

Portfields Post

It was lovely to welcome the children back on Monday and see how well they settled back in after half term. This week, Y6 had their WOW day with Simon the Explorer visiting and telling them all about his adventures. Thursday saw the school photographer in for individual photos & siblings photos and we can't wait to see the results.

Please can I remind all families that, as the weather starts to turn, it is really important that your child brings a coat to school each day. We try our hardest to get on to the playground each day and allow the children a time to get some fresh air but this relies on children coming to school with a suitable coat for the weather.

I am sad to report that some members of staff are leaving us at Christmas and we have some new members of the family to welcome. Mr Corneil has secured an Assistant Headteacher post at a local Milton Keynes school. Ms Olufiade will be his successor in Jaguar class and will be joining us in December.

Miss Jones, who is currently on maternity leave, has secured an Assistant Headteacher position in Trust of schools. Mrs Beevor will be leaving at Christmas, as planned and Ms Chakravarti will be the new teacher in Velociraptor, starting in December. Miss Perez will be moving on to a different setting after Christmas too.

I would also like to welcome Miss Hawes, a teaching assistant in Year 3. We wish all three members of the family the very best in their new adventures and a very warm Portfields welcome to our new team.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Assembly Theme - Grow Minds

How can we be more curious?

The assembly theme this week was 'growing minds' and in KS2, we read the story 'The Tower' by Joseph Coelho and Richard Johnson. This magical story follows three children living in a tower block, as they embark on a fantastical adventure which helps them see their home in a new light, curious over everyday happenings.

We also challenged the children to find out the answers to these curious questions...

Why do my fingers get wrinkly when I'm swimming?

Why do we hiccup?

Why do seashells sound like the ocean?

Why are traffic lights green, yellow, and red?

In EYFS and KS1 we were being curious about objects, pictures and read I Wonder by K A Holt. Children wonder as they are still wonderful!

“The important thing is to not stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.” — Albert Einstein

Sports Events

As you know, we are always trying to increase our participation in sports events. If your child has been invited to participate in a sporting event but you are unable to arrange transportation to the event, please contact the school office. We will always do our best to facilitate this. We do not want transport issues to be the reason your child misses out.

Portfields Together

On Thursday 9th November, we are pleased to hold our next Portfields Together meetings, these will be 9-10am and 7-8pm. In this meeting, we will be discussing our school values and ethos, specifically looking at inclusivity and special educational needs. A form has been sent out on ParentMail to book your space, we hope to see you there!

MK Food Bank

Thank you for all of your donations to the MK Food Bank this year. We have donated as much as a small supermarket! For more information about their wonderful work, please visit their website here: mkfoodbank.org.uk

School Photos

We had the school photographers visit yesterday and all children will have received a form with a QR code in which you can register online on DSP's website in order to view your child's photo online.

Images will go live approximately 10-14 days after the photo was taken.

Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to be offering Poppys and Poppy merchandise (until stocks last) in reception if you would like to come and purchase something. The suggested donation is £1 per item.

Premier Winter Camp

Please see attached leaflet for the Premier winter camp.

Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to all the families who completed our annual parent survey this year. We had 301 families respond and are delighted to share the results with you (attached).

Dates

New dates in red

This Month (November)

Mon 6.11.23 - Salamander and Newt Forest School
Mon - 6.11.23 - Y3/4 Basketball (Development)
Wed - 8.11.23 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby (Performance)
Thu - 9.11.23 - Portfields Together 9am & 7pm
Thu - 9.11.23 - Y1 Trip to Woburn
Mon - 13.11.23 - Odd Socks Day (Children can wear odd / funky socks)
Mon - 13.11.23 - Y5/6 Basketball (Performance)
Tue - 14.11.23 & Wed 15.11.23 - Y2 Safety Seymour
Wed - 15.11.23 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby (Performance)
Wed - 15.11.23 Sharks Forest School Day
Wed - 15.11.23 - SEND Parent Workshop (9am & 7pm)
Thu - 16.11.23 - Flu Immunisations
Thu - 16.11.23 Seahorse Forest School Day
Fri - 17.11.23 - Children in need - Non-uniform
Mon - 20.11.23 - Elm Scrap Book Session
Mon - 20.11.23 - Y5/6 Basketball (Development)
Tue - 21.11.23 - Parent Showcase (Art)
Wed - 22.11.23 - Chestnut Scrapbook Session
Wed - 22.11.23 Starfish Forest School Day
Wed - 22.11.23 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby League (Performance)
Thu - 23.11.23 - Y5/6 Football League (Performance)
Fri - 24.11.23 - Oak Scrap Book Session
Fri - 24.11.23 - Non-uniform (bottle donation)
Sat - 25.11.23 - Newport Pagnell Lights Switch On (Christmas Dancers Performing)
Mon - 27.11.23 - Crocodile Forest School Day
Tue - 28.11.23 - Iguana Forest School Day
Wed - 29.11.23 - Gecko Forest School Day
Thu - 30.11.23 - Chameleon Forest School Day

Next Month (December)

Wed - 6.12.23 - Rocksteady Concert (TBC)
Wed - 6.12.23 - Y5 Boca & Curling (Ability)

Fri - 8.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day
Fri - 8.12.23 Christmas Fayre
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 - 20.12.23 - Music Concert (Lessons)
Tue - 19.12.23 - Disco (EY,1,3,4,6)
Wed - 20.12.23 - Whole School Carol Concert
Thu - 21.12.23 - Disco (Y2 & 5)
Fri - 22.12.23 - Last Day

Celebrations

Portfields Stars

Oak - N/A
Chestnut - N/A
Elm - N/A
Starfish - Abigail
Shark - Verity
Seahorse - Martha
Frog - Charlotte
Salamander - Astrid
Toad - Ethal
Newt - James
Gecko - Baxter
Chameleon - Eloise
Iguana - Kaio
Stegosaurus - Megan
Velociraptor - Erin
Triceratops - Dylin
Kingfisher - Sachleen
Swift - Oliver
Owl - Myka
Heron - Jasmine
Dolphin - Travis
Rhino - Bella
Meerkat - Kyle
Jaguar - Jake