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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

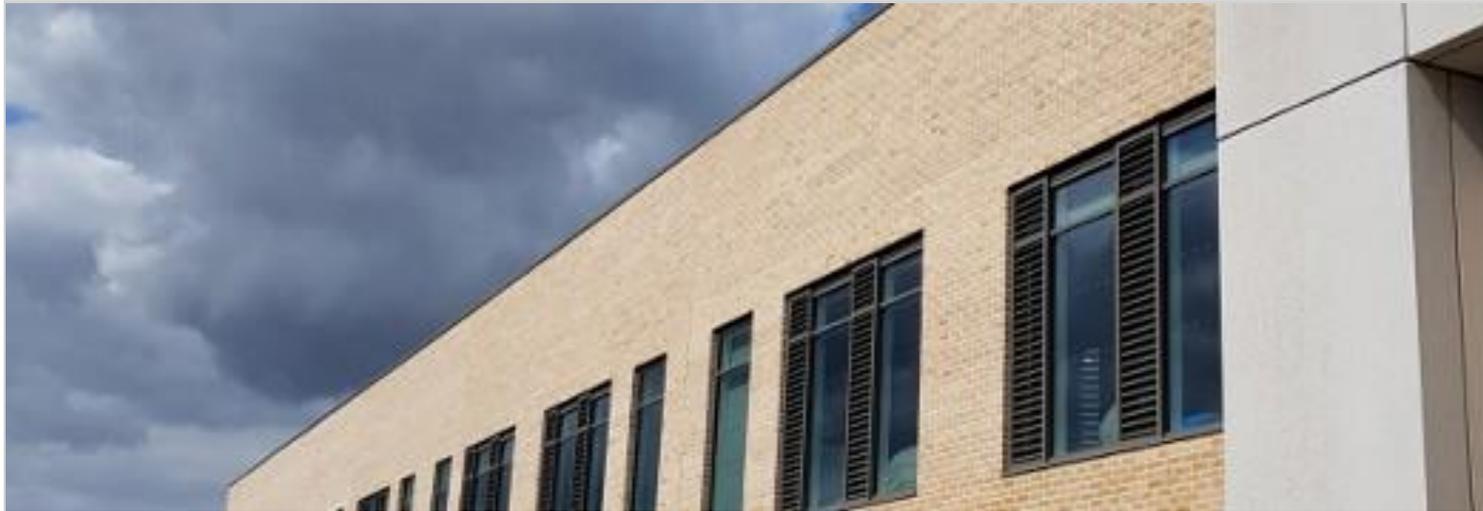
News Round Up

All classes participated really well with our Anti-Bullying week and I was able to spend time in P2A to talk to them about Respect and how it applied to them. They were able to share great examples and had lots of ideas about how important respect was to them.

A link below to some of the other activities classes were doing in relation to this theme:

https://twitter.com/Porty_StJs/status/1063517897572708353

You should also have received an email linking you to the School Standards and Quality plan for last session and Improvement Plan for this year; here is the link again in case you missed it:



St John's RC Primary

SQIP: 17/18 Improvements: 18/19

[Go to this Sway](#)

I have also been asked to direct you to the **School Website**. Some comments about newsletter improvements enquired about including class news. Each class has pledged to write a blog, detailing class news, activities and events, these updates will be published on the website. You will find them under the **Class Pages** section.

<https://stjohnsportobello.com/>

- **FULL DECEMBER ROUND-UP IN NEXT NEWSLETTER**



Last week was Scottish Book Week and the feedback has been very positive, some highlights below:

The Pupil Council went out on a book buying mission, funded by the Parent Council to the tune of £1000, thanks to Cara and Emma's mum who secured the grant.

Williams headed off to Waterstones with the 'Billionaire B' team Mrs Kelly escorted the 'Rocking Readers' to Edinburgh Bookshop money was spent on a variety of books



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along with the very, many donated books will get the library off to a flying start.



The nursery and P1 had a visit from Coe Clayton, an Edinburgh author who read to them from her book, Maggie's Mittens, again funded by a generous donation from the parent council. Coe will be back again for visits to P2 & 3 in December.



For more highlights of the week – check out @porty_stjs for updates including the Book Assembly on Fri and P5 reading aloud to P2.

!!St Andrew's Day!!

Mass for the feast of St Andrew. Is **CANCELLED**. Fr Jock is away for a few days pre Advent rest. Pupils should attend school as normal on Fri – tartan is optional!

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

Girls in Sports

We were delighted to have a talk in assembly by two of our P7 girls who play for Musselburgh (Mussy) Windsor football team. Maisie and Neve are brilliant advocates for encouraging girls and have both recently won parents player and players' player of the year awards. #thesegirlscan





Diary Update

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Join us for mulled merriment this Sunday, 2nd December from 2-4pm. No entry fee but donations for Foodbank and Kids Love Clothes. Some lucky pupils have won a GOLDEN TICKET which provides them with a variety of treats – thank you Parent Council. The choir will also sing a few seasonal songs.

More info here: [Parent Council on Facebook](#)

Forthcoming Parent Council Meeting Dates: 6.45pm, Staffroom

Thu. 17 January

Tue. 12 March

Thu. 25 April

Tue. 21 May

Thu. 20 June

Spotlight on Curriculum

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Williams attended a workshop on Writing which was held at the City Chambers, they are going to update the staff on developing a consistent approach to writing through the school. We have also received some child friendly writing targets to help pupils track their own progress.

This Friday Mrs Kelly, Mr Burgess, along with Mrs Birdsell, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Morrison are off to visit Trinity Primary, who have had some classrooms refurbished and have been working in a more collaborative style for a few years now. We hope this visit will help us as we continue to embrace our 'agile learning spaces' in the new school.



'But there was one other thing that the grown-ups also knew, and it was this: that however small the chance might be of striking lucky, the chance is there. The chance had to be there.' - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory