

Weekly Buzz



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Portland
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***Whole School Assembly Thursday 11 October 11.30-12.30
The Salvation Army's Regent Hall***

Dear Parents and Carers,

Portland Place School is delighted to invite you to our Whole School Assembly (years 6 to 13), on Thursday 11 October 11.30am-12.30pm, at the Salvation Army's Regent Hall.

Be inspired by our students' musical and drama performances, poetry recitals and prize receiving for academic and extra-curricular recognition of achievements.

The Regent Hall address: [275 Oxford Street Regent Hall W1C 2DJ](#). Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time.

Do join us to celebrate the first of many student achievements for this academic year.

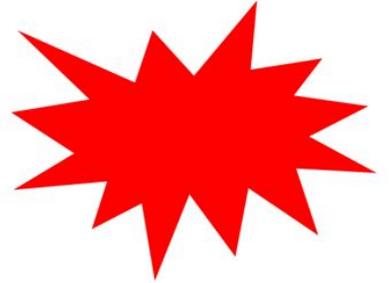
Best wishes

Laura Young

PA to Headmaster

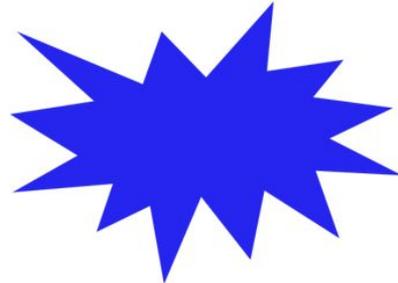
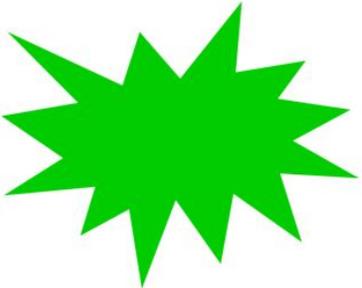


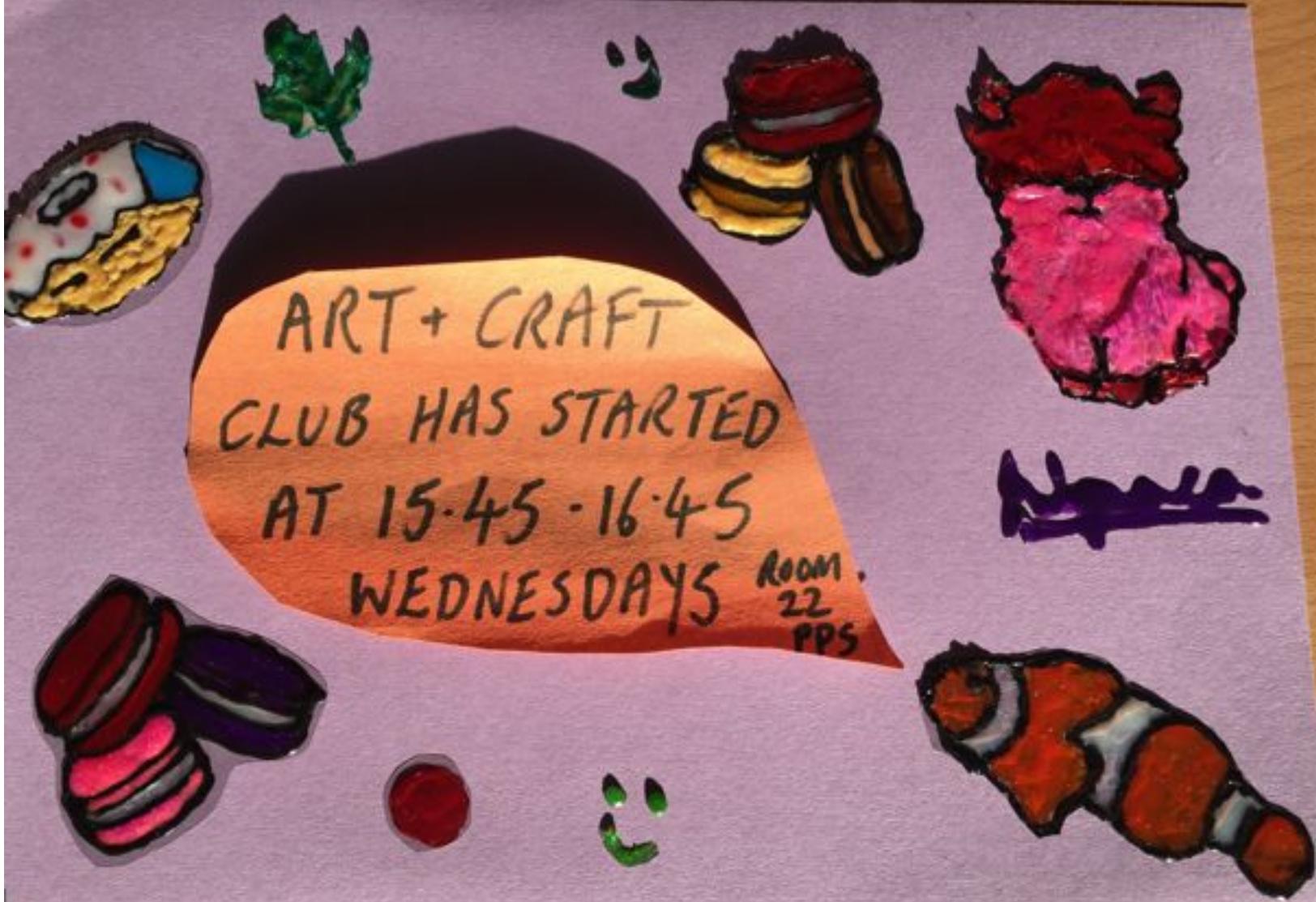
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Inter-House Talent Competition

