

Portfields Post

As we reach the end of our final week of the half term, I have taken a few minutes to reflect on all the amazing things we have done over the past six weeks. We have had fantastic trips, parent meetings and lots of superb learning happen across the school. This week has been no different. On Monday, we took a Y5/6 football team to compete at Stadium MK against other local schools. The team won their group before making it to the semi-finals. Wednesday saw Y4 have their WOW day, which was great to see. Thursday saw a science themed showcase across the school with lots of families coming in to see the amazing learning taking place. It was great to speak to the children about their science investigations and new learning. We had everything from testing how the height of a touch affects a shadow to learning how to plant a sunflower seed and some amazing periscopes being made in year 6. Thursday also saw the FOPS AGM - I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and to everyone who has volunteered over the past 12 months, it really makes a huge difference to the experiences of children at Portfields. Friday saw EYFS have a visit from a police officer, which the children loved - and caused quite the stir with some of the other children!

Now all that's left to be said is, I hope you enjoy half term and that the weather is good to us all. See you on Monday 3rd June for our final half term full of Portfields Got Talent, the Year 6 residential, performing arts show and much, much more.

Have a lovely rest,

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Votes for Schools

During assembly this week we learned about the importance of respecting others. After assembly, the children were given the opportunity to vote on the following questions:

This week's questions are:

EYFS/KS1 - Do you know how to respect other people's accents?

KS2 - Should accent be a protected characteristic?

Last week's results:

EYFS/KS1 - Do rewards encourage you?

Yes = 84%

No = 16%

KS2 - Is giving rewards for voting a good idea?

Yes = 34%

No = 66%

This week's home bulletin is now available on our website. [Click Here](#)

[Ofsted - The Big Listen – we want to hear your views!](#)

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted. We want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. We are interested in views of, and any experiences with, Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. We really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had any experience of Ofsted. The survey findings will be used to help Ofsted improve the way it works in the future.

Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey:

survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen

You can look at our [Taking Part webpage](#) for more information about the research, and our [Privacy Notice](#) for what will happen to any information you give. Links to these webpages are also included in the survey.

[Safety Centre Online Training](#)

The MK Safety Centre are running some online training on the following topics:

- Online Safety
- Knife Crime

There are over Zoom and available for families to sign up to. Please see the attached information.

[Curriculum Newsletters](#)

Information about what your child will be learning next half term is now available on their class page on our website. [You can find this information here](#)

[Art Exhibition](#)

Next half term, we are looking forward to celebrating our School of Sanctuary status by hosting an art exhibition titled 'Home'. This will be held on **Thursday 20th June** in the Lagonda hall after school **3:20 - 4:30pm**. We are excited for this opportunity to showcase children's artistic talent and to offer art & craft activities and engage with our wider Portfields family.

We are asking children to design a poster, the winning poster will be used to advertise the event and all entries will receive a small prize. If children are feeling creative over the half term please give their poster to the class teacher on their return to school (closing date 05/06/24). Details to include are date, time (June 21st, 3:20-4:30pm) and title 'Home'.

Please join us for what we hope will be a fun and interesting event.

The School of Sanctuary Team

Sportfields Update

This week we took a team to MK Dons (Stadium MK) to compete against other schools in a mixed Y5/6 football competition. The team did really well and made it through to the semi finals. Unfortunately, several events were "rained off" this week. We hope the improved weather after half term will help going forward.

On Friday, our Y5/6 tennis team took part in a competition at Woughton on the Green. They had a great time.

As previously mentioned, we are having a really tough time arranging transport to sporting events, so a huge thank you to all families who have managed to support in taking children to events.

Calling all Y3 & Y5 Parents - Next Year's Residentials

Mrs Folkard and the year teams will be folding two meetings to provide information about next year's residentials to Woodrow High House (Year 4) and the Isle of Wight (Year 6). The meetings will be held in Aston Hall (by reception) at the following times:

- Tue - 4.6.24 - Y3 Residential Meeting - 6:15 pm
- Thu - 6.6.24 - Y5 Residential Meeting - 6:15 pm
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Art Competition

Portfields, along with other schools in the Milton Keynes area have been invited to take part in Age UK Milton Keynes branch's art competition. The theme of the competition is 'Joy in Older Life'. Entries could show the joy that older people bring

to the lives of younger members of the community, especially grandchildren. Is there a hobby or activity that your child or children enjoy doing with their grandparent(s)? Or is there an activity that a beloved grandparent gets great joy from? Entries can be either a drawing, a painting, a sculpture, a collage or a photograph that shows the joy that older people bring. Entries must be no smaller than A4 and no larger than A3. Art work must be submitted by 30th June 2024 either to the school or can be taken to the Age UK shop in the High Street. Every entrant will receive a certificate of participation and judging will take place on 5th July, with entries displayed in Middleton Hall in the Centre MK from Friday 27th September to October 1st 2024. Cost is Free to enter. All winning designs will be put on to a postcard and sold during the exhibition raising money for Age UK Milton Keynes. There will be a prize for the best of all the schools' designs awarded at the service on 1st October 2024 at 1pm.

