

The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

18 November 2019

What next?

- Who will win the next election?
- Who will be the next Prime Minister?
- Will Boris be Prime Minister at Christmas?
- Do you really think we'll leave on the 31st January?
- Will anyone ever understand exactly what's going on?
- What do you think?



Year 6 spell it out in their assembly

Upper School Chamber

Concert photos

New clubs!

Anti-Bullying Week



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
Christmas Carol Service

5 December
10-11am

All Souls Church, 2 All Souls Place

London • W1B 5DA

RSVP to admin@portland-place.co.uk

TANZANIA 2020

Portland Place School has teamed up with the charity Livingstone Tanzania Trust, to organise an expedition to Tanzania in July 2020. The expedition team will be living and working alongside the local community in Babati, in the north of the country and will be involved in building two classrooms in Genti Primary School during their visit. We have pledged to raise £5,000 as a donation to the charity, which will partly fund the construction of the school.

Our brave students taking part in the expedition, Jay, Josh, Lulya, Beatrice, Daisy, Tommy, Amitis, Freddie and Eleonora are going to be busy all year around planning and running plenty of events in order to raise some funds for the charity, ahead of their trip. On top of that, they will be doing some of the challenging building work as well, in Babati in July. Please support them in their adventure!

We really appreciate all your support and thank you for any donations.

Please follow this link for donations: [Portland Place School Tanzania](#)

Team Tanzania





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RUSSIAN CLUB



Relax with ruskij:

A conversation-based approach to Russian which gets you speaking ruskij in no time.

Friday, 8:15—8:45

PPS Library

with Mr Burton

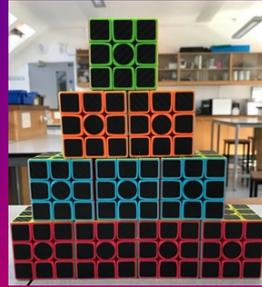
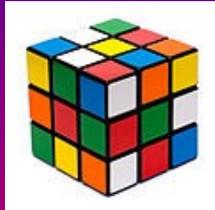
All levels and ages welcome. The more, the merrier!



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Rubik's Cube Club is back on again!



When? Wednesday after school (3.45-4.30)

Where? Library

If you have your own cube, bring it!

Run by? Nick B Y9 and Egor P Y7!



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**CHANGE
STARTS
WITH**



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti-Bullying Week

The members of Student Voice Club have organised a series of activities for **Anti-Bullying Week (18th November - 22nd November)**. Most activities will take place during registration but we wanted to inform you in advance of the following events which will take place on **Friday 22nd November**.

Game Night (after school and optional) in the library 4 till 5 pm

Work as a team with others to solve clues and puzzles and find the solution of our Escape room game. A great way to make new friends!

Crazy tie day (whole school event)

The PPS version of the traditional Odd Socks Day! Students wear colourful, quirky ties to celebrate diversity and acceptance of differences. Please note that no money will be collected, this is a symbolic gesture only and we expect students to wear their normal uniform with their tie on that day.



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Game Night

→ 22nd Nov
FRIDAY

OPEN TO ALL YEARS

Join us!

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play



- FUN GAMES!
- Team building!
- ULTIMATELY Relax!

SEN Department

One of the key ways to achieve academic success is **metacognition**. It is the ability to examine how we process thoughts and feelings and this ability encourages students to understand how they learn best. It also helps them to develop self-awareness skills that become important as they get older.

In EAL lessons, we use metacognition when we approach different tasks: we think about how to plan them, monitor our progress and evaluate our results.

Below are a few useful questions that promote **metacognition**.

Please encourage your child to use them when they are completing their **homework**.

7 Great Questions to Promote **Metacognition**

- 1 What should I do first?
- 2 Is anything confusing to me?
- 3 Can I explain what I've learned?
- 4 Should I ask for extra help?
- 5 Why did I get this answer wrong?
- 6 Can I apply this in different contexts?
- 7 How can I do better next time?



