

# The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

2 December 2019

**Crazy tie day!**

Part of Anti-Bullying Week

Frantic Assembly workshop

Year 7 creative writing workshop  
at the Wallace Collection



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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](mailto:admin@portland-place.co.uk)



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**PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL**

**Music Department**



presents

**Christmas Concert  
2019**

Wednesday 11th December

6.30pm

Regent Hall



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CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY  
FRIDAY 6TH  
DECEMBER

Bring £1



On Friday 6th December, PPS, GPS and HH staff and students (all years!) should wear a Christmas Jumper to school and bring £1 to donate to the Livingstone Tanzania Trust charity. This will help Team Tanzania to achieve their project of building two classrooms in Gandi Primary School!

Merry Christmas, Team Tanzania!

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We need your help!

Help us complete our fundraising for the Tanzania Expedition by  
'Buying a Brick'!

Before departing for Tanzania we will get a **plaque engraved** with the names of everyone who has donated for the project and this will be **placed in the wall of the building**.

**Each 'brick' costs £15.** When you purchase a brick your name will appear here in the newsletter and on a display board in PPS - we hope to fill the page with bricks!



**How to 'Buy a Brick':** You can donate online by following this link: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/portlandplaceschooltanzania>

Please include your name so we know what to get engraved.

Thanks for your support!



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## Christmas Lunch at Portland Place School

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Menu

Turkey or Veg wellington

Yorkshire pudding

Roast potatoes

Roast carrots

Roast parsnips

Pigs in blankets

Sprouts

Sage and onion stuffing

Gravy

Followed by

Christmas pudding





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## Computer Science Department



**Programming Club:** *Create games and Micro:bit projects using Python.*

The Computer Science Department will be offering a new **programming club** in January. This is a 6 week course using Python, text games and the Micro:bit. The classes will take place on Wednesdays after school from 4pm to 5pm in room 34, though some classes may take longer than an hour depending on the capabilities.

**The target is to get our students to understand basic programming concepts whilst building fun games.**

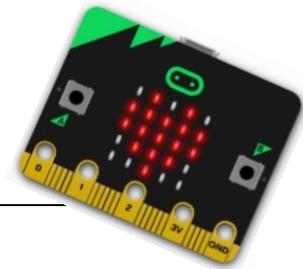
This course is free of charge and is open to year 7, year 8 and year 9 students. Considering 15 the maximum number of students we can allocate in the Computing room, the places will be given on a first come, first served basis.

This programming club will start on 8<sup>th</sup> January and will end on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

If you are interested, please, contact me expressing your interest to the following email:  
[juan.caballero@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:juan.caballero@portland-place.co.uk)

Kindest regards,

*Computer Science Department*



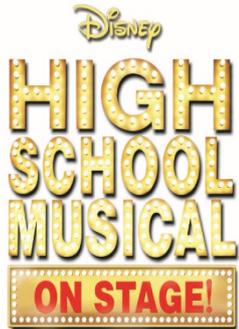
<p><b>Week 1: 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> Creating a general knowledge quiz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to the Mu text editor</li> <li>- Introduction to user inputs</li> <li>- Introduction to variables</li> <li>- Introduction to conditional statements</li> </ul>	<p><b>Week 4: 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> Python and the micro:bit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intro to the BBC: microbit</li> <li>- Mu editor and the micro:bit, deploying code etc</li> <li>- Rock, paper scissors game</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 2: 15<sup>th</sup> January</b> Recreate the classic hangman style guessing game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding variables</li> <li>- Understanding conditional statements</li> <li>- Intro to for and while loops</li> </ul>	<p><b>Week 5: 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> Asteroids game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Button inputs</li> <li>- Handling sprites</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 3: 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> Build your own text adventure game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning</li> <li>- Using previous knowledge to complete project</li> </ul>	<p><b>Week 6: 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> Micro:bit morse code</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intro to radio on the micro:bit</li> <li>- Sending and receiving data</li> <li>- Code a morse code editor</li> </ul>



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Students at a fixture on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> should attend rehearsals once they return to school.

These are the last three rehearsals before the Christmas holidays.

Day	Date	Time	Venue		Y6/7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	4 – 5pm	GPS HALL	SINGING DANCING ACTING  <i>Pages 1-11</i>	ALL CAST				
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	4 – 5pm	ROOM 1	SINGING	-	-	-	Zeynep	Freya
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	4 – 5pm	DRAMA STUDIO	ACTING			Lola	Zeynep, Adam	Freya



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## SEN Department

### Mistakes help us improve

As parents, you play a huge role in influencing the mindset of your children, so it's important that you model a Growth Mindset for them. You can do this by showing your children that you are excited by challenges, see mistakes as learning opportunities and understand the value of practice.

Below is a great resource which I highly recommend you use at home to encourage your children to embrace mistakes and look for the lessons they can learn along the way.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Ms Florea





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We are supporting Euston Foodbank again this Christmas, which is part of the Trussell Trust network. You can read about the amazing work the scheme does here: <https://euston.foodbank.org.uk/>

Please see the list below for items needed right now, and bring anything you can spare to any of the three buildings' receptions, in PPS, GPS or HH, where there will be a dedicated collection box, decorated by the Student Voice Club. We will be running the collection until **Thursday 12th December**.

## URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

TINS OF FRUIT

INSTANT COFFEE

TINS OF MEAT

UHT MILK - ALL TYPES

LONG LIFE JUICE

SEASONAL CHOCOLATE

## WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

BEANS

PASTA



## English

On Wednesday afternoon Year 7 took a stroll down the road to the famous Wallace Collection, a treasure trove full of paintings, sculpture and armour, for a creative writing workshop. For two hours they were led by curators (and writers) through the gallery, pausing in front of clocks, cabinets and canvases and imagining how they could be inspired by these objects in their own writing. Armed with a pencil and notebook, Year 7's brilliant ideas started to take shape. We can't wait to see how their stories develop!



## Anti-Bullying Week

We had a fantastic Anti-Bullying Week thanks to the members of the Student Voice Club who organised a series of fun and thought-provoking activities to do with their tutors during registration.

We started the week by watching the video 'Change starts with us' (<https://youtu.be/oAmVkvEmOP4>) which promotes taking small steps to make the atmosphere around us more positive and calling people out when they are being unkind to others. We asked students at the end of the week to write on a post-it what they did the last couple of days to make a small change and we used them to make an Anti-Bullying tree display in the canteen.

We also ran an inspiring quote competition and our favourites quotes are now displayed on the windows of our canteen. Crazy Tie Day on Friday was a great success and it was fantastic to see so many students wearing quirky ties to promote diversity. Finally we finished on a really positive note with our Game Night during which year 6, 7, 8 and 9 students played board games together.





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# News

## Anti-Bullying Week





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## Drama

On Tuesday our year 10 GCSE and A level Drama students were fortunate enough to take part in a Frantic Assembly workshop. Here they created movement sequences and exercises to build on devised work, similar to that created by Frantic for *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*. Our students showed outstanding enthusiasm, and plenty of exciting work was created.





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## Art

Bringing some colour to a rainy week, this is Dolly Gosling's (Y11) Chagall, 'Portrait of Vava' study.





### Westminster Table Tennis Champs

Eight pupils represented Portland Place School at the annual Westminster Table Tennis tournament on Thursday 21st November. With strong competition from other Westminster schools, the team of Year 9 and 10 boys held their own and finished in third place.

Particular mention goes to **Teddy Upton** and **Sam Meyer** who won all their matches. This is the first time Portland Place has entered a team into this competition and we were very happy with their performances. Table tennis has figured more prominently on the curriculum in recent terms and we hope to see lots more success in the future. Well done boys!





### Under 16s Netball

Portland Place – 22

Thames Christian School – 5

The under 16s netball team this week travelled to Battersea to play Thames Christian School. It was a great afternoon of netball with both teams playing well and giving it all they had. The girls were excellent in both attack and defence and demonstrated their ability to play as a cohesive team and communicate effectively on the court. All of the star players were at it again—**Marielle Staunton, Ava Jones, Freya Francis-Baum, Dasha Lebedeva** and **Talitha Gordon Nooy**— and they should all be very proud of the result and their game play not only as individuals but as a team. Special mention this week to the player of the match **Ana Howell** who was excellent throughout. **Ana Howell** has only recently joined the team and with each match her confidence is growing and her skills developing. Throughout the game **Ana Howell** worked beautifully with **Freya Francis-Baum** in the goal circle, maintaining possession, controlling the ball and successfully scoring 2 goals. Congratulations Ana! Keep up the great work. Also thank you to **Daya Upell** for stepping in and helping out. Daya was an asset to the team and we hope that she can play again soon. Another great win for the Under 16s. Congratulations girls!!!