Special Man Day Stall 14th June

Reminder if you wish for your child to purchase a gift from the special man day stall, orders must be placed by 5th June.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=80661&isProductGroup=true>

We are allowing children to purchase more than one gift. If you require this, please select when booking.

Premier Wraparound Care Newsletter

Please see attached the Premier Wraparound newsletter.

Dates

New dates in red

This Month (June)

Mon - 3.6.24 - Children Return

Tue - 4.6.24 - Y3 Residential Meeting - 6:15pm

Wed - 5.6.24 - Portfields Together 9am & 7pm

Thu - 6.6.24 - Y5 Trip - Synagogue

Thu - 6.6.24 - Y5 Residential Meeting - 6:15pm

Thu - 6.6.24 - Iguana & Chameleon Forest School Day

Fri - 7.6.24 - Gecko & Crocodile Forest School Day

Fri - 7.6.24 - Y5 Trip - Synagogue

w.b 10.6.24 - Phonics Screening Week
Mon - 10.6.24 - Y5 First Aid Day (Aston Hall)
Wed 12.6.24 - Y3 Willen Lake
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Wed - 12.6.24 - Elm Forest School Stay and Play - 09:30 - 11:00
Wed - 12.6.24 - Oak Forest School Stay and Play - 13:10 - 14:40
Wed - 12.6.24 - Y5/6 Touch Rugby Festival - (MK Rugby Club) - TBC
Thu - 13.6.24 - Chestnut Forest School Stay and Play - 09:30 - 11:00
Fri - 14.6.24 - FOPS Special Man Stall
Mon - 17.6.24 New EYFS 24 Parent Information Session 7-8pm
Mon - 17.6.24 - Seahorse Forest School Day
Tue - 18.6.24 - Starfish Forest School Day
Tue - 18.6.24 - Y2 Trip to Warwick Castle
Wed - 19.6.24 - Shark Forest School Day
Wed - 19.6.24 - Matilda Production at Stantonbury Theatre
Thu - 20.6.24 - Art Exhibition - Lagonda Hall
24.6.24 - Y6 Residential (IoW)
Mon - 24.6.24 - Y5 First Aid Day (Aston Hall)
Mon - 24.6.24 - Newt & Salamander Forest School
Tue - 25.6.24 - Frog & Toad Forest School
Fri - 30.6.24 - The Joy of Older People Art Competition Deadline

Next Month (July)

Mon - 1.7.24 - EY & KS1 Sports Day
Mon - 1.7.24 - Music Celebration Concert (TBC)
Wed - 3.7.24 - Whole School Transition Day
Fri - 5.7.24 - KS2 Sports Day
Mon - 8.7.24 - Portfields Got Talent Auditions
Mon - 8.7.24 - Y6 Forest School Day (Dolphins & Meerkats)
Tue - 9.7.24 - PTG Semi-finals
Thu - 11.7.24 - Y6 Forest School Day (Jaguars & Rhinos)
Fri - 12.7.24 - PGT Finals
Fri - 12.7.24 - FOPS Summer Festival
Fri - 12.7.24 - Rocksteady Concert (TBC)
Thu - 18.7.24 - Y6 Award Ceremony (9:30 - 11:00)
Thu - 18.7.24 - Y6 Prom
Fri - 19.7.24 - Last Day for Children

Next Year (2024-25)

Next Year's Term Dates are available on the school website. [You can find them here](#)

Celebration

Portfields Stars

Oak - Aria

Chestnut - Jack

Elm - N/A

Starfish - Harrison

Shark - Giuliana

Seahorse - Salah

Frog - Logan

Salamander - Aura

Toad - Ethal

Newt - Florence

Gecko - Liam

Chameleon - Roman

Iguana - Elija

Crocodile - Paige

Stegosaurus - Tre

Velociraptor - Hudson-Rio

Triceratops - Jacob and Rowan

Kingfisher - Lochlan

Swift - Myla

Owl - Dennis

Heron - Zoe

Dolphin - Violet and Teddy

Rhino - Mary

Meerkat - Cheliz

Jaguar - Zoe