Thursday 13th December
PPS Hall





ART + CRAFT
CLUB HAS STARTED
AT 15.45 - 16.45
WEDNESDAYS

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Code Camp at Portland Place School

We are very excited to be hosting Code Camp at Portland Place School during the October half term!

Code Camp will be at Portland Place from 17th-19th October and for 3 fun filled days the children will be coding and creating apps, problem solving and improving their computational thinking in a fun and engaging way, ready to take on the digital world of the future!

Code Camp began in Australia 5 years ago and since then have educated and inspired more than 40,000 children to code, build apps and websites over 3 days of incredible excitement, fun and engagement.

Every child will create their own app to take away with them at the end of the program!

Code Camp have been sponsored by HP and won numerous awards as they've grown to inspire the next generation of tech superstars.

Check out the Code Camp [reviews](#) to find out what other parents are saying about Code Camp.

For more information or if you would like your child to be part of this incredible learning experience, please go to www.codecamp.co.uk/portlandplace.

Coding is always more fun with friends so book as a group of 4 for £699 (under £175 per child and a group saving of over £200!) Click [here](#) to take advantage of this offer

If you have any questions please contact hello@codecamp.co.uk.



Webpage of the week

Children's lack of sleep is 'hidden health crisis', experts say.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2018/sep/30/childrens-lack-of-sleep-is-hidden-health-crisis-experts-say>

Notice Board

Parents Network Coffee Morning

The PPS Parents Network will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 2nd November in the hall in the Portland Place building from 8.30am. All PPS parents and carers are cordially invited to what is a nice opportunity to meet new / other parents. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Sarah and I restarted the parents network a year or so ago to try to create more sense of community for the parents. We are keen to get this going and to get class / year group parent reps on board. The role of the rep is not an onerous one and is mainly to arrange class/year group social occasions and help us with some school wide events. We would ideally like at least two reps per year group so do please get in touch if you are interested by emailing - mandyblakemore@hotmail.com

Mandy Blakemore & Sarah King

Dates for your Diaries

Whole School Assembly

Our first event of the year where we gather the whole school together will take place on **Thursday 11th October**, 11:30am, in Regents Hall on Oxford Street (the same location as our Celebration Day last summer). All parents are invited to attend the assembly and I look forward to seeing you there.