### Year 8 House Table Tennis

Who can think of a better way to spend Wednesday morning than with a year 8 house table tennis competition? I can certainly not! Period 1 & 2 saw the year 8 boys battle it out for the champion title. It was a thrilling morning of table tennis with some highly competitive and entertaining group rounds. It was so lovely to see such enthusiasm and energy in the room. After an intense group round the semi-finalists had been found and they went on to battle it out and represent their houses. Congratulations to the following boys: **Tom Hallam** and **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** (Langham), **Benny Miller** and **Ukona Dlomu** (Wigmore)

### Year 9 House Table Tennis

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November the year 9s competed in their annual house table tennis tournament. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning with a fantastic atmosphere and the boys and girls played some high quality table tennis! After a highly competitive group stage the following pupils made it through to the main quarter finals: **Josh Tucker, Angel Ellis, Nicolas Bartha, Leo Sargent, Sam Meyer, Arthur Hales, Bosco Buonaguidi** and **Felix Lake**.

The quarter finals were all highly competitive with highlights including the nail-biting final few rallies between Bosco and Felix, with Bosco keeping his cool to get the job done. Arthur Hales gave one of the tournament favourites Sam Meyer a scare with his excellent forehand top spin shots, but in the end Sam did enough to progress.

The semi-finals saw Angel Ellis take on Nicolas Bartha and Sam Meyer take on Bosco Buonaguidi. Nicolas progressed in a closely-fought contest, but Angel should be proud of his effort – he has really improved in the game this year! In the second semi-final Sam Meyer raised his game, playing with ferocious pace and progressed after a comfortable victory over Bosco. This meant it would be a Langham v Devonshire final!

The whole year group watched the final, as Nicholas and Sam battled it out for the title. There were numerous entertaining rallies and some unbelievable reactions on display. Sam Meyer took an early lead but Nicolas fought his way back showing great determination not to let Sam run away with the game. Eventually Sam Meyer started to find a good rhythm with his forehand top spin shots, which were played with great pace and power making it very difficult for Nicolas to return any sort of attacking shots. The relentless onslaught became too much for Nicolas and it was Sam Meyer who emerged victorious! Well done to Langham, our 2019 house table tennis champions!

1<sup>st</sup> – LANGHAM

2<sup>nd</sup> – DEVONSHIRE

3<sup>rd</sup> – WIGMORE

4<sup>th</sup> – CAVENDISH



### Under 13s Football

Harrodian – 1

Portland Place – 2

After a couple of narrow defeats the Under 13s were back to winning ways with a stunning victory and performance against a strong Harrodian side. A fast start was made to the game but most of the play broke down in the final third. It was a physical exchange in midfield which suited **Jesse Francis-Baum** in central midfield who likes this type of match. He was the creator for the first goal as PPS started to dominate the game. He passed the ball to **Tom Hallam** whose shot ended in the back of the net after being closed down quickly. PPS were on top now and doubled the lead through **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** who in his usual form for him smashed the ball into the back of net after creating a little space for himself. In the second half Harrodian began to create chances and for 15 minutes really put pressure on the PPS goal. The defensive team of **Issac Meyer** in goal and **Edwin Hounkanli** from right back were stopping everything with world class commitment on the goal line. Harrodian did find the net which they deserved and PPS changed completely. The boys went on the attack and played the rest of the game deep in the Harrodian half. As a result they could not create any more chances to find their equaliser. This was a great way to manage the game and it was delivered superbly. A great win Boys!

### Under 16s Football

Portland Place School - 1

DWIGHT - 2

A real battle at Regents Park with two evenly-matched teams producing an excellent match. The pace was fast, the game was end-to-end and both goalkeepers produced some fine saves in the opening stages—**Jake Lloyd** for PPS managed three fantastic stops to keep the score line level. DWIGHT took the lead after an exceptional through ball and this gave them a little extra and they began to dominate the game for a ten minute period. During this time they doubled their lead and the half time score was 2-0. PPS came out for the second half recharged and began to dominate through **Alex Madonald**. He made a blistering run down the left and cut into the box. The DWIGHT defender could not deal with his pace and mistimed his tackle, resulting in a penalty kick for PPS. **Teddy Desmond** fired this into the bottom corner to make the score 2-1. With twenty minutes to go DWIGHT began to sit back in numbers and after long periods of dominating possession PPS could not find the equalising goal. A great game, well done!

