



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note Friday 8 September 2017

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Welcome to our first 'Friday Note' of the 2017/2018 academic year. Your parental feedback last year told us that you found this means of communication very helpful so it continues this year. It will be emailed to your given email address and also put on the website. A hard copy will also be available at the office for you to view.

Looking back....

Primary 1 pupils arrive in style!

How lovely it has been to welcome all of our new Primary 1 pupils this week. They are so settled and have lots of fun with their new classmates. Next week they will be in school until 12noon and Mrs Crilly and Mrs McManus will begin their baseline meetings with parents. These meetings are a chance for you as parents to tell your child's teacher all about them so please do come along. Individual appointment letters have been given out.

Extra Visitors....

Unfortunately it is the time of year when we see little extra visitors in pupils' hair....lice. There have been a number of cases reported to us this week. Can we ask parents to check hair regularly and to always let us know. Thank you.

Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum Meetings begin next week with the Primary 6 meeting on Thursday and the Primary 5 meeting on Friday, both at 9.15am. It is very important that at least one parent attends the meeting as vital information about the curriculum and the year ahead will be shared. Unfortunately, teachers will not be able to meet with parents who cannot attend after the meeting but they will be able to share any documentation given out at the meeting. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you in the next few weeks.

House Meeting

This week we held our first House Meeting of the year. Primary 4 pupils were able to join their new houses and meet their team. Each house has a teacher assigned and will meet monthly and teachers and adults across the school are able to award house point for aspects of good behaviour, work, homework etc. Please encourage your child to wear their house badge with pride. Ask them to tell you a little bit about their house as well, the names of which are all important people in the heritage of our school.

Music News!

New start P4 and P5 music notes must be returned by Monday 11 September.

After School Activities

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent registration morning for after school activities. **Below are the clubs with spaces remaining.** If you wish to register your child please send their name, class teacher and payment in an envelope marked 'FAO Miss McAnerney'. **Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.**

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	FEE	CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO
MONDAY	Art Club (Ms Gorman) P2-3	2-3pm	£40	Therese Gorman
	'Minilingua' Spanish P2-3	2-3pm	£40	Interlingua
	'Minilingua' Spanish P4-7	3-4pm	£40	
WEDNESDAY	Art Club (Mrs Braskiene) P4-7	3-4pm	£40	Rasa Braskiene
	Monkeynastix P2-3	2-3pm	£35	Monkeynastix
THURSDAY	Dance P2-3	2-3pm	£40	Elizabeth Watt Dance LTD
	Dance P4-7	3-4pm	£40	Elizabeth Watt Dance LTD

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The following clubs also have spaces available. You can register for the following clubs by **contacting the tutors directly using the contact details below:**

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THURSDAY	Miniversity P2-3	2-3pm	£50	EMAIL: study@miniversity.com
	Miniversity P4-7	3-4pm	£50	
FRIDAY	Go Media P2-3	2-3pm	£67.50	Register online at: gomediacademy.com/parents
	Go Media P4-7	3-4pm	£67.50	
	Children's Music Academy P2-3	2-3pm	£45	Register online at: www.childrensmusicacademy.co.uk

Remember – all clubs commence this Monday 11th September with the exception of Drama, Netball, Spanish and Coding Club which will start week beginning 18th September. Please see our School Website for a full list of Term 1 dates.

Looking ahead...

Monday 11 September 2017	Tuesday 12 September 2017	Wednesday 13 September 2017	Thursday 14 September 2017	Friday 15 September 2017
Primary 1 pupils in school until 12noon 10am Mr Robert Thompson (EA Adviser) to see Mrs Fleming P4 at Linen Museum: Family Crest/Town Trail Workshop P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments) After school activities begin (see above) 3pm Mathematics: Problem Solving training for teachers in word problems	P4 Data and Target Setting Day: Mrs Connolly: SUB: Mrs Ciara Gorman Mrs Gould SUB: Ms Therese Gorman P4 at SALTO Gymnastics Mrs Fleming at Holy Trinity Nursery at 11am P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments)	Beat the Street begins today Mindfulness Session 1 for Primary 7 pupils (Bring along an old towel or yoga mat) Mrs Gartland out: SUB: Mrs Fleming P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments)	Primary 6 Curriculum Meeting at 9.15am Literacy Target Setting Day: Mrs Anne Hanna: SUB: Ms Therese Gorman Mrs Fleming at Ballinderry Primary School at 11am Mrs Gould: ICT Development day: SUB: Mrs Gorman P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments)	P5 Curriculum Meeting at 9.15am P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments) P6 Swimming @ Leisureplex Mrs Fleming at St. Patrick's Academy Prize giving at 1045am Mrs Aideen Jeffrey providing newcomer language support 9am -12noon

Once again, it has been a super start to the year. The pupils have returned to school energised after the summer break. Thank you for all your support as we start the new term. Have a lovely weekend.

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