

Portfields Post

This week we have had a great week in the sunshine. Year 5 have been busy in forest school and attending Easter Cracked, where they learned all about the Easter story. We have also had Seahorse's forest school day, where they had a fantastic time exploring nature. We also held 6 very successful discos where the children all had a great time. Our EYFS children had their spring hat parade on Wednesday with lots of egg-celent designs. A huge thank you to all the families for putting in so much effort.

I was also delighted to be able to attend the girls football finals on Thursday night, where the girls all did a fantastic job, coming 6th overall out of every school in Milton Keynes. A huge well done to the whole team.

I had a great time today announcing this half term's house point scores. A huge well done to everyone for their hard work and all the positive points they have earned. We gave out a total of **23,410 positive house points** this half term! Our winners for this half term are Green House, with 7845 points and they earn themselves an extra 30 minute playtime after half term.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Taylor, who has secured a promotion at another school. We wish her all the best in her new endeavour.

I'm hopeful the sunshine stays around for the Easter holidays and I hope you all have a lovely, restful break.

I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Curriculum Newsletters

We have added our Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletters to the school website. These detail what your child will be learning next half term. You can find them on the [class pages](#). If you would like more detail on any of the units of work being taught, you can see the medium term planning on [our curriculum pages](#).

Milton Keynes Foodbank - The Great Cereal Topple

Milton Keynes Foodbank are launching a new campaign to collect much-needed breakfast cereal for food parcels. They are aiming to collect 10,000 boxes of cereal from across Milton Keynes during the months of April and May.

At Portfields we would love to join in, including making an entry into the "Great Cereal Topple" where we will set up a fabulous domino run with all the boxes we have collected. This will be filmed and our entry sent into the competition for the best domino run!

From when we come back to school after Easter until the 23rd May, it would be wonderful if you are able to bring donations of new / in date boxes of branded or unbranded cereal into school. They can be taken to your child's classroom. We will keep you posted with our progress.

Your support for this very worthy cause is much appreciated, as we help them to fight food poverty across our city.

[Chameleon Catch Up Parents Evening](#)

On Tuesday 22nd April, Mrs Barker will hold the catch up parents evening for those parents who had their appointments cancelled. We have booked all parents in for the same time as their original appointment. However, there are some gaps, so if you wish to change your appointment time, [please visit School Cloud](#).

[Chartwells Lunch Orders](#)

Please be reminded that you need to order Chartwells lunches for the first week back by Sunday 13th April. You are able to book for the whole term at this time.

All the cut off dates are available to view on our website.

[Easter Events](#)

We have updated our community page with a variety of events happening locally over the Easter break. If these may be of interest to you, [please check out our community page](#).

[Athletics Trials](#)

We will be holding trials for the athletics competition in June during the second week back, w.b **28th April**, during lunchtimes, on the following days:

Tuesday Y3/4 & Y5/6 Field Event Trials

- Standing triple jump
- Long jump

Wednesday - Y3/4 & Y5/6 Track Event Trials

- Throwing

Thursday - Y3/4 & Y5/6

- 50m (Y3/4)
- 75m (Y5/6)
- 100m (Y3/4)
- 150m (Y5/6)

Friday - Y3/4 & Y5/6 Track Event Trials

- 400m (Y3/4)
- 600m (Y5/6)

After the trials, we will select a team to take part in the athletics competition. A parentmail will be sent home on Wednesday 7th May to those children selected.

If your child is unavailable to take part in the athletics competition on Friday 20th June (12:00 - 5:30pm), we kindly ask that they do not take part in the trials as this will confuse the selection process.

[FOPS Updates](#)

FOPS run many of the school fundraising activities. Join our Facebook page to keep up to date on all upcoming events.

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

[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.

[School Lottery](#)

Easter Super Draw: one lucky supporter could **win a luxury City Break worth £1,000!**

Whether you want to hit the West End for a weekend, see the architecture and nightlife of Barcelona, sample the art and food of Florence, or soak up the culture in Paris, this prize is simply not to be missed!

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

[Art Competition - It's not too late to enter!](#)

We are excited to invite young artists to participate in an intergenerational art project organised by Age UK Milton Keynes. The theme of the exhibition is "Wrinkles and Smiles: A Celebration of Age." Please see the attached art brief for more information about how to participate. If you wish to take part in this exciting art project then your artwork must be brought into school by Wednesday 14th May and given to your class teacher. Please make sure your artwork is clearly named and include your child's age and class.

[Dates](#)

[New dates in red](#)

[Dates \(Summer 1\)](#)

Mon - 21.4.25 - Bank Holiday

Tue - 22.4.25 - Children Return

Thu - 24.4.25 - KS2 Music Roadshow Assembly

W.b 28.4.25 - SEND Catch Up Phone Calls

Mon - 5.5.25 - Bank Holiday

Wed - 7.5.24 - Y1 Trip to Herring Green Farm - TBC

w.b 12.5.25 - Y6 SATs

Mon 19.05.25 - Crocodile & Chameleon Forest School Day

Mon - 19.5.25 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 20.5.25 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

21.5.25 - Y4 Trip to Synagogue (2 Classes AM, 2 Classes PM)

Weds 21.05.25 - Iguana & Gecko Forest School Day

Wed - 21.5.25 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Thu - 22.5.25 - Brachiosaurus & Stegosaurus Forest School Day

Fri - 24.5.25 - Velociraptor & Triceratops Forest School Day

Fri - 23.5.25 - Last Day of Half Term

Celebration

House Point Totals

1st - Purple = 1515

2nd - Orange = 1488

3rd - Green = 1468

House Point Half Term Totals

1st - Green = 7845

2nd - Orange = 7791

3rd - Purple = 7774

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Shark - James

Seahorse - Maya

Toad - Aurora

Frog - Verity

Chameleon - Akito

Crocodile - Ailla

Stegosaurus - Kaio

Brachiosaurus - Darcey

Owl - Rowan

Heron - Lily B

Dolphin - Angel-Annabelle

Meerkat - Holly

Second Assembly

Elm - Marlie

Chestnut - Grace

Oak - Inaya

Starfish - Sophie-Rose

Newt - Martha

Iguana - Benjamin

Gecko - Willow

Triceratops - Isabella

Velociraptor - Lucca Pisco

Kingfisher - Abena

Swift - Rose

Rhino - James

Jaguar - Austin