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Thank you for your support.

Ms Florea



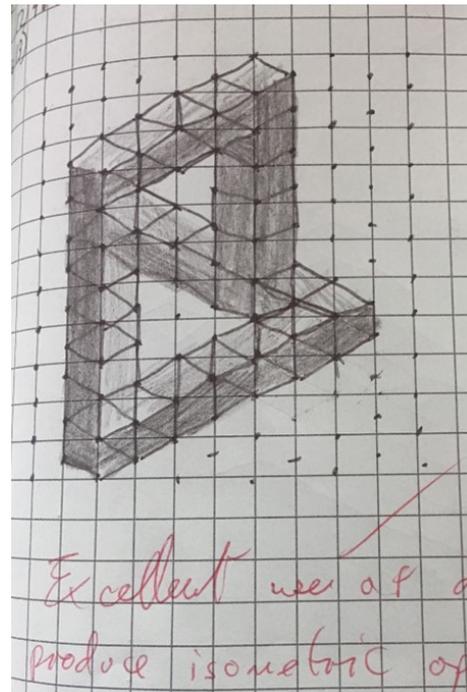
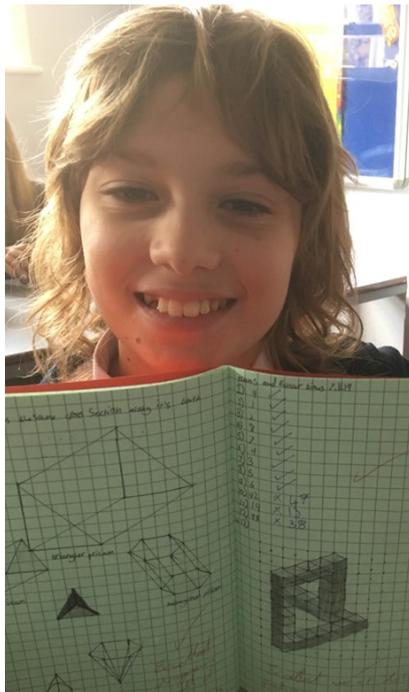
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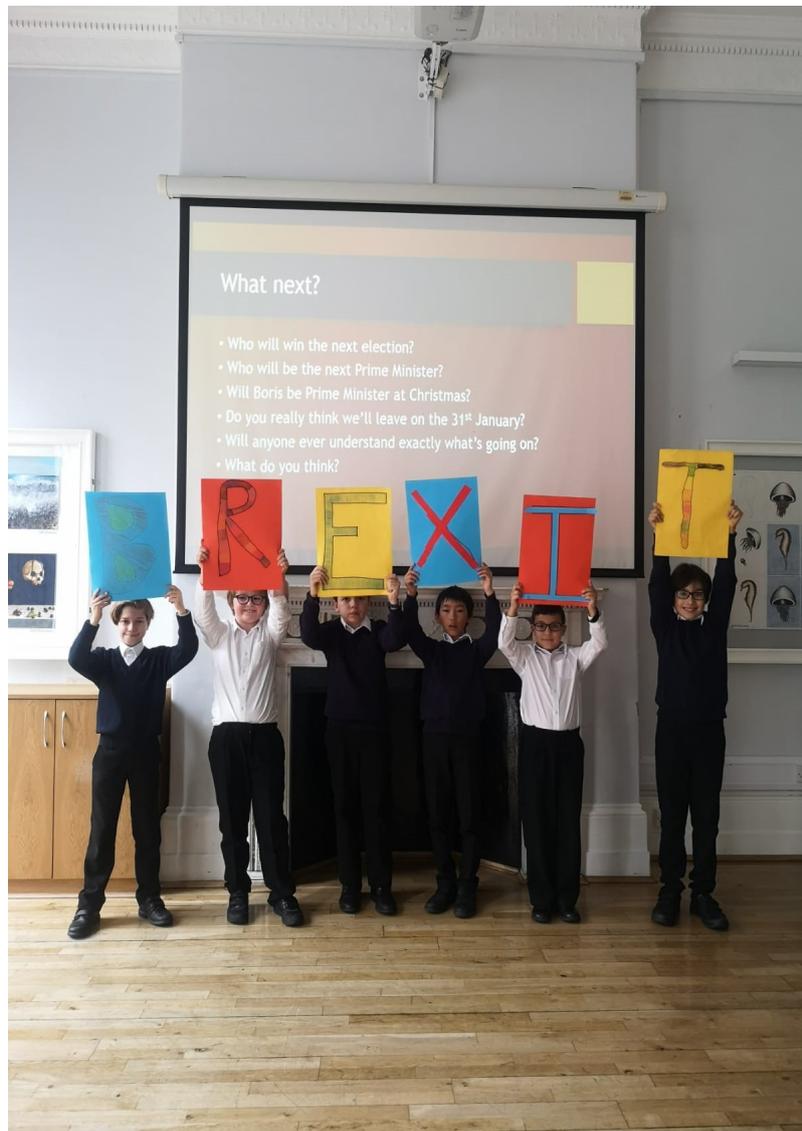
Teddy and Josh in Y9 achieving a trophy on Transum, after getting 12 out of 12 on an expanding brackets task. Nice work!



