

# The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

25 November 2019



**Jake @ FutureDJs**

**Shakespeare Schools Festival**

**Christmas events**



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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!

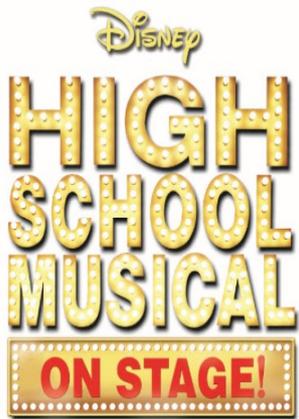
Please donate here: [Portland Place Tanzania](#)



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Please remember to bring your script to every rehearsal. All students will have a script by the end of rehearsal on Tuesday.

Day	Date	Time	Venue		Y6/7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> November	4 – 5.30pm	GPS Hall	DANCE/ACTING REHEARSAL (Pages 1-8)	Aubrey, Isabella, James, Sonny, Azure, Rachel.	Lawton, Rudy, Grace, Lloyd, Anastasia, Jesse, Kyra, Benny, Huxley, Ryder, Lana.	Teddy, Ruhi, Kieran, Lucy, Lola.	Adam, Zeynep, Scarlett, Marnie, Bea, Eliza, Orah.	Daya, Freya.
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> November	4 – 5pm	Room 1	SINGING REHEARSAL	-	-	-	Adam, Orah	-
			Drama Studio	ACTING REHEARSAL	-	Sumayyah	Angel	-	-



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## Literacy at PPS – Autumn update!

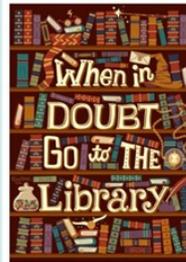
The new Literacy Firefly page is up and running for students and parents to understand and engage with Literacy, please have a look and utilise all of the very useful information and links available.



Improve your Literacy!



Literacy & Mental Wellbeing  
Life-long Links!



To the Library!



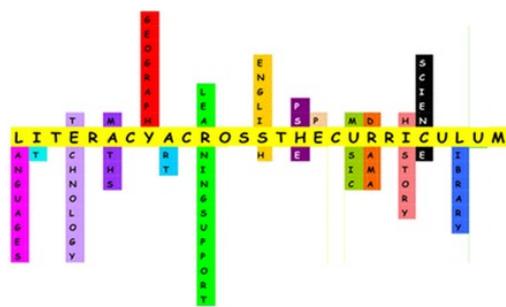
Word of the Week



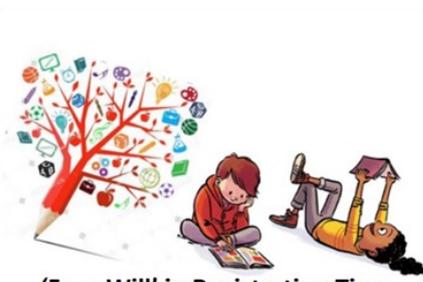
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Literacy at PPS is all around us and is vital to student well-being and their academic achievement. This week all students have been taking part in a Literacy and Aspirations Survey. Literacy is in the hands of the individual and the Firefly icons below show how students can take ownership of their literacy.

Go to the Literacy Firefly page to start now!



Literacy in all Subjects



'Free-Will' in Registration Time



Active/Alert Listening



Oracy



Learning Support



STRIVE!



Improve your Vocabulary



Read the News!



Get revising!

**Phoebe Lewis**

Literacy Lead, Head of Year 13 and  
Teacher of History

I am reading *'The Book of Dust Vol. 2: The Secret Commonwealth'* by Philip Pullman.



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# News

## English

### **Year 7 Creative Writing Workshop**

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 7 will be walking down the road with Miss Hubner, Mr Burton and Mr Tasic to the Wallace Collection for a creative writing workshop. They will enjoy a tour of the galleries by a curator and use some of the priceless treasures within to inspire their own creative writing! Students will leave from the GPS lunch room and be back by 4pm, so there is no need to bring anything except perhaps a coat for the walk there. Permission forms have been sent to all parents via In Touch; please return them by Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

Thank you!

Miss Hubner and the English Department

Pictured: The Laughing Cavalier by Frans Hals, 1624. Just one of the incredible works on display at the collection.



