



'Being the best that we can be'

'Friday Note'

Wednesday 15 March 2017

No.20

Looking back...

P4 Pupils attend GAA healthy Lifestyles Event

On Tuesday 12 Primary 4 children attended a 'Healthy Lifestyle' event organised by Ulster GAA. The children participated in some games as well as Gaelic matches and had a 'Healthy Eating' talk as well. The coaches were very impressed with the skills of our P4 pupils on the field. Once again we are proud of our pupils as they were super ambassadors for our school. Well done!

PTA Awards for All Application

Following the recent success of the school applying for Awards for All Lottery Funding for the playtrail, the PTA have now made their own application for a £10 000 award. We are hoping to transform the inner courtyard that sits alongside the assembly hall into an outdoor learning area. We will be using some ideas presented by our pupils through the recent Eco-Council competition winners: Aoife Moran, Tadhg McMaster, Orlaigh Walker and Sophie Murray. Fingers crossed we are successful in our application.

Floral Boutique

We are delighted that many of our pupils drew/made flowers for the Mother's Day window display in Floral Boutique, Lisburn (just up the street from school). Jackie the florist was delighted with the flowers and has created a beautiful window display for her shop. Go along and have a look. The winning flower will receive a lovely bouquet for their mum for Mother's Day.

8am Opening Time

Can I remind parents that Cool Kids Breakfast club does not open until 8am. Some children are arriving in school from 7.45am and there is no supervision at this time. If your child is not attending breakfast Club then they should arrive in school at 8.45am when morning supervision begins. If they arrive earlier then they will be charged for Breakfast Club. Children should only arrive in school from 8am onwards. Thank you for your support.

Healthy Eating School

We are very proud of our tradition of being a healthy eating school but recently we have noticed some 'unhealthy habits' creep in to school at break and at lunch. We try to ensure that all children have fruit and milk/water for break. Children have recently been bringing in very sugary sweets such as 'Toxic Waste' into school. These types of sweets should not be brought into school either for break or lunch. We would also like to remind parents that we are a **NUT FREE ZONE**...this includes products such as nutella. Thank you for helping us to be a healthy school.

Reporting to Parents

This week you will have received your child's 2nd annual verbal report. We hope that you found this meeting useful and informative as well as helping you to identify the areas for improvement for your child. In May we will be testing P3 – P7 pupils with Progress Test Mathematics (PTM) and Progress Test English (PTE) and you will receive those scores along with your child's written report in June.

Looking ahead...

Confirmation 2017

We are all looking forward to next Monday when 52 of our Primary 7 pupils will make their Confirmation. Bishop Farquhar will be with us to confirm children in the ceremony at 11am in St. Patrick's Chapel. This is always a lovely day for the whole parish of Lisburn and we are very proud of our Primary 7 pupils who have worked very hard in preparing to receive the Sacrament. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us all on this special day.



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PTA Mother's Day Hampers

Next week the PTA have organised a raffle for a beautiful Mother's Day Hamper in each class. Tickets will cost £1 and children will be able to purchase as many tickets as they like during next week. The raffles in each class will be drawn on Friday of next week in time for Mother's Day! All proceeds from the raffle will go to PTA funds which are so helpful to the school in the current difficult financial situation.

P7 Residential to Gartan, Donegal

Yes it's getting closer and closer! We are all looking forward to our P7 residential trip to Gartan Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Donegal. In order to share some very important information with Parents of P7 attending the trip we have organised a short meeting on **Wednesday 5 April at 8.15am**. It is vital that at least one parent attends the meeting because of the information to be delivered. I would also like to remind parents that the final date for payment for the trip is **Monday 24 April**.

Outdoor Grounds Project

We are starting our outdoor grounds project soon so if you could help us in any way...give Mrs O'Hare a call. We are hoping to apply for the Eco Schools Flag and we need as many helpers as possible! Looking forward to hearing from you.

P1 & P2 Wellie Week: Can all Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils bring any old wellies into school to use as planters.

Monday 20 March 2017	Tuesday 21 March 2017	Wednesday 22 March 2017	Thursday 23 2017	Friday 24 March 2017
Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am in St. Patrick's chapel PTA: Mother's Day Raffle in each class Quality, Learning and Teaching: Planning at 3pm	PTA: Mother's Day Raffle in each class Mrs Connolly's P4 class at Lisburn Library Professional Development Workshop for Classroom assistants with EA's Orla Hendron: Positive Behaviour Management P2 Miss McAnerney's class at pottery at Island Arts Centre P6 Mrs Gorman's class at pottery at Island Arts Centre Boys Gaelic match at Sarsfields 1.30pm – 4pm PTA meeting at 7pm	PTA: Mother's Day Raffle in each class P6 Mrs McCambridge at Lisburn Library at 10am Mrs Crilly at Global Learning Conference SUB: Miss McNally CPD Art session 4 for fellow teachers Transfer Club for P6 3pm – 4.15pm	PTA: Mother's Day Raffle in each class John Kelly from Lisburn and Castlereagh Council: recycling Talk for P3 pupils in assembly hall at 11am Commonwealth games resource Presentation from past pupil Ciaran Chambers who played at Commonwealth Games for P6 and P7	PTA: Mother's Day Raffle DRAW in each class 12 x P6 and P7 pupils at cross country race with Mrs Gartland

We hope you have a lovely St. Patrick's Day and enjoy the long weekend. See you all on Monday.

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