Well done to Huxley in Y8 for the optical illusion drawing he produced on isometric paper – excellent stuff!

Year 6

Year 6 gave a fantastic, informative assembly on Brexit last Thursday. Their presentation was written and directed by **Aubrey Brooke-Cowden** and every member of the class had a key role in the presentation which covered the EU referendum, Article 50 and recent developments. It received an excellent response from the audience and provided some clear information to those who might have been feeling a bit baffled by the subject!





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Year 6

War Horse

This Thursday, 14 November, Year 6 went to see the National Theatre production of War Horse at Wembley Park. They particularly enjoyed the wonderful puppets and amazing sound and lighting effects, it really brought the class book to life.



Finding out about the production



Taking our seats



Ready to go in!

Music

Yesterday, we were very pleased to host our Upper School Chamber Concert, featuring our amazing musicians from years 10, 11 and 13. This year, alongside our GCSE and A level students, it was fantastic to see so many other students performing even though they are not studying Music. The programme was varied and diverse, from Ocean Colour Scene, to Satie, Miles Davis and music from Waitress by Barielles. Congratulations to everyone who performed and thanks to those students, staff and parents who came to support. We now look forward to our Carol Service on 5th December and the PPS Christmas Concert on 11th December. Hope to see you there!

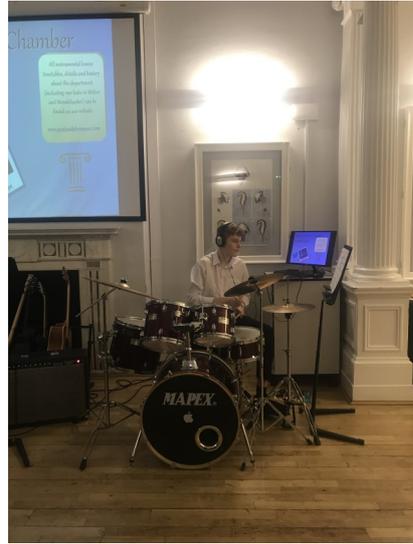




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Upper School Chamber Concert



Under 16s Westminster Netball League

Portland Place - 9

St George - 5

As reigning champions of the Westminster Netball League, the pressure was on for the under 16s netball team on Monday night as they travelled to St Augustine's school for an energetic match against St George School. With some players unavailable and new faces on the court the team played extremely well together for the first time. We would like to specially thank **Manuela Poquet Serna** and **Beatrice Thompson** for stepping in and playing at such short notice; the team really appreciated it. It was a close game right down to the last quarter with only one point in it. **Ava Jones** and **Freya Francis-Baum** worked seamlessly together in attack driving the ball down the court and with the support of **Orah Goldstein** and **Ana Howell** in the goal circle the girls successfully scored nine goals against St George. **Freya Francis-Baum** was the star goal shooter of the game. Well done Freya! **Dasha Lebedeva**, **Manuela Poquet Serna** and **Beatrice Thompson** were outstanding in defence, intercepting and blocking balls from all angles. It was a highly competitive match and we are very proud of the girls for how they played and conducted themselves on the court. We wish them the very best of luck with their other matches coming up in the Westminster League. An excellent game girls. Well done!!!





