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'Friday Note'

Friday 3 March 2017

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Looking back...

I wasn't here for part of the week as I was out at CCEA as part of my role as Assistant Principal Moderator for Communication. I will be glad to be back on Monday as I very much missed the buzz of school life! It was another busy week in school:

Mathematics Curriculum Update

We are so lucky to have purchased IZAK 9, a state of the art maths resource to enhance teaching and learning in Mathematics. Teachers attended an IZAK 9 demo on Monday and can't wait to use it in the classroom. Izak 9 is a set of 27 cubes which can be used to develop mental maths concepts across the school in a practical and engaging way for pupils. Miss Clarke also met with our EA Adviser Mr Robert Thompson who complimented the school on the amount of progress made so far in the development of Maths and problem solving.

Professional Development for Classroom Assistants and Cool Kids Staff

This continued this week with the EA's Orla Hendron delivering the first session about the positive management of behaviour. It is so vital that as a school we are consistent in how we reward and manage good behaviour. Parents in P1 – P4 will very shortly be receiving an update of our positive behaviour management policy for P1 – P4. Look out for this and have a read.

First Trust Bank

The next 'Bank Day' will be Wednesday 8 March. First Trust representatives will be here to open new accounts if you missed the last day. Bring along 2 methods of ID – photo and utility bill...and they will do the rest. Bank Days here in school are every second Wednesday so it makes it so easy for children to begin saving. Any child who has a First trust account can bring their savings book and money into school to be lodged. It is so important to develop this habit early on in life; children who save will be adults who save! Keep saving!

School Closure Reminder

Remember the school is closed for pupils on Thursday 16 March as this is an School Development Day on which we report your child's progress to you as parents. You may have an appointment on this day or during the week preceding it. It is very important that one parent attends this meeting to hear about your child's progress from the last parent teacher meeting in October. There is still a lot of the year left yet to help your child in their area for improvement. We are also closed on Friday 17 March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. School will reopen on Monday 20 March 2017.

World Book Day

Keep an eye on the website to see some exciting 'Extreme Reading' photoscompetition closes on Friday 10 March. Upload your photos onto FRONTER if you are in P1 – P4. P1 – P3 can email these directly to Miss McAnerney at: cmcanerney449@c2kni.net

Parent Assemblies

It has been so lovely to welcome Mr Reid's P5 parents and Mrs McManus's P1 parents into school for their parent assemblies in the last few weeks. We are so proud of both classes in how they delivered their assemblies.



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Well done! Thank you, parents for taking time out of your busy schedules to be with us on those days. I am sure you really enjoyed them.

Looking ahead...

P3 Commitment Service

Next week P3 children will have their 'Commitment Service' in preparation for making their First Confession. Parents are all invited to come along to the assembly hall at 11am on Wednesday 8 March to be with us as we celebrate this service. We will also be sharing important information regarding First Confession at the service so it is important that at least one parent comes along. Thank you.

P4 and P6 visit Lisburn Library

P4 Mrs Connolly's class and P6 Mrs McCambridge's class will be visiting Lisburn City Library next week for the first of 3 SESSIONS. We are very lucky to have this amazing library right on our doorstep. Children should bring along their library card as they will be able to borrow books from the library on the day.

Monday 6 March 2017	Tuesday 7 March 2017	Wednesday 8 March 2017	Thursday 9 March 2017	Friday 10 March 2017
<p>Maths Workshop for teaching staff: problem Solving: Exploring Patterns and relationships</p> <p>Mrs Crilly and Mrs O'Hare meeting Trocaire representative</p> <p>10.45am Mrs Fleming and Mrs Gartland PQH meeting re. finance</p> <p>March newssheet out today: have a read and see all that's going on!</p>	<p>P4 Mrs Connolly's class at Lisburn Library at 10am</p> <p>CPD for classroom assistants and Cool Kids staff on 'Behaviour Management' with Orla Hendron (EA)</p> <p>P7 at pottery</p> <p>Mrs Fleming at child protection training at EA until 1pm</p> <p>Mrs Fleming at Lisburn Principals' Meeting at 2.30pm</p>	<p>P3 commitment service at 11am in the assembly hall</p> <p>Transfer club for P6 pupils begins 3pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>First Trust Bank in school to open up new accounts 1.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>P6 Mrs McCambridge at Lisburn Library at 10am</p> <p>Miss Clarke at Catholic ethos session 1pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>Art and Design CPD Session 2 for fellow teachers from other schools</p>	<p>Miss Clarke at Mathematics Coordinator Cluster Meeting at 2pm</p> <p>Boys' Gaelic at Rossa Park 2pm – 4pm</p> <p>P7 at St. Patrick's Chapel for Confirmation Practice</p>	<p>Mrs McManus at early years Conference SUB: Miss McNally</p> <p>P4 at Castleward World War 2 Trip</p>

Enjoy your weekend and see you all on Monday.
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