Coffee Morning

An informal gathering for parents held in PP Hall on **Friday 2nd November**, 9:00am. All welcome.

Carol Service

Once again we are holding a Carol Service for the PPS community at All Souls, Langham Place. This will be on **Monday 10th December** at 1:00pm and be followed by "mulled wine and mince pies" back at PP Hall. This is also an open invitation to all parents.

News

Languages Day raised £887 for Autism Bedfordshire!

A big congratulations to the MFL department and all who were involved in raising £887.89 for Autism Bedfordshire. The money was raised last Friday during Languages Day - fantastic achievement!



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Dyslexia Friendly Week with Humanities

During dyslexia friendly week, History students have been thoroughly immersing themselves in 'Active History' lessons. Active learning helps to engage the parts of a dyslexic brain which is more robust. Students who are given the opportunity to view history through drama-based strategies are more likely to retain the historical content and concepts studied, thus it accelerates learning and memory retention. As such, when students become a part of history, or 'live through' history, they are more motivated to develop the skills to think like Historians. History students at Portland Place have been put in the centre of historical situations, walking in the shoes of a Lord from the Medieval Ages or a general from the Western Front. In year 9, this has seen them navigate in teams how to build and set up the most effective trench, so to defend against an imminent attack. In year 7, they have used their budgeting skills to construct the best possible castle to survive William the Conquerors reign in England, with a limit of 1000 gold coins to spend! These were great lessons to be a part of and the students benefitted enormously from such techniques!

Ms Butler, Head of Humanities

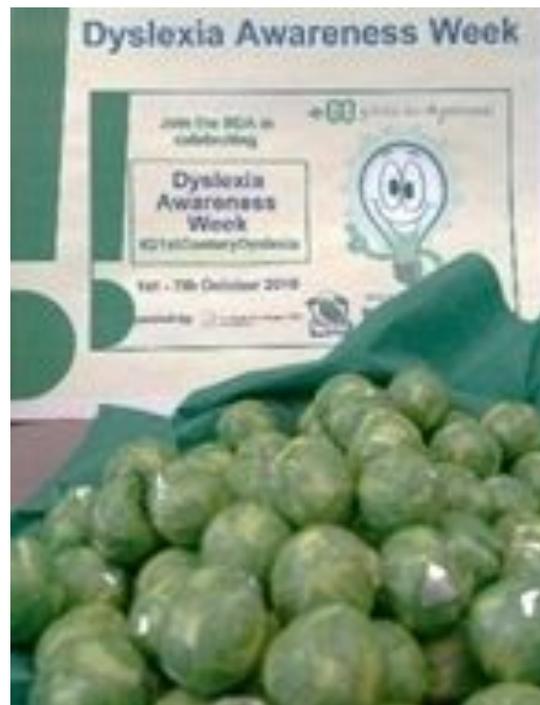


News

Dyslexia Week at Portland Place School

For the first time in the school's history we celebrated the Dyslexia Awareness Week. 1st - 5th October 2018 was full of activities that helped us all to understand how a dyslexic brain works, what helps people with dyslexia and most importantly – all the amazing things people with dyslexia can do! It was a truly empowering week!

To see the list of dyslexia friendly books available from our School Library follow the link: <https://t.co/FEPYDgEC2G>



News

Portland Place Upper School Chamber Concert

On Wednesday 3rd October we held the first Portland Place Upper School Chamber Concert. This showcased the talents of our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students studying GCSE and A level Music. For many this was a first public performance or playing a new piece and every student excelled and performed with confidence. We look forward to seeing all the students develop over the course of the year and will hear them again in the summer.

As always, thanks so much to the parents, staff and students who attended to support those performing.



Sports results



Sports

Freya Francis-Baum Picked for the Middlesex County Netball Squad

Huge congratulations to Freya Francis-Baum on her performance at the Middlesex County trials, which had 170 applicants for only 30 places. Freya was part of the Middlesex satellite squad 2017/2018, but still had to trial for county, with only two getting through (Freya being one). Freya will now be training once a week with the squad and will be competing at county level. Well done Freya!



