

## **Portfields Post**

We have had a fantastic week full of great learning and fun. We were delighted to have a visit from the MK Foodbank during our KS2 assembly this week to talk all about Harvest and the work the Foodbank does.

We are working hard on our trips and visits calendar for the coming year. We are trying hard to get the best possible prices and hope to share this with families with as much notice as possible.

Next week we have our first parents evenings of the year, where our teachers look forward to telling you all about how your child has settled in so far. We are also celebrating Mental Health Day on Tuesday, where children can attend school wearing as much (or as little) yellow as they like. The children will also be taking part in the first Portfields' Big Write of the year, where children from all year groups will be creating character descriptions. We can't wait to share some of these with you via our [Facebook Page](#) & [X Page](#)

I hope you all enjoy sunshine this weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back for our penultimate week of the first half term.

Mrs Folkard.

## **Notices**

### **Y6 SATS / IOW**

The information from our recent parent workshop about Y6 SATs and our Y6 residential to the Isle of Wight is now available for those who were unable to attend in person. [Click here to find out more.](#)

### **EYFS Open Mornings**

We are delighted to open our doors for families of children starting school in September 2024. If you have a child who would be due to start, or know anyone else who may, please see below the available sessions:

- Monday 16th October - 10:30am - 12:00pm
- Thursday 19th October - 1:10pm - 3pm or 6pm to 7:30pm

Please call or email the school office to book your place.

### **MK Foodbank**

MK Food Bank presents 'MK CAN' – a major whole Milton Keynes effort to smash the current world record for the longest line of cans of food. Portfields will be helping the

Food Bank to support thousands of households in crisis, and putting our city on the world map.

The official world record for the longest continuous line of cans of food was set in Canada in 2014 with a line of 45,000 cans (3.8km).

MK Food Bank, along with 400 business and community supporters, want to smash this record and have an ambitious target of 132,000 cans – that's 10km long!

The line – which will wind its way round Milton Keynes' Campbell Park, starting at The World Food Day Pillar at the iconic MK Rose – will provide over half of the canned food the food bank need for an entire year.

If you would like to donate tinned food to support MK Can, children can bring donations in from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. More information here: [MK Can | Milton Keynes Food Bank \(mkfoodbank.org.uk\)](#)

### **School Council**

This year we would like to invite all pupils in years 3 - 6 to apply to represent their class on Portfields Schools - Student council with the support of their adults at home to produce a campaign speech.

### **What does being on the School Council involve?**

- Attending weekly meetings- which will be held on a Monday 3:20pm-4:00pm.
- Representing their class.
- Working with our student Leaders
- Finding out how the democratic system works
- Report back and present matters to the class
- Working as a team with the school council members.
- Listening to others points of view.
- Committing to the school council for the rest of the academic year.

Your child will need to present their campaign speech to their class at the beginning of the week commencing 16th October. The ballot will take place on Wednesday 18th October and results will be announced on the following day. The first Meeting will be Monday 30th October.

### **KS2 Young Voices**

A polite reminder that there is no Young Voice rehearsal next Thursday (12th October) due to Parent's Evening.

### **Reading dog permissions**

We are delighted to inform you that Buster "hearing dog in training" will be accompanying Karen Wisson, a parent volunteer, to listen to some children read across the school. Please complete the ParentMail form by the 12th October to indicate if you would or would not like your child to take part.

### **Reading Record Books**

A polite reminder that reading books and reading record books should be brought into school daily.

### **Volunteers coffee morning reminder**

Thank you to everyone so far who has signed up to volunteer with us this academic year. If you know anyone who may be interested in volunteering at school (this could be yourselves, grandparents or other members of the community) please get in touch via [admin@portfields.org](mailto:admin@portfields.org). We are holding a coffee morning for any new volunteers on the 18th October at 9.15am with Mrs Folkard.

### **Sportfields Round Up**

On Monday, in our year 3 / 4 netball competition, we won all 4 games and the children did an amazing job.

We had an extremely successful visit to Green Park on Tuesday, where a number of our cross country team competed. We placed first in every race and the senior boys, of which 4 competed, finished as the top 4! A superb showing by all involved.

On Wednesday, in the netball league, we won one game and narrowly lost the other. Everyone showed fantastic teamwork and put in a great amount of effort.

Yesterday the boys football team played two matches, winning both. The first was 6-4 and the second was 10-0. Well done, boys!

### **FOPS Christmas Art Project reminder**

We are delighted to announce that we will be taking part in the Christmas Card Project again this year!

Over the next few weeks your child will be bringing home artwork which they have completed at school. The artwork your child has created will be accurately reproduced in full colour onto Christmas cards that are available in packs of 10.

Additional items are also available such as T Towels, Mugs, Aprons, Coasters, Water Bottles and Bags. These would make ideal Christmas Presents for family and friends and provide a lasting keepsake of your child's work.

Orders need to be placed and paid for online (**we cannot accept any cash payments**). The artwork must then be returned to school with all the details fully completed by **10th October** (no incomplete orders can be processed.) To order <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsportfields/index.cfm?event=products>

A price list is on your child's artwork. Illustrations on our website are for information only and are not a copy of your child's artwork. By making an order you agree to the following:

Portfields School will pass FOPS details of your child's name, age and class. FOPS will pass this information to All My Own Work to process your order. Their Privacy Policy can be found on their website. [www.allmyownwork.co.uk](http://www.allmyownwork.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support. FOPS

## **Dates**

### **New dates in red**

#### **This Month (October)**

Mon 9.10.23 - Year 5/6 Netball @ Shenley Brook End (Performance)

Tue 10.10.23 - Year 3/4 Netball @ SMSG (Development)

Tue - 10.10.23 - Parents Eve

Tue - 10.10.23 - Mental Health Day - Children may wear yellow

Wed 11.10.23 - Netball League week 3 @ Hazley (Performance)

Thu - 12.10.23 - Parents Eve

Tue 17.11.23 - Year 5/6 Netball @ Oakgrove (Development)

Wed 18.10.23 - Netball League week 4 @ Hazley (Performance)

**Thursday 19/10/23 - Year 5/6 Football friendly (Home) vs SMSG (Performance)**

Thu - 19.10.23 - Last Day for Children

Fri - 20.10.23 - Inset Day (No Children)

Mon - 30.10.23 - School Reopens to Pupils

#### **Next Month (November)**

Wed - 2.11.23 - Individual & Sibling Photographs

**Sat - 4.11.23 - Cross Country Competition**

Thu - 9.11.23 - Portfields Together 9am & 7pm

**Thu - 9.11.23 - Y1 Trip to Woburn (TBC)**

Mon - 13.11.23 - Odd Socks Day (Children can wear odd / funky socks)

Thu - 16.11.23 - Flu Immunisations

Fri - 17.11.23 - Children in need - Non-uniform

Mon - 20.11.23 - Elm Scrap Book Session

Tue - 21.11.23 - Parent Showcase (Art)

Wed - 22.11.23 - Chestnut Scrap Book Session

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)

Sat - 2.12.23 - Art Gallery @ Mead Center (Details to follow)

## **Celebrations**

## **Portfields Stars**

There was no Portfields Star assembly this week