## Under 12s Football

Sussex House - 2

Portland Place - 1

On Tuesday afternoon Portland Y6/7 team travelled to Battersea Park to take on Sussex House. More familiar with the softer and slower surfaces on Regents Park, PPS found the fast and high bouncing astroturf difficult and struggled to bring the ball under control. After going a goal down ten minutes into the first half they responded through **Danny Maclean**, who looped his shot high over the advancing keeper, from a nearly impossible angle, wide on the right. The ball found the back of the net, but Sussex House defended well and made it hard for Portland to make any meaningful attacks. The second half was better for Portland with both **Ali Abdel-Khaleq** and **Albert Thompson** having their best games for the school to date. Late on they began to get a few more shots on goal, but were undone by a weak shot that eluded keeper **Isaac Meyer**. Isaac was furious with himself, but should take consolation in the numerous excellent saves he has made this season. PPS battled hard for another equaliser, but it wasn't to be. All the players put in an excellent effort and this team is certainly improving match by match. Well done boys, and good luck for next week.



## Netball

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of November was an exciting afternoon of netball with both the U16s team and the U13/14s team playing competitive matches against St James' School and North Bridge House.

### Under 16s Netball

Portland Place – 10

St James School – 10

It was a close and competitive match for the U16s team against St James' School with both teams fighting 'til the very last minute. The dream trio was at it again, **Marielle Staunton, Ava Jones** and **Freya Francis-Baum** controlling and driving the ball up and down the court, intercepting from all directions and anticipating their defence at all times. Exceptional work girls! It would have been great to have a pedometer on **Marielle Staunton** as she definitely got her step count up in this match. **Ana Howell** and **Beatrice Curto** once again worked beautifully in defence constantly restricting and reading their opponents. **Dolly Gosling** was great in centre court, finding space and maintaining control as the ball moved down the court. A special mention to **Daya Uppell** and **Nancy Brittain** who stepped in and played to help the team out. Both girls played well and were an asset to the team. Another great effort by our U16s team. Congratulations girls!

### Under 13/14s Netball

North Bridge House – 3

Portland Place – 2

Another highly competitive and close match followed for our U13/14s against North Bridge House. It was a close game right down to the last quarter with only one point in it. **Lana Tuite** was excellent in attack, controlling the ball from her centre position and working effectively with **Violet Bradshaw** in driving the ball down the court. With the support of **Valery Vogel** and **Kyra Gupta** in the goal circle **Violet Bradshaw** was able to successfully score 2 goals. Great shooting **Violet!** **Grace Bradshaw** and **Anastasia Dillon Demosthenous** were excellent in defence, consistently restricting the opposition's movement and anticipating their next move. **Sumayyah Mahmoud, Isabella Calvery-Bull** and **Emily Zhang** were great in centre court and worked well in both attack and defence, gaining some successful interceptions and helping to maintain possession as the ball moved down the court in attack. A great game by the U13/14s team, congratulations girls. Well done!

## Year 6 & 7 Sports Star of the Week



**Isabella Calvert-Bull**

This week Isabella successfully mastered the straddle-through vault during her gymnastics lesson. This was using a spring board and full Olympic height vault apparatus. Well done Isabella!

## Year 8 Sports Star of the Week



**Edwin Hounkanli**

Edwin has performed tremendously in lessons this week and excelled in the U13s football victory over Harrodian this week, where he made several superb goal line clearances.

## Year 9 Sports Star of the Week



**Sam Meyer**

Not only did Sam play very well at the Westminster table tennis championships last week, he also won the year 9 House table tennis contest held on Tuesday in GPS Hall.

## Monday 02 December

- 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  
 3:45-4:30pm Economics Club, G41  
 4.00-6.00pm LAMDA lessons, PPS Hall  
 4.00-5.00pm Chinese, Room 36  
 4.00-5.00pm Japanese, Room 35

## Tuesday 03 December

- 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 Science 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 04 December

- 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 05 December

- 8:00-8:40am GCSE PE revision club G32  
 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  
 3:45-4.30pm 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 06 December

- 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  
 4.00-6.00pm

### 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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@PPS\_KS2 – Year 6

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