



'Being the best that we can be'

'Friday Note'

Wednesday 12 April 2017

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Looking back...

Post-Inspection Update

This week we had our second Post-Inspection Action Plan Review Meeting with representatives from the Education Authority, CCMS and our Board of Governors. Coordinators for Leadership and Management, Quality Learning and Teaching, Mathematics and Numeracy, ICT, Special Educational Needs and Language and Literacy reported on the progress made this term in each of their learning areas. Both the EA and CCMS are extremely pleased with the progress made so far. After Easter I will carry out classroom observations in Literacy and our District Inspector, Ms Jill Garland will join me on a number of observations. I met with pupil representatives from P5, P6 and P7 to discuss the pupil friendly version of our School Development Plan this week as well. Overall they are very pleased with the work going on in school this year...with a few recommendations. We will act on these after the Easter break.

Trocaire Fundraising

What a year we have had for fundraising for Trocaire. The total amount of money raised so far is an amazing £2200 with money still coming in. Can I thank parents and pupils for their generosity in these difficult times. We will pass on all the money raised at our annual Carol Concert in December.

Romanian Orphanage Fundraising

It was lovely to see Emily, Pia and Jonah Dunlop thinking beyond themselves. And selling hand crafted Easter chicks with a secret crème egg. They raised £125 for the Sisters of Charity house for people with learning difficulties in Romania. Well done for showing such great initiative.

Joseph!

We are so excited to be taking our end of year musical one step further this year and staging it in Lisburn's Island Hall! We would like to invite all of our school community to support us in this venture. The show is on **Thursday 11 May** and the curtain goes up at 7pm so it won't be a late night for our younger pupils. Reminder: tickets go on sale **Monday 24th April** and are priced at £7. They can only be purchased at the box office at the Island Hall. I have had some sneak previews in the last few days and I can tell you that the show is shaping up very well.

Eco Schools Update

Our school grounds are looking lovely - we have lots of vegetables planted. Our Eco Council have built a wormery and are doing an excellent job of keeping the school grounds free of weeds and watering the flowers. Thank you to Mrs Hunter (Katie, Lola and Luke's mum) and Mrs Doherty (Moya O'Kane's granny) who return for the third year to help us. Thank you so much.

Science Fun in Primary 3

We welcomed Mr McCormick this week (Nara's dad) who delivered a Science demonstration to our Primary Three children on Wednesday afternoon. The children all enjoyed it very much. It is lovely to have parents to deliver workshops and talk to our children. If you feel you could come into school and do the same please don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking Ahead

Cash for Clobber Drive!

Have a clear out over the Easter holidays in time for the summer term and bring along all your old clothes, sheets etc on our Cash for Clobber day on **Thursday 27 April**...more details later

P6 Transfer Meeting

We have arranged a meeting for parents of pupils in Primary 6 to outline the **'Transfer Procedure'** as well as the Primary 7 year. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 25 April at 6.15pm** in the school assembly hall. It is really important that at least one parent attends.



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P4 Breaking of Bread Service

Pupils from Primary 4 who are making their First Communion will prepare for this sacrament with their Breaking of Bread service on Wednesday 26 April at 11am in the school assembly hall. All parents are invited to attend as there will be important information given out on the day regarding First Communion.

Good Luck Mrs Allen

Mrs Allen leaves us this week to begin her maternity leave. We wish Caroline all our very best for the weeks ahead. We welcome Mrs Julie Gordon who joins us as a classroom assistant in primary 3 on Monday 24 April. Mrs Gordon will be covering Mrs Allen's maternity leave.

What's happening after Easter?

Monday 24 April 2017	Tuesday 25 April 2017	Wednesday 26 April 2017	Thursday 27 April 2017	Friday 28 April 2017
Joseph: Tickets on sale at Lisburn's Island Hall Box Office After school activities resume for Term 3 Educational welfare officer visiting Mrs Fleming at 2.30pm	P4 Mrs Gould's class at Lisburn Library P2 Miss Beatty's class at pottery in Island Arts Centre P6 Mrs McCambridge's class at pottery in Island Arts Centre 2.30pm Mrs Fleming at Lisburn Association of Principals' Meeting 3pm QLT: Maths problem Solving twilight Session for all teachers 3pm – 6pm 6.15pm: Transfer Procedure meeting for P6 parents	Primary 4 Breaking of Bread service at 11am in the school assembly hall P1 – P3 Healthy Planning session for teachers 2.15pm – 4pm Transfer Club for P6 3pm – 4.15pm	Cash for Clobber Day 10.30am Mrs Fleming at Harmony Hill Meeting P7 Moat Project – 9:30 – 11:30 Mosaic ICT Development Day for Mrs Gould with EA Advisor Ailish Boyle SUB: Miss Leonard ASCET working with Primary 2 Miss Beatty's class 11am – 12noon P1 2017 letters out to parents today	Maths Development Day for Primary 4 Mrs Gould SUB: Miss Leonard and Mrs Connolly SUB: miss McNally P6 Titanic Trip

On behalf of all the staff and governors I would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Easter break. Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support this term. Looking forward to another busy third term. See you all on Monday 24 April.

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