

# **Model School Newsletter January 2018**

**Welcome back and we would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2018!**

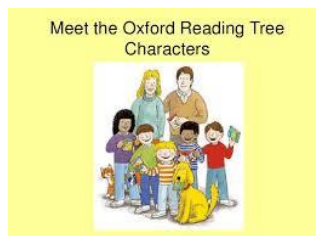
## **Open Nights**

Reminder to parents of P7 children that their prospective schools will be holding open nights throughout January. Please see dates and times outlined below:

- Lisneal College 10<sup>th</sup> January 7pm
- Oakgrove College 11<sup>th</sup> January 3.30-6pm
- St. Mary's 13<sup>th</sup> January 10am-1pm
- St.Columb's College 16<sup>th</sup> January
  - A-L SURNAMES 4PM-5.30
  - M-Z 6.30-8PM
- St.Joseph's 17<sup>th</sup> January 7.30-9.30
- St Patrick's and St Brigid's Claudy 18<sup>th</sup> January 7pm
- St Cecilia's 20<sup>th</sup> January 10am-1pm
- Lumen Christi 22<sup>nd</sup> January 4pm
- St Brigid's College 25<sup>th</sup> January 5pm-9pm
- Foyle College 27<sup>th</sup> January 10am-1pm
- Thornhill 30<sup>th</sup> January 9pm-6.30pm

## **Curriculum Updates:**

### **1. Reading Scheme**



We are delighted to announce that the school has purchased a new reading scheme! The Oxford Reading Tree scheme will be introduced to the Primary one children this term. It will be implemented in P2 & P3 in due course.

### **2. Mathletics**

All children are now enjoying Mathletics and we can already see the benefits in school. We ensure children get every opportunity to access it in school. In order for this to be of maximum benefit children need to be using it regularly at home. We have invested a lot of money into this and we appreciate your support. If you cannot access Mathletics at home, please let us know and we will be happy to ensure your child is provided with extra opportunities at school.

### **3. Personal Management**

We will be focusing on Personal Management this term e.g. tidy school bags, handing in homeworks on time, looking after belongings etc. Children will be given reminders through work in class and assemblies. Please encourage your child to develop independence in these areas.

We are very proud of the children from our after school our **Flamenco club** who will be taking part in a music and dance show in the Millennium Forum on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January** at 8pm called '**An Turas**'. We wish them every success in their performance!



### **Child Protection**

Mrs Ramsey will continue to be our designated teacher for Child Protection. She will be supported this year by Mrs Meghan Coyle who will take on the role of Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

### **Bus Information**

From now on there will be only two buses operating in the afternoons.

The Waterside bus will continue to collect children at the school gate.

10a Service bus from Clarendon Manor will take all the Cityside children including children on Galliagh route. As always children waiting on the bus will be supervised by 2 members of staff.

### **Rickety Wheel**

Please send in any unwanted Christmas gifts for a Rickety Wheel event that will possibly take place before Easter. We are hoping to raise money to buy ipads. This will be a considerable expense to the school so we would like everyone to do their best to contribute if possible.

### **What's Happening in school?**

**REMINDER-CONFIRMATION:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March@11.30 FIRST COMMUNION Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April@ 11.30

**P4** First Communion classes will commence on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January and will take place on each Tuesday and Friday during the school day.

**P3** Paired reading meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2.15pm. Paired reading to run for the following 6 weeks.

Fundamental cricket skills begin 15<sup>th</sup> January

**P4** Dogs Trust visit January 18<sup>th</sup>

**P5** 'Not so serious Burns' 15<sup>th</sup> January

**P6/7B & P6M** Holocaust 31<sup>st</sup> January

**P7** Confirmation classes 12<sup>th</sup> January

Cricket coaching 15<sup>th</sup> January

French and swimming continue

Various post-primary schools visiting throughout January

**School will be closed on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February for half-term.**

This newsletter can also be accessed on our school website [www.modelps.co.uk](http://www.modelps.co.uk) along with regular updates and photos of our children taking part in various activities. Our Facebook page is also updated daily-a big thanks to Mrs Lamrock!

