	Mid Chicken Curry with Rice (V) Chicken Casserole with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans Cheese & Bean Burgers** with Rice Salad Vegetable Medley Vanilla Ice Cream with Apple Slices (V)	Vegetable Soup (Ve) Lorraine with Garlic & Herb Bread (V) Breaded Fish with Chips Mid Chicken Curry with Rice Peas & Carrots
Milkhake (V) Leffle Soup (Ve) Beef Burger Bait** with Cheese and Potato Wedges Katsu Chicken Curry** with Rice Tomato Pasta (Ve) with Garlic & Herb Bread (Ve) Peas	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread (V) Vegetable in Gravy with Diced Potatoes (Ve) Quorn Sausage with Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans (Ve) Breadcrumbs Raspberry Jelly with Mandarins (Ve)	Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Curry Bread (V) Quorn Dog Bait** with Potato Salad (V) BFO Chicken Pasta with Potato Salad Cannoli Gingerbread Cookie with Peas (V)	Beef Lorraine with Curry Bread Mid Quorn Korma Curry with Rice (V) Ham & Cucumber Finger Bait** with Salad Selection Vegetable Medley Chocolate Sponge & Custard with Peaches (V)	Cheese & Chive Oat Biscuit (V) No-Sausage Bait (Ve*) with Chips (Ve) Breaded Fish with Chips & Baked Beans Chicken Burrito with Rice Peas & Sweetcorn

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Portmoak Primary Dates for the Diary

June 2024		
21st	Whole School	One Planet Picnic
27th	Whole School	End of term (12 noon finish)
28th	Whole School	Summer holidays until 14th August
August 2024		
14th	Whole School	Term 1 begins
14th	P1	9.15am soft start and 2.45pm soft finish
15th	P1	In full day 9am-3pm
21st	P6	Swimming
28th	P6	Ardroy non-refundable deposit due
28th	P6	Swimming
September 2024		
4th	P6	Swimming
11th	P6	Swimming
18th	P6	Swimming
25th	P6	Swimming
October 2024		
2nd	P6	Swimming
4th	Whole school	Last day of term 3pm finish
7th-18th	Whole school	October holidays
21st	Whole school	Term 2 begins
23rd	P6	Swimming
30th	P6	Swimming
November 2024		
6th	P6	Swimming

Don't forget to save both school numbers 01577 867290 (school office)

and the absentee line & answer phone on 01577 867196.