Westminster Indoor Cricket Championships

On Tuesday 12th November PPS U13s made their way to Lords Cricket Ground to compete in the Westminster schools eight-a-side indoor cricket tournament. The tournament format was designed to encourage players to play aggressive, attacking cricket with teams having a maximum of 20 minutes or 8 overs to score as many runs as possible. The boys obliged, playing some highly entertaining cricket throughout the day!

PPS took on a strong Westminster Academy in their first match. PPS opened the batting and after a fast-paced innings PPS registered a total of 50 for 4. **Roberto Hinton**, **Josh Feldman** and **Isaac Meyer** all played a number of excellent shots with Roberto and Isaac both retiring on 16 runs – the maximum amount of runs a player could score before they had to retire.

Westminster Academy stepped up to bat and PPS had a very positive start with **Isaac Meyer** taking an early wicket. The boys restricted Westminster Academy to few runs in the first few overs but once they found their rhythm they started to bat really well. PPS struggled to stop the ball hitting the boundary and after a very tense final over, Westminster frustratingly hit 51 runs with only 2 balls remaining. A very frustrating result after a positive performance.

In their next game, PPS took on Pimlico Academy. Pimlico registered a score of 31 for 8 after an excellent bowling and fielding performance from PPS in which **Jessie Francis-Baum** and **Roberto Hinton** both made impressive catches. PPS stepped up to bat and it was clear that Pimlico had some strong bowlers in the early overs. It took a while for PPS to get going but eventually they managed to score 41 for 4 taking a good win. A special mention must go to **Isaac Meyer** who hit two outstanding 6s in this game!

In the final group game PPS played Marylebone Boys' School. Marylebone batted first and registered a good score of 43 for 7. During the innings **Josh Feldman** made an unbelievable 'reaction catch' when a ball was powered towards the boundary, nobody could believe he managed to catch the shot! **Jesse-Francis Baum** also made an important catch and **Teddy Faulkner** managed to make two more! PPS started slowly with the bat, as Marylebone took a few early wickets but eventually the boys started to gain a bit of momentum and eventually scored 58 runs after a late blitz in the latter overs, to take the victory.

PPS finished 2nd in their group meaning they could only go on to compete in the 3rd place playoff against Westminster City School who also finished second in the other group. PPS batted first and unfortunately made some uncharacteristic mistakes in the early overs. The boys were finding some good single runs in middle overs but were struggling to score as many as in their previous games. PPS eventually ended up on 36 for 4. Westminster beat the score – scoring 44 runs for 2.



If the boys had won their first match against eventual tournament winners Westminster Academy, they could have gone on to win this tournament. It was really unfortunate that they lost by one run as there was not much between the top four schools in the tournament. Well done to **Josh Feldman** and **Roberto Hinton** who both batted and bowled very well. **Lawton Ballbach** also played some excellent cricket throughout the tournament, playing a number of powerful shots with the bat. Man of the tournament goes to captain **Isaac Meyer** who took a number of wickets with his sharp wicket keeping and was also the team's top scorer with the bat.



