

Portfields Post

As we reach the end of week 6 and enter the final push to Christmas, we have had an extremely busy week with fantastic learning going on throughout the school and some amazing enrichment experiences.

On Wednesday, we had our first Rock Steady Concerts of the year. It was lovely to hear the children performing so confidently and great to see the staff back "rocking out". We also took 8 children to the first of many ability sports events, which was a huge success and everyone involved had a great time. On Thursday, the choir performed beautifully at Meadowview Nursery and Westbury Grange and I would like to praise them on their community spirit and amazing manners throughout. It was so well received, Westbury Grange has asked us to come back for a repeat performance!

Today we had a very busy Christmas Fair. Thank you, as always, to the Friends of Portfields School team for all their hard work making this event happen. A huge thank you to all the staff who stayed and helped out and of course, to our Year 5 and 6 helpers. There were lots of smiling faces and the funds they raised will continue to help the school provide so many lovely experiences for the children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

[Performing Arts - Matilda the Musical \(Jr.\)](#)

The new performing arts group will start after Christmas and the club will meet every Thursday after school until 4.30pm. The two performances will be at Stantonbury Theatre on 19th June 2024. There are many children that want to take part in this show so we will be holding auditions next week. If your child wants to audition, they will need to practise the script attached - further information is on the sheet.

[Young Voices Cancellation - 21.12.23](#)

Due to the school discos on Thursday 21st December, there will be no Young Voices rehearsal. The final session will therefore be next week.

[School Council](#)

The last week of school council for this term will be Monday 11th December. It will not fun in the final week of term. School council will restart on Monday 15th January.

Christmas tree festival

The school council has been busy making decorations for their 'Sanctuary' tree. The children have thought hard about the theme and what they would miss most if they had to leave all their possessions behind. This weekend the tree will be displayed with their hand made decorations in St Peter and Paul's church on the High street. The festival is on from Friday 8th until Sunday 10th December.

FOPS Year 6 Yearbook

FOPS are now collecting photos for the yearbook. They would like to include photos of your child as a baby, EYFS and any other photos you have of their time at Portfields School. Sports Days, Sharing Assemblies, Trips etc.

If you have any photos that you would like to be included in the book, these can be submitted using the following links.

Jaguar <https://forms.gle/XBgVzGEAnpQNf2i9>

Meerkat <https://forms.gle/ouJxDacFhJtFNPbv5>

Dolphin <https://forms.gle/yka4zxA4h9XbrrVf9>

Rhino <https://forms.gle/41G7CZM9uuKefnJL7>

Please make sure that they are submitted to the correct class.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated money to the Poppy Appeal, our school raised £84.39.

Newspaper for Year 2

For an upcoming project in Year 2, if you have any spare newspaper please donate it straight to year 2 classrooms, where it will be gratefully received.

Dates

New dates in red

This Month (December)

Mon - 11.12.23 - Y5/6 Football Friendly (Development)

Mon - 11.12.23 - Music Concert (Lessons)

Wed - 13.12.23 - Christmas Dinner Day Wed - 13.12.23 - Year 6 Christmas Cracked

Wed - 13.12.23 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (To KS2)

Thu - 14.12.23 - EYFS Nativity - 9:15

Fri - 15.12.23 - EYFS Nativity - 2pm

Mon - 18.12.23 - Y5 CO Crew

Tue - 19.12.23 - Y5 CO Crew

Tue - 19.12.23 - Disco (EY,1,3,4,6)

Wed - 20.12.23 - Whole School Carol Concert 9am - 10am

Wed - 20.12.23 Whole School Christmas Party Day - party clothes

Thu - 21.12.23 - Disco (Y2 & 5)

Fri - 22.12.23 - Last Day

Next Month (January)

Mon - 8.1.24 - Children Return

Thu - 11.1.23 - Y3 Portals to the Past

Mon - 15.1.24 - EYFS Application Closing Day (Via MKC website)

Wed - 17.1.24 - Young Voices

Mon - 22.1.24 - Y5 Portals to the Past

Next Month (February)

W.b Mon - 5.2.24 Y6 Mock SATs

Tue - 6.2.24 - Chestnut Scrap Book Session

Wed - 7.2.24 - Oak Scrap Book Session

Fri - 9.2.24 - Elm Scrap Book Session

Mon 12.2.24 - Heron

Tue 13.2.24 - Owl

Wed 14.2.24 - Kingfisher

Thu 15.2.24 - Swift

Wed 14th - Fri 16th - Y4 Residential (Woodrow)

Fri - 16.2.24 - Last Day of Half Term

Celebrations

Portfields Stars

Oak - Jack and Wilson

Chestnut - Benedict

Elm - Efiya

Starfish - Harrison

Shark - Edward

Seahorse - Arabella

Frog - Eva May

Salamander - Akito

Toad - Malachi

Newt - Ethan

Gecko - Mohammed and Zavier

Chameleon - Victoria

Iguana - Ruby

Stegosaurus - Tom

Velociraptor - Hudson-Rio

Triceratops - George

Kingfisher - N/A

Swift - Gianni

Owl - Arthur

Heron - Stanley

Dolphin - Matthew

Rhino - Robert

Meerkat - Mariam

Jaguar - N/A