U14's and U15's Netball Match

Last Friday, 28th September, the Year 9 and Year 10 girls played against Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School, Islington in Netball. The girls were extremely excited to play against a new school they had never been to before and were impressed by the outdoor facilities at the school. EGA School had a mixed group of Year 9, 10 and 11 in their GCSE PE group which was separated into two teams. Both our U14 and U15 teams played both of EGA's teams.

Our U15 girls had a strong team winning both games, 21:2 and 16:3. There was some great shooting from **Freya Francis-Baum** and **Dot Jones**, outstanding defence from **Beatrice Curto** and mid court players **Ava Jones** and **Marielle Staunton** who moved the ball around the court fluently. An excellent result for the U15 girls, a solid win!

Our U14 girls had a bit more of a challenge within their games. They fought hard and only missed out on a win by a few goals. They came away with two losses unfortunately, 3:6 and 4:6 but kept their heads in the game for the entire match. Some stand out performances from **Amy Cooper** with her shooting and mid court playing, **Hana Husaini** for her attacking plays and **Polina Zaluzhskaya's** movement around the court. Excellent efforts from all the girls who played!

Sports

Upper School House Netball

Blessed with a sunny afternoon, girls from years 10-13 took part in the Upper School House Netball Tournament at Regents Park. The group stages were dominated by an extremely impressive Devonshire House, but closely followed by a strong Wigmore House. It was lovely to have 30 plus girls taking part in this event, making new friendships and enjoying playing together. The group matches were played in a round robin format, allowing us to decide which teams would play in the 3rd/4th play-off and who would play in the final.

Group stages

9 points - Devonshire
4 points - Wigmore
2 points - Langham
1 point - Cavendish

3rd/4th play-off

Cavendish V Langham

After struggling in the group stages and only securing 1 point from three games Cavendish managed to find their flow at the right time, taking on Langham House, Eliza Stratton, was easily the player of this match, commanding the centre court, defending well and scoring goals, a great all-rounder! Langham fought back with courage but Cavendish took the win 5-3 to secure 3rd place overall.

Final

Devonshire V Wigmore

Devonshire brimming with confidence, started the final at a fast pace, hugely dictated by County netballer **Freya Francis-Baum**, she has the knack of being in the right place at the right time, and can shoot from just about anywhere with success. Freya could not perform like this without the support of her teammates, who equally read the game to a high level. Dot 'The Shot' Jones barely missed all day playing at GS, she has made huge improvements over the last 12 months. Carla Mora shone in defence, with lightning fast reactions. Amy Evans and Marielle Staunton linked play brilliantly, with high quality passing. The game was not totally one-sided and Wigmore managed to score, often linking good play through the middle of the court from **Dolly Gosling**, **Olivia Shelton** and **Ava Jones**. The final score ended with a 5-1 win for Devonshire House.

Final results

1st Devonshire House - POM - **Dot Jones**
2nd Wigmore House - POM - **Dolly Gosling**
3rd Cavendish House - POM - **Eliza Stratton**
4th Langham House - POM - **Abigail Howard-Yam**

Sports

Football

Under 12s Football

Portland Place School - 4
Heathside Prep - 1

After seeing all the other year groups get their seasons started early in the term it was time for the Under 12s to show what they had to offer after working incredibly well in lessons. The boys were really fired up and keen to get going. They started the better and within five minutes had complete control of the game. However, they were struggling to take their chances. **Tom Hallam** controlled the game showing fantastic strength and ball control in central midfield. On many occasions he passed the ball in behind the Heathside defensive line only for PPS to be denied by a fantastic goalkeeper or the woodwork! The breakthrough finally came after a small scramble in the goal area and **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** nudged the ball in. The boys really kicked on after the goal and began linking passes and created clearer chances. **Tom Hallam** got himself on the scoresheet and **Jessy** scored his second of the game to take PPS in at half time leading 3-0. Heathside started the second half the better team and **Leo Newberry** made a couple of fantastic saves before they did manage to grab a goal back. **Jesse Francis-Baum** dropped back from his striker position into central midfield and seemed much more at home there and began to get on the ball more and create chances for others. PPS finished the game with a goal from **Ricardo Pilotto**. A fantastic start to the season, well done boys!