Under 13s Football

Kew House – 2

Portland Place – 1

A really great contest for the Under 13s who have been in tremendous form so far this season. The boys were up for this game and started really well, creating a couple of early chances. The game became a battle of the midfield with **Tom Hallam** and **Jesse Francis-Baum** competing with their opposite numbers. At half time the score remained 0-0 and the boys were confident that they could start to create some chances. Shortly after the restart Kew scored through a fantastic goal and it turned out to be a good thing for PPS. After this the boys began to get the ball forward and create chances— **Lloyd Day** shot just wide and **Rudy Bigoni** forced a fine save from the Kew Goalkeeper. PPS levelled the match after a sustained period of dominance when **Lloyd** calmly shot over the goalkeeper to find the back of the net. The boys had a chance to take the lead when **Teddy Faulkner** found some space in a goalmouth scramble, only to be denied by a defender on the goal line. With a few minutes to go Kew took the lead after an impressive counter attack and the boys ran out of time to find another equaliser. A narrow defeat but a great performance.



Monday 18 November

- 12.45-1.30pm Rock Band, Mr McCarthy, R41/44
- 12.45-1.30pm KS3 Cyber Security Club, Mr Whiteside, G34
- 12.45-1.30pm Year 7-11 Post 16 Drop In Sessions, Mr Flack, G24
- 12.45-1.20pm Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
- 4.00-6.00pm LAMDA lessons, PPS Hall
- 4.00-5.00pm Chinese, Room 36
- 4.00-5.00pm Japanese, Room 35

Tuesday 19 November

- 12.45-1.30pm Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, R1
- 12.45-1.30pm Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
- 12.45 – 1.20pm Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
- 1.00-1.30pm Student Voice Club, Ms Magniez, Room 22
- 3.45-4.30pm GCSE Sceicne Support, H6
- 4.00-4.45pm Year 11 French GCSE Club, Ms Magniez, G32
- 4.00-5.00pm Year 10 Design Club, B1
- 4.00-5.00pm GCSE & A Level Film Club, Mr Flack, G31
- 4.00-5.30pm High School Musical rehearsal, GPS Hall

Wednesday 20 November

- 8.20-8.50am KS5 Statistics & Mechanics 2 extra help, G32
- 12.45-1.30pm Boys Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
- 12.45-1.30pm Woodwind, Mr Slack, R2
- 12.45-1.30pm Vocal Ensemble, Ms Ryder, R44
- 12.45-1.20pm Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
- 3.45-4.30pm Years 7-9 Maths Club, R24
- 3.45-4.30pm Rubik's Cube Club, Nick B & Egor P, Library
- 4.00-5.00pm Year 11 Design Club, B1
- 4.00-5.00pm Year 6-11, Photography Club, Mr Flack, G42
- 4.00-5.00pm High School Musical rehearsal, PPS Hall

Thursday 21 November

- 8.20-8.50am KS5 Pure 2 Extra Help, R10
- 12.45-1.30pm PPS Choir, Mr Hill, R1
- 12.45-1.30pm Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R42
- 12.45-1.20pm Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
- 1.05-1.30pm Russian, Mr Burton, G32
- 3.45-4.30pm Year 10 & 11 Maths Club, G33
- 3.50-5.00pm Dance Studio, R11
- 4.00-5.00pm KS3 Design Club, B1
- 4.00-5.00pm Table Tennis Club, GPS Hall
- 4.00-5.00pm 3D Design Club, B1
- 4.00-5.00pm Arabic, R36
- 4.00-5.00pm Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
- 4.00-5.00pm Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
- 4.00-5.00pm Whole School Art Club, Art Studio

Friday 22 November

- 8:15-8:45am Russian Club, Mr Burton, Library
- 12.45-1.30pm Jazz Ensemble, Mr Hill, R2
- 12.45-1.30pm Vocal Group, Ms Ryder, R44
- 12.45-1.30pm Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
- 12.45-1.30pm LAMDA lessons, R11

TERM DATES:

AUTUMN TERM2019

- Term Starts Wednesday 4 September
- Half Term Mon 21 Oct – Fri 1 Nov
- End of Term Friday 13 December

SPRING TERM2020

- Term Starts Monday 6 January
- Half Term Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb
- End of Term Friday 3 April

SUMMER TERM2020

- Term Starts Wednesday 22 April
- Bank Holiday Fri 8 May (school closed)
- Half Term Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May
- End of Term Friday 3 July

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