

Portfields Post

Welcome back to you all, we hope you all had a restful half term and back raring to go as we gear up to the Christmas season.

This week Year 6 enjoyed their WOW day with Simon the explorer. Simon introduced the pupils to their history topic for the term - The Ancient civilization of the Ancient Mayans. Their fun packed day included videos and photographs of Simon's many expeditions to South America. They learnt about the Mayan gods, the Mayan number system and blood sacrifice. When I asked some of the year 6's to describe the day in one word, their enthusiasm for the topic was evident, with some describing the day as "amazing, Interesting, Historic and adventurous".

On Wednesday, we welcomed Luna the reading and support dog to KS1. This half term Year 2 will have the opportunity to spend time with Luna, where children can either read to Luna, chat about their day or just spend some quiet time with her. After Christmas Yr 1 and EYFS will get their chance to meet Luna. More details about Luna and Rachel can be found below and attached.

Today also saw us attending the MKPSSP Cross Country at The Bowl. A huge well done to everyone who took part. We are proud to announce we finished 2nd out of all Large/Ultra schools in Milton Keynes. A huge thank you to Mrs Rose-Stanley and all the other staff who gave up their time to help.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

[Scooting and Bike Riding on School Grounds](#)

Please be reminded that children should not ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds. We have had some near misses where children have narrowly avoided crashing into other families. Please remind your child to get off at the school gate and walk their bikes / scooter to the appropriate parking spot.

[Parents' Evening Bookings](#)

A reminder that Parents' Evening bookings are now live. For information about how to book an appointment, visit <https://www.portfieldsprimaryschool.org/parents/parents-evening>

If you have any further questions or issues with booking please do not hesitate to contact reception.

[Remembrance Day](#)

On Tuesday, we will hold assemblies about remembrance day. We will also be holding a 2 minute silence on the playground for all children.

[Rachel and Luna the reading and support dog](#)

Rachel and Luna are members of the Canine Concern Charity, and part of the Read to dogs programme that is run by the charity. They have completed their extensive training and have thoroughly enjoyed their first week with us. If you would like any further information regarding the charity and the work they do, more information can be found here: <https://canineconcern.co.uk/>

Rachel - Luna's owner has sent through a little bio of them both which you can read with your child to help them get to know Rachel and Luna a little better. Please see details attached.

If you have yet to complete your child's consent form for this programme, please go to the parentmail form sent out earlier this week.

[Returning Sports Kit](#)

If your child has taken part in a school sports event and was wearing a kit, please can this be returned as soon as possible. Fixtures come in thick and fast in the Autumn and we need to be able to hand it out to the new teams. Children can return the kit to the school office or their class teacher.

[New Parent Governor Elected](#)

We are pleased to confirm that the newly elected Parent Governor for Portfields Primary School is **Mr Matt Flitton** - Congratulations Mrs Flitton. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all candidates for your participation, interest, and commitment to the school. Your engagement is greatly appreciated, and we thank you for your continued support of our school community.

[FOPS](#)

Personalised Santa Letters

Today, Friday 7th November, is your ***final chance*** to order a magical personalised letter from Santa — don't miss out! This festive season, why not surprise your little one with a special message from the North Pole? We're offering:

Santa Letter only – £1.50

Santa Letter + small gift – £3.50

These keepsakes are a lovely way to add sparkle to your child's Christmas and create lasting memories.

Order now: <https://pta.events/9irqhnx4>

Deadline: Midnight tonight!

Christmas Fayre - Helpers Needed!

We're getting ready for one of the most festive events of the year – the **Portfields Christmas Fayre on Friday 12th December** – and we'd love your help to make it magical!

Whether you can spare an hour or the whole day, we're looking for volunteers to support with:

Preparations in the lead-up – wrapping gifts, folding raffle tickets, checking bottles and chocolates

On-the-day help – Preparation on the morning of the Fayre, setting up stalls in the afternoon and running stalls at the fayre.

