



Portfield News

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Welcome to the October Newsletter.

October 2017

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WELSH PHRASES

Da iawn = Well done

Ardderchog =
Excellent

Gloi, glori = Quick,
quick

RIGHTS

RESPECTING SCHOOL -
To an education.



Upper 2 have been learning about Online Safety and the importance of not sharing personal information on the internet.

Upper 3 have also been learning about how to stay safe online. They have been making posters for the school's internet safety poster competition.



Upper 5 have been learning about the festival of Diwali, and enjoyed a Diwali themed sensory story.



Lower 7 have been doing art outdoors this half-term as part of their Autumn topic. They have been mud painting, making hedgehogs using natural materials and creating land art. This has been cross-curricular

PARENT WORKSHOP was held on 25th September 2017 with Natalie Morgan, Rebecca Hughes and Ellie Brick from Workways Plus and Jenny Greener from Learning Pembrokeshire. They came in to school to talk with parents about courses and training that may be available and possible opportunities for getting back to work.



Pembrokeshire County Council offers many courses, some of which lead to qualifications, around the County. Learning Pembrokeshire courses include IT skills, Essential skills, Welsh, Leisure and English as a second language.

The Workways Plus project is geared towards helping people into employment and training. They will help you to plan to meet your long term goals and to help find some funding, training, work experience and into possible employment opportunities in the area. Workways provide a mentor to work 1-1 with you to develop an individual plan with you for your personal needs. Please phone 01437 776609 for more information on how to join the project.





Our Macmillan Coffee morning was a great success; thank you to everyone who donated cakes and to all the parents and carers who came to support us. We raised a fantastic £221!

Special exclusive late night opening for the pupils of Portfield School on Tuesday 24th October



5.30 to 7.30pm



Mountain Warehouse Store, Haverfordwest

There will be an additional 10% off items for parents of Portfield School pupils, and the music will be low to create a calm atmosphere for pupils and their families to browse the store.

What is Autism?

People with autism have said that the world to them is a mass of people, places and events which they struggle to make sense of, which can cause them considerable stress and anxiety. In particular, understanding and relating to other people and taking part in everyday family and social life may be harder for them. Many people appear to know, intuitively, how to communicate and interact with each other, while people with autism might find this particularly difficult. This leaflet explains more about how autism has come to be defined.

As part of their topic work 'Can you hear it?', Lower 6 went to visit the school charity shop in the town centre. There they heard the sounds of the town, of the people shopping, the river, and the traffic... and guess who



Lower 1 have been doing colour themed cookery as part of their Colour of the Week Topic. This week, for the colour blue, they made delicious blueberry muffins.

This year Portfield drama students are performing A Midsummer Night's Dream at The Torch Theatre, Milford Haven on Tuesday 7th November.

There are 21 students from Key Stage 4 and 5 taking part and they have been busy with rehearsals since returning to school in September.

It is an amazing opportunity for our students to perform in a real



CARDIFF HALF MARATHON 2017



Well done to everyone who ran the Cardiff Half Marathon on the 1st October to fundraise for Portfield School!

Important Information:

We have recently become aware of a new platform children and young people are using called 'Hollerchat'. It is a video chat system where you are connected with a random person around the world to chat face to face.

Whilst seeking some advice about this we have been made aware of a website which is quite useful.

The link is <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>



A big thank you to Tesco, Haverfordwest for their very kind donation of a large amount of homewares and cosmetics for our charity shop Cynydd.

We were delighted to be given half price entry tickets to the Portfield Fair in Haverfordwest by the Showmanship Guild representative. These tickets were used by our pupils and their families at the Fair which was held 4th-8th October with great pleasure.

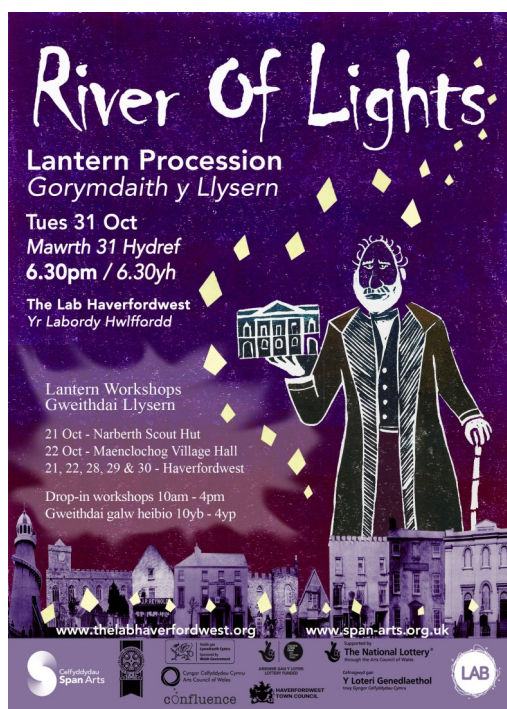
Thank you very much .



School Attendance — September 2017

Lower 1	Lower 2	Lower 3	Lower 4	Lower 5	Lower 6	Lower 7		Y Porth
82.54	94.05	90.12	96.60	99.60	88.43	91.32		91.67
Upper 1	Upper 2	Upper 3	Upper 4	Upper 5	Sixth Form 1	Sixth Form 2	Taskers 1	Taskers 2
97.78	99.07	84.60	95.37	86.90	91.88	89.74	92.74	95.20

Congratulations to all classes who have achieved over the school target of 93%!



Portfield pupils in 6F2 have been making lanterns to be used in the parade. If any parents wish to take their children to join in the parade feel free to go down and join in



Every year the students of Portfield School get involved in 'Operation Christmas Child' an organization which sends shoeboxes full of toys, school supplies and hygiene items to help other children around the world.

If you would like to make up a box, please send it in with £5 to cover postage and labelled boy/girl and we will be happy to deliver to the drop off center for you. Alternatively, please donate one or two items and we



Friends of Portfield School need you!

Please call Sam for more details on 01437 762701.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 24th October

Flu Vaccinations

Monday 30th October– Friday 3rd November

Half Term

Friday 3rd November

FoPS Bingo Evening

Wednesday 15th November

Christmas Boxes to be donated.

Thursday 23rd November 6pm

Christmas Fair

Friday 15th December

FoPS Bingo Evening

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th December 10am

L/S Nativity

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th December 10am

U/S Concert Show