

Port Elphinstone School Newsletter

May 2022

Learning Together

The pupils have all come back to start term 4 with amazing attitudes and have been working really well together. Our PSA team have been working hard to support pupils inside the building and outside! We are working to build new activities during breaktimes to support learners. There are opportunities to play football, use tennis equipment, be creative with our outdoor building blocks and pavement chalk as well as bubbles! We welcome ideas from parents and pupils of things pupils might enjoy.

We also have a staff update! Miss Grant became Mrs Caie in the holidays! Congratulations to the Caie family on this exciting event. There will also be another big change for Mrs Caie on the horizon, after many years at Port Elphinstone School, Mrs Caie is taking on a new adventure at Carronhill School in Stonehaven. We wish her well on this new journey, but she will be missed at Port Elphinstone by colleagues, pupils and the wider community. From the week commencing 9 May, Mrs Caie will be in class here at Port Elphinstone School on Mondays and Tuesdays and begin her new post on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She has kindly agreed to support the school in this way until our new member of staff can begin with us. The other days will be supported by supply teachers and current staff members. The recruitment process is underway, and we hope to be able to announce our new staff member soon. Watch this space!

PE Days

Please find below the PE days for each class. Please ensure that they come suitably dressed for PE lessons. A PE kit should include, T-Shirt, leggings or sweats, a sweatshirt for going outside. Tank tops are not appropriate. Trainers or plimsols for indoor PE lessons or trainers for outside. Medical tape should be provided for pupils with pierced ears. P4/5 have an additional session of PE this term due to our non-contact cover arrangements.

P1/2	Monday, Tuesday
P2/3	Tuesday, Wednesday
P4/5	Monday, Tuesday, Friday
P5/6/7	Monday, Friday

Vision and Values at Port Elphinstone School

We are working hard to implement our school vision and values. Each week we have been discussing our vision and values. Pupils have been earning house points for demonstrating these values in their classroom and in the playground. We have been memorising our school vision and each pupil has contributed to this amazing display of what we want to see at our school. If you would like to help your

pupil memorise this vision, a copy has been attached with this newsletter! Here are some of the glasses each pupil made, with drawings of the things they hope to see at Port Elphinstone School.



We are also reintroducing the WOW sheets where pupils can share their achievements outside of school. We love to hear about how pupils get on in their many activities, but equally achievements in the home are worth celebrating too! Please let us know if you'd like a WOW sheet and we'll make sure to send one home with your pupil.



Outdoor Learning

Friday has become an exciting day at Port Elphinstone School, we have been taking our learning outdoors! Maths lessons, grammar and vocabulary, and other areas of the curriculum. We have been planting, trying orienteering and working on building skills like communicating, time management, following instructions and taking care of the environment. As we continue to plan opportunities for the pupils outdoors, we may be out in all weathers so looking at the forecast on a Friday morning may be helpful. Please remember to use sunscreen in the morning for your pupil on sunny days and send a hat if you would like. Pupils can bring sunscreen (please put a name on the bottle!) and reapply during the day. A water bottle is essential as the weather warms up, so please remember to send one!

Covid Update

Covid restrictions in schools have mostly been eased. We are continuing to apply common sense and make adjustments slowly. We are moving forward with plans to begin to welcome volunteers back into school. If this is something you'd be interested in, please get in touch!

Help Wanted

With the restrictions easing, we are looking to get some specific support for our school and would welcome any support you may be able to offer. We are looking specifically for anyone with a contact for a welder to do some work on our container that houses outdoor learning and other equipment. We also are

looking to build some raised beds and make the most of our courtyard garden. Any gardeners out there wanting to help us out? Please get in touch!

Preloved Uniforms/Lost Property

Should you have any preloved uniforms in good, clean condition that your child has outgrown, please feel free to add them to the boxes outside the school to enable other parents to benefit from them. Thank you.

Any items not claimed from lost property by the end of May will be washed and added to the preloved uniforms box.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 19 May 2022	Parent Council
23 May- 27 May 2022	Health Week
25 May 2022	Sports Day (weather permitting)
24 May 2022	P567 First Aid Training (in class)
26 May 2022	Alternate Sports Day
Thursday 2 June 2022	May Day Holiday (moved from June) School Closed
Friday 3 June 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday School Closed
Monday 6 June 2022	Local Holiday School Closed
8-10 June 2022	P7 Dalguise Trip
w/c 13 June	P7 Transition Week (more information to follow)
16 June	P7 Parent Information Evening Inverurie Academy 18:30-19:45
Friday 1 July 2022	Last Day of Term 4

Get in touch!

If you have queries or concerns, please get in touch!

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