Every helping hand makes a huge difference, and it's a great way to get involved in the school community. If you're available to help, please let us know using the following link

<https://pta.events/i3l9971w>

Dates

New dates in red

Sun - 9.11.25 - Remembrance Sunday - Pupil Leaders

Mon - 10.11.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Stay & Play -Forest School - 09:00 - 10:00am

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Wed - 12.11.26 - Y2 Sublime Science Visitor

Mon - 17.11.25 - Y1 & Y2 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Mon - 17.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 18.11.25 - Y3 & Y4 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Tue - 18.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 18.11.25 - Owl and Swift Forest School Day

Wed 19.11.25 - Heron and Kingfisher Forest School Day

Wed - 19.11.25 - Y5 & Y6 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Wed - 19.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 25.11.25 - Y5 RIAT STEM Challenge

Wed - 26.11.24 - Flu Immunisation (EYFS & Any who missed)

Wed - 26.11.25 - Y6 Christmas Cracked

Thu - 27.11.25 - Owl Local Geography Walk

Fri - 28.11.25 - Swift Local Geography Walk

Mon - 1.12.25 9.00-11.00 Heron Local Geography Walk

Tue - 2.12.25 9.00-11.00 Kingfisher Local Geography Walk

Tue - 2.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)

Wed - 3.12.25 - Christmas Rocksteady Concert (TBC)

Thu - 4.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)

Fri - 5.12.25 - 09:30 - Y5 Christmas Cracked

Fri - 5.12.25 - Non-Uniform Day (Bottle Tombola donations)

Wed - 10.12.25 - Christmas Dinner Day ([See website for details of how to book](#))

Wed - 10.12.25 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS1) - 1:30pm

Thu - 11.12.25 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS2) - 1:30pm

Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Fair

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Tue - 16.12.25 - EYFS Nativity - 2-3pm (Aston Hall)

Wed - 17.12.25 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)

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Tue - 16.12.25 - Y5 Panto Stantonbury

Thu - 18.12.25 - Last Day of Term

Fri - 19.12.25 - INSET Day (School closed to children)

Dates (Spring 1)

Mon - 5.1.26 - INSET Day

Tue - 6.1.26 - Children Return

Wed - 14.1.26 - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Parent Workshop (6:15pm - 7:15pm) - Aston Hall

w.b 26.1.26 - Mock Y6 SATs Week

Wed - 28.1.26 - Woodrow Parent Meeting (6:15 - 7:15pm)

Thu - 29.1.26 - Y3 Stone Age / Ice Age Visit

Mon - 2.2.26 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 3.2.26 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 4.2.26 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 4.2.26 - Parent Showcase Y1-6 (2:30 - 4pm)

Fri - 6.2.26 - Y5 Vikings Workshops

Tue - 10.2.25 - Safer Internet Day

Wed - 11.2.26 - Y4 Woodrow Trip

Fri - 13.2.25 - Last Day of Term

Dates (Spring 2)

Mon - 23.2.26 - Children Return

Mon - 23.2.26 - Young Voices

Mon - 23.2.26 - Parents Evening Bookings Live (5:30pm)

Thu - 5.3.26 - World Book Day

Thu - 5.3.26 - Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 09:00)

Fri - 6.3.26 - Y1 Exotic Animal Encounter

Tue - 10.3.26 - Y3 Roald Dahl Trip

Thu - 12.3.26 - Class & Leavers Photos

Wed - 18.3.26 - Rocksteady Concert

Thu - 19.3.26 - Y5 Space Centre Trip

Tue - 24.3.26 - Easter Discos

3:30-4:30 - EYFS

4:45 - 5:45 - Y5 Disco

Wed - 25.3.26 - Easter Discos

3:30 - 4:30 - Y3 Disco

4:45 - 5:45 - Y6 Disco

Thu - 26.3.26 - EYFS Spring Hat Parade - 2.45pm (The Playground)

Thu - 26.3.26 - Easter Discos

3:30 - 4:30 - Y1 & Y2 Disco

4:45 - 5:45 - Y4 Disco

Fri - 27.3.26 - Last Day of Term

Celebration

House Point Totals

1st - Purple = 1014

2nd - Orange = 856

3rd - Green = 776

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Elm - Aisha

Chestnut - Jack

Seahorse - Hazar

Toad - Aria

Frog - Sophia

Iguana - Atlanta

Stegosaurus - Ailla

Brachiosaurus - Jack

Owl - Louis

Heron - Eloise

Dolphin - Aliza

Meerkat - Lucy

Second Assembly

Oak - Imogen

Shark - Elsie

Starfish - Ayla

Newt - Santiago

Gecko - Martha

Chameleon - Oliver

Triceratops - Willow

Kingfisher - Albie

Swift - Matilda

Rhino - Bella

Jaguar - Lochlainn