## Music

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Jake Cossey (Year 9) was invited to represent Portland Place School as part of the [FutureDJs Incubator Programme](#). The programme takes students who are showing a passion, talent and career potential in their in-school DJ lessons, giving them the chance to develop their skills and provide them with real-life performance experience whilst working alongside professional DJ's.

Here is Jake's account of the day:

*Last Saturday I was invited to take part in FutureDJ's incubator day in Barking. While I was there I had the opportunity to be taught by one of the country's best DJs, Mark One. Over the course of the day I was taught some top tips and techniques of how to DJ. The day finished with a short performance to a selected audience.*

A video of Jake's live set can be seen at [www.portlandplacemusic.com/news](http://www.portlandplacemusic.com/news)

If you are interested in signing up for DJ lessons at PPS, please contact the Director of Music [steve.hill@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:steve.hill@portland-place.co.uk) for an application form.



## Drama

Today we received our photos from the recent Shakespeare Schools Festival performance of *The Tempest*.

There are some fantastic images from our 30 minute performance. We thought we would share a few in this edition of *The Weekly Buzz*.





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## Shakespeare Schools Festival





## Westminster Netball League – Wednesday 13 November 2019

### Game 1:

Portland Place – 10

St Augustine's – 5

### Game 2:

Portland Place – 13

Pimlico Academy – 5

On a fresh autumn evening in Pimlico, some thrilling games of netball were played as part of the Westminster League. The under 16s girls team played two games; the first against St Augustine's and the second against Pimlico Academy. Both games were competitive and the girls really fought for their wins. **Dasha Lebedeva** was in her element in goal defence. She dominated, intercepting and blocking her opponent from all angles while working cohesively with **Marielle Staunton** and **Freya Francis-Baum** to control and drive the ball down the court. **Freya Francis –Baum** and **Orah Goldstein** worked beautifully together in the goal circle. The superstar shooter **Freya Francis-Baum** successfully scored a phenomenal 20 goals across the two games and congratulations to **Orah Goldstein** for also scoring 3 goals across both matches. As the girls' confidence grew through the afternoon so did the number of interceptions and turn-overs to Portland Place. **Dolly Gosling** was excellent in centre court and worked well with **Marielle Staunton** to maintain possession and control the ball. **Marielle Staunton** was superb in attack; she fluently controlled the game from her centre position. **Ana Howell** and **Beatrice Curto's** defence was brilliant, consistently restricting the opposition's movement and anticipating their next move. Congratulations to the girls for two outstanding results. We are very proud of your efforts and achievements. The girls have two matches in the league left against St Marylebone and Grey Coats. We wish them the very best of luck with these matches.



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# Sports results



Westminster Netball League



## London Youth Games Cross Country Championships

Portland Place was well represented at these championships, held at Parliament Hill last Saturday, with six runners qualified to represent Westminster. Unfortunately two of our athletes were unable to compete on the day. Three boys ran in the U13s race over 2km of hilly ground. There was a very large field and a high quality of competition, as one would expect for a London Championship event. **Rudi Bigoni** finished in 10 min 46 sec (226<sup>th</sup>), **Lawton Ballbach** completed the course in 10 min 23 secs (221<sup>st</sup>) and **Tom Hallam** was our best finisher in 9 min 16 sec to place 161<sup>st</sup>.

The U17 race was of equally high calibre and just as well attended. Y11's **Curtis O'Keefe** managed to get around the 4.5km course in a creditable 21 min 03 sec to place 85<sup>th</sup>. Very well done to the four boys for representing Westminster borough and the school. There will be many more opportunities to run competitively this season with North London ISA champs, London Schools champs, Y7 & 8 London Schools champs, as well as House Cross Country events and lessons at Regents Park.



