

Portfields Post

This week the Y6 Portfields Pupil Leaders (PPLs) shared the outcomes of two pupil voice surveys this term: Behaviour and Safeguarding. They presented to senior leaders, governors and led two assemblies. Their confidence, maturity and public speaking shone through as they celebrated how safe pupils say they are at Portfields.

The PPLs assembly also focused on Internet Safety Day and how to protect from scamming. Please find resources and talking points from the UK Internet Safety Centre here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

Most of our Y4 pupils have been making memories and challenging themselves at their first residential to Woodrow. The pupils and staff have been having so much fun and will definitely need a well deserved rest next week. The Year 4 children who remained at school have been making roman mosaic tiles, having adventures in forest school and lots of team building activities.

EYFS have finished their term with a fairytale ball - children and staff looked fantastic!

We have had three new members of the team join (or re-join) the team this term. A warm welcome back to Miss Ash, and welcome to the two new teaching assistants Mrs Suarez and Mrs Burnett. It was also so great to welcome Mr Reid back!

The teachers will be having some exciting orienteering training as part of outdoor adventurous activities on Monday 24th February. We are really looking forward to planning more enrichment activities into our already bursting curriculum!

I am very excited to be taking part in World Book Day - the staff will be having a competition again and we will need your votes!

I wish you all a happy half term break and we will welcome you back on Tuesday 25th February 2025.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Cross Curricular Orienteering

Teachers are excited to be introducing Cross Curricular Orienteering sessions to our curriculum after half term. Year 4-6 will have an introductory session on Tuesday 25th February. Please send your child to school wearing trainers and ensure they have a coat.

World Book Day

We invite your child to come dressed as their favourite book character again this year. Whilst there will be no individual prizes, we will be celebrating the costumes, books and love of reading all day! Your child will come home with a book token to spend on a new book too!

As part of the day, each class will be receiving a new book for their class libraries.

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March 2025, we would like to invite you to join us in your child's classroom to read with them. The session will run from 8:30 – 8:50 a.m. During this twenty-minute session, you will have the opportunity to engage with your child by reading together. This can be a cherished time for you both, allowing you to discover new stories and share your thoughts on literature. We kindly recommend bringing along a book that you think your child might enjoy, or you may choose from a selection available in the class library.

Due to space restrictions, please can we ask that only one adult per family attends. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate siblings.

Donate Books

Following parental suggestions, Portfields now has an Amazon wish list of books. Please remember to add a personalised message by clicking 'this will be a gift' and either ship it straight to school or your chosen address.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1YZVADK8ZXP3I?ref=wl_share

If you would like to suggest some books we should add to our wishline, please complete the google form here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtkd--QKtE8ZSQcI2Og9nZC7UC6VarDzx35C_RU1iSYiNn5ZA/viewform?usp=dialog

FOPS Special Lady Gift Stall

We will be holding our Special Lady Day stall again this year on the 28th March. We have purchased a selection of gifts that the children will be able to buy. All are suitable for mums, grandmas, aunties or anyone else they want to make feel special on Sunday 30th March. The gifts will be priced at £3 each.

The teaching staff have very kindly agreed to allow the children to visit the stalls during the afternoon in a rotation of classes, so that children can make their purchases in secret. This year we will be taking payments in advance using the FOPS

payment system. **We will not be taking money on the day.** If you would like your child to take part, bookings can be made at

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93807&IsProductGroup=1>

Closing date 8th March

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Reminder if you wish to order a leavers hoodie the last date to order is 2nd March - NO LATE ORDERS

Summer Festival - 11th July

We are putting together the preparations for the Portfields Summer Festival being held on 11th July between 4pm and 7pm. If anyone has crafts to sell or has a small business and would like a stall at the event, please email friends@portfields.org for the application form. This is open to everyone, not just Portfields families. If you know anyone else that might be interested in holding a stall, please get them to contact us.

Portfields School Lottery

Play our lottery this month and you could win a Year of Adventures (or £1,000 cash alternative, of course!) - an annual family membership for English Heritage, the National Trust, and a Merlin Pass too! Get your tickets before Saturday 22nd February for your chance to win!

PLAY NOW: Go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for: Portfields

Refer a Friend to be in with a chance of winning £200!

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Further details attached.

To keep up to date on FOPS activities Follow us on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/EQNeaw535evstvoa/?mibextid=K35XfP>

Climb Quest

Please see attached offer for Climb Quest

Dates

New dates in red

Dates (Spring 2)

Mon - 24.2.25 - INSET Day

Tue - 25.2.25 - Children Return

Thu - 27.2.25 - Parents Evening Bookings Live (09:00)

Fri - 28.2.25 - PINS (Partnership in Neurodiversity in Schools) coffee morning

Tue - 4.3.25 - Poetry Festival

Tue - 4.3.25 - Guitar Music Festival

Wed - 5.3.25 - Brass & Woodwind Music Festival

Thu - 6.3.25 - World Book Day

Mon - 10.3.25 - Chameleon & Crocodile Trip to Roald Dahl Museum

Tue - 11.3.25 - Y5 Space Centre Trip

Thu - 13.3.25 - Iguana & Gecko Trip to Roald Dahl Museum

Fri - 14.3.24 - Red Nose Day - Non-uniform (optional red nose)

Wed - 19.3.25 - Easter Rocksteady concert - 09:30am & 1:45pm

Thu - 20.3.25 - Class and Leavers Photos

Sat - 22.3.25 - National Primary School Cross Country Finals

Tue - 25.3.25 - Parents Evening

Tue - 25.3.25 - Y5 First Aid Day

Wed - 26.3.25 - Y5 First Aid Day

Thu - 27.3.25 - Parents Evening

Fri - 28.3.25 - FOPS Special Lady Stall

Tue - 1.4.25 Disco (3:30 - 4:30 - EYFS / 4:45 - 5:45 - Y5)

Wed - 2.4.25 - EYFS Spring Hat Parade - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 2.4.25 Disco (3:30 - 4:30 - Y3 / 4:45 - 5:45 - Y6)

Thu - 3.4.25 Disco (3:30 - 4:30 - Y1/2 / 4:45 - 5:45 - Y4)

Fri - 4.4.25 - Last Day of Term

Celebration

House Point Totals

1st - Orange =

2nd - Purple =

3rd - Green =

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Shark - Farrell

Seahorse - Imogen

Toad - Finn

Frog - Harrison

Chameleon - Charlotte

Crocodile - Edward

Stegosaurus - N/A

Brachiosaurus - N/A

Owl - Sophia

Heron - Lily

Dolphin - Harry

Meerkat - Alexandra

Second Assembly

Elm - Freddie

Chestnut - Jax

Oak - Nicole

Starfish - Harriet

Newt - Filip

Iguana - Victoria

Gecko - Malachi

Triceratops - N/A

Velociraptor - N/A

Kingfisher - Luke

Swift - Elvin

Rhino - Rafaella

Jaguar - Rosie