



Spring 2 Term Newsletter

Welcome back after our half-term break. Spring is in the air and we are all set for another half-term of learning, progress and fun.

Dates for your Diary

- 26th February** P6 YES project
- 28th February** Queen's University Project Daire with P7 and P3 classes.
- 28th February** P1 and P7 Dance with Bluebell Arts running for 5 weeks.
- 28th February** P5 Creggan Country Park
- 6th March Music songs and rhymes with George Murphy
- 7th March** Book Fair and World Book Day
- 7th March** Engineers Workshop for P6 and P7 @ St Mary's
- 10th March @ 11am** Do This In Memory Mass for 1st Communion pupils.
- 11th March** PTFA meeting at 6pm
- 18th March** School Closed
- 14th April @ 11am** Do This In Memory Mass for 1st Communion pupils.
- Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th April** KS2 show. Times to be decided.
- 18th April (12 noon) to 28th April** Easter Holiday
- 2nd May** School Closed for Elections
- 4th May** First Holy Communion @11.30 in St Eugene's Cathedral
- 6th May** School closed

Child Protection

Just for your information all policies and procedures in relation to Child Protection, eSafety and complaints etc. are available on our school website. If you would like a hard copy of any of our school policies please request one from the office.

The Chair of our Board of Governors is Dr. Kate Dooher. Our Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Ramsey, our Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs M Coyle and our Child Protection Governor is Ms Daisy Mules.

Our Child Protection notice board with information for parents is outside Áine's office.



We want to thank the NSPCC for carrying out assemblies and workshops with our children. Attendance at the Parent Information Session was disappointing but I am very aware that everyone has commitments and it is difficult to find a suitable time to suit everyone. I just want to draw your attention to some information which may be useful as recommended by NSPCC. If you make an appointment in any O2 shop the O2 Guru will put Parental Controls/Privacy settings on phones for free. You do not need to be an O2 customer.

Net aware is a guide for parents to help keep you up to date on the latest apps, sites and popular games for children. It can be accessed by using the following:

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk>

Our Key Stage 2 children received Share Aware booklets that could be used to start a conversation with your child about what they are doing online. It is essential that children are supervised online at all times.

USEFUL NUMBERS

CHILDLINE 0800 1111 PARENTING NI 0808 801 0722

ACTION FOR CHILDREN 02871 342286 / 02882 259495

LOCAL HUBS 02871 358787 / 02871 373870

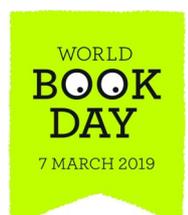
24 HR DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE HELPLINE 0808 802 1414



We have been notified by the electoral office that the school will be used as a Polling Station this year. The school will be closed on the 2nd May to facilitate this.

World Book Day

Children can come dressed up as a character from their favourite book to celebrate World Book Day on the 7th March



THIS SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE!

Due to a child having a severe nut allergy we must insist that nuts and snacks containing nuts or peanut butter are strictly forbidden.



Easter Holiday

18th April finish at 12 noon
(no bus or taxi service) to
26th April



Dietary Advice

Please note it is parents/guardians responsibility to inform us of any special diets children are on. Special diets can be required for a wide variety of medical conditions including food allergies, food intolerance, diabetes and coeliac disease. A medically prescribed diet is one which has been prescribed by a medical consultant, general practitioner (GP) or registered dietician. Other children follow special diets for religious reasons, or because they are vegetarian or vegan.

If your child's diet changes for any reason please talk to your child's teacher or Principal so we can cater for provision of special diets in our school.



Cake Sale

Huge congratulations to our School Council and Mrs Francis who organised a cake sale for school funds and raised £315. Their enthusiasm and dedication are amazing.

Thank you parents/guardians for your very generous donations. The children thoroughly enjoyed it



School grounds are for staff parking only. Please note due to Child Protection and Health and Safety we cannot allow parents/guardians to park in the school grounds other than



We are currently in negotiations with the Education Authority about essential maintenance works in our school. I want to assure parents that currently I am doing all that I can to ensure much needed work will be carried out in the near future. Currently the design team are drawing up plans for a total toilet refurbishment and a sensory room. I have been assured that we are a priority.

I am very aware that some areas of the school require immediate action. We have initiated a series of meetings with representatives from the Education Authority and our Governors are determined to make progress. You will be kept up to date when we are further informed

Canteen money

Canteen money must be paid up to date. If canteen money is forgotten the canteen will only provide soup and a sandwich on that day. The money must be paid in full the following day. This is Board policy. You can pay in the canteen on a Monday for the week or you can call in to the canteen each morning and pay for the dinner.



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After School Clubs

Reminder: Can you please ensure all club forms are returned on a Thursday to class teacher and not to the office.



Eco-Friendly Newsletter



All newsletters will continue to be posted on the school website www.modelps.co.uk and Our School App. Available on the Play Store. **BT48 7HJ** postcode needed to download the app.