Calendar & Contact

Monday 8 October

12.45-1.30pm	Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Slack, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Rock Band, Mr Hill R2
12.45-1.30pm	Chess Club, Mr Burton, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Russian Advanced, R43
12.50-1.30pm	Weight Training Club, Sports Dept
1.00-1.20pm	Rubik's Cube Club, Dr Chen, R24
3.45-5.00pm	Arabic for Beginners, R36
4.00-6.15pm	Lamda Lessons in PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Yoga Class (Year 10-13), Ms Wellby, Drama Studio
4.00-5.00pm	Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio

Tuesday 9 October

8.20-8.50am	Year 12 Pure Extra Help, Ms Segerstrom, G12
1.00-1.30pm	Debating Club, Ms Baig, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Rock Band, Mr Hill R2
12.45-1.30pm	Student Voice, Ms Magniez, R34
12.45-1.30pm	Spanish, Ms Picado, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Italian GCSE, G12
3.45-4.45pm	Portland Place Orchestra, Mr Hill, R1
3.45-4.45pm	KS3/4 Computing Club, R34
3.45-4.45pm	GCSE Geography Club G24
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Classical Civilisation G31
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Business Club G12
3.45-4.30pm	History GCSE revision club, G23
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Revision Chemistry, H3/4
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Revision Physics, H6/7
3.45-5.00pm	Science Lab, Ms Nicholas, H1/2
3.45-5.00pm	Japanese for Beginners, R36
3.45-5.00pm	Mandarin Beginners/Advanced, R35
4.00-4.30pm	KS3 Maths Club, R10
4.00-5.00pm	Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio
4.00-5.00pm	DT Club for Y11 Ms Linton

Wednesday 10 October

12.45-1.30pm	Boys' Choir R1
12.45-1.30pm	Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
12.45-1.30pm	Soul Band, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R43
3.45-4.30pm	EAL Homework Club, R11, Ms Florea
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Classical Civilisation Club, G41
3.45-4.45pm	GCSE History Club G23
3.45-4.45pm	Economics Club, Ms Byrne, G21
3.45-5.00pm	KS2 Art & Craft Club, R22
3.45-4.45pm	Year 12 & 13 Statistics/Mechanics Extra Help, R36
3.45-4.45pm	Year 13 Pure Extra Help, R10
3.45-5.00pm	French GCSE Support, R36
3.45-5.00pm	French Year 10 GCSE Support, R35
3.50-5.00pm	Netball Club, Sports Dept
3.50-5.00pm	Football Club, Sports Dept
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Art, Art Studio
4.00-5.00pm	Film Club Y9-13 Mr Flack, GPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Computing Club, G11
4.00-5.00pm	Year 11 DT GCSE, Ms Birtles, B1

Thursday 11 October

11.30-12.30pm	Whole School Assembly, Regents Hall
12.45-1.30pm	Portland Place Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	KS3 Book Club, Library
12.50-1.30pm	Weight Training Club, Sports Dept
1.00-1.30pm	Netball Shooting Club, Sports Dept
3.45-4.30pm	Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
3.50-4.30pm	KS3 Humanities Club Room 10
3.45-4.45pm	KS2 Homework Club
4.00-5.00pm	Whole School Art Club
4.00-5.00pm	Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio

Friday 12 October

12.45-1.30pm	Jazz Band, Mr Hill, R2
4.00-6.15pm	LAMDA, Lessons, PPS Hall

TERM DATES:

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Term Starts	Wednesday 5 September
Half Term	Mon 15 October – Fri 26 October
End of Term	Friday 14 December

SPRING TERM 2019

Term Starts	Monday 7 January
Half Term	Mon 18 February – Friday 22 February
End of Term	Friday 5 April

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term Starts	Wednesday 24 April
Half Term	Mon 27 May – Fri 31 May
End of Term	Friday 5 July

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