Tom Hallam (left), Lawton Ballbach (centre), Rudi Bigoni (right)



## Under 14s Football

Kew House—3

Portland Place School—2

On a freezing Friday afternoon, PPS U14s made their way to Chiswick to take on Kew House School in a scrappy match in extremely challenging conditions. In the early stages PPS did not get off to the best of starts. The boys were working hard defensively but just could not keep possession of the ball in attack. Kew House took an early lead after a tame-looking long-range effort managed to find its way in to the near post – it seemed the boys were caught off guard. PPS started to come to life and were unlucky not to equalise when **Lloyd Day** was put through one-on-one with the keeper but the Kew keeper made an outstanding save. Kew started to come back, with their tall, pacey striker causing the PPS back four a number of problems – mid way through the first half he doubled their lead with a well-taken finish. PPS just couldn't seem to find their rhythm and the wet, windy and freezing cold conditions did not help matters! Just before half time the boys conceded a third after an attempted clearance ricocheted straight to a Kew Striker who tapped it in from three yards. I think the boys would agree it was a pretty miserable first half.

At half time the boys were clearly very frustrated but you could see that they were not willing to just take a defeat lying down. From the start of the second half it was like watching a different team. PPS were more aggressive defensively and were making solid clearances at the sign of any danger. In midfield the boys started to show more composure and started to zip the ball around the pitch with some fast-paced passing. Midway through the first half PPS scored, with **Lloyd Day** whipping in a 'cross-cum-shot' that may or may not have touched **Bosco Buonaguidi** on its way in to the far post! 3-1 with 15 minutes remaining. Kew kicked off and within 30 seconds PPS had won the ball back and **Sam Meyer** showed great composure to toe-poke past the onrushing Kew keeper – game on! All of a sudden PPS started to dominate, they looked confident and energised as they fought for an equaliser. **Sam Meyer** came extremely close when he curled an effort just wide of the top corner. **Elliot McLeod** and **Lloyd Day** both had good long-range efforts well saved and **Bosco Buonaguidi** came closest when he made a well-timed run behind Kew's defence but just couldn't find the back of the net. The boys continued to push for an equaliser but just could not find one. 3-2 to Kew House the final score.

The boys were very disappointed with their performance in the first half but showed great character to fight their way back into the match. They were unlucky not to come away with a draw. **Sam Meyer** had an excellent second half with his high energy pressing in attack. **Bosco Buonaguidi** looked sharp on the left-hand-side with some silky skills and neat footwork but man of the match goes to **Sylvan Farmer** who had his best game in a PPS shirt to date. He showed good pace in defence and made a number of important tackles and clearances in the second half.



## Under 12s Football

Portland Place School - 2

Kew House School - 3

A cracking contest against Kew House at Regents Park and a much improved performance from the U12s football team. This was a scrappy game and one that was evenly matched. This game would be all about taking chances when they presented themselves. The boys were competitive and created a number of opportunities in the first half; these were often cleared by the Kew defensive line before getting a shot away. The teams continued to cancel each other out and the first half finished 1-1 after Kew took the lead and **Danny Mclean** scored from the edge of the box to level the game, with a superb strike. Kew started quickly in the second half and scored a second goal and at that point PPS upped their game and became more physical on the pitch. They were causing problems and creating chances. After a period of dominating possession **Leo Bennett** managed to equalise for a second time after he scored into the bottom corner. Unfortunately, in the closing stages, Kew managed a third goal to take the lead and the victory. However, this was still a great performance and one the boys should take confidence from into their next game.

## PE Kit

*The weather has turned considerably colder this week and we have had a number of cold afternoons on Regents Park. Could I please ask parents to ensure that pupils have adequate layers of PE kit to cope with the conditions? A base layer can be worn beneath their PE tops, as well as under their shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Hoodies and waterproof tops should also be brought to all outdoor lessons.*

*The pitches and ground at Regents Park are quite soft now and muddy in places, due to the rainfall this month. Studded footwear is essential for all pupils playing rugby and football outside. It is simply dangerous for pupils to take part in these activities without adequate grip. Please also ensure pupils have gum shields if they are playing contact rugby.*

*Finally, piles of unclaimed and unnamed PE kit are building up in both the boys' and girls' PE office. We hand back named kit and pupils regularly come to reclaim clothing that has been left in the changing rooms by mistake. Where kit is unnamed it is very hard to identify the owner. Please ensure **all** PE kit is named, including trainers/boots, socks, shin pads and gum shield cases.*



# Calendar

## Monday 25 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  
 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 26 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 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 27 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 28 November

- 8:00-9:40am GCSE revision club G24  
 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 29 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  
 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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