



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 22 September 2017

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Looking back....

Curriculum Meetings

This week we had our P2, P3 and P4 Curriculum Meetings. Once again thank you for the great turn out at all three events. We hope you found the information useful for the year ahead.

Praying together as a school community

Recently we have asked you all to pray as a school community for Charlie, a very sick pupil in our school and his family. I am pleased to be able to tell you that there has been some positive news for Charlie, however he is still very gravely ill and needs all our prayers. We would ask you to continue praying and this week we have sent home a Divine Mercy Novena and prayer leaflet for us to pray together as a school community. Thank you to Mrs Patricia Diamond for providing each family with these.

Curriculum Development

This week we were joined by Janis Wright, an outstanding play practitioner from Ballydown Primary School. Janis worked with our Foundation Stage teachers, quality assuring our play policy, procedures as well as our observation and assessment practices in Primary 1 and Primary 2.

Free Microsoft Word for parents and pupils

Just a reminder that Microsoft Word is available FREE for pupils and parents to download onto their PC/Mac. Please follow the link below for instructions:

<https://www.c2kexchange.net/documentcentre/Documents/EN082%20%20Downloading%20Microsoft%20Office%20for%20student%20s.pdf>

Well done Ella!

Ella (P4) sold raffle tickets for a tablet this week in aid of 'Cash for Kids'. She raised a total of £74.50! Well done Ella for showing such initiative. The lucky winner was Leon in Primary4! Congratulations Leon!

Looking ahead.....

Wellbeing week

We are so pleased to be able to celebrate our very first 'Wellbeing Week' next week. The week's events have been chosen with pupils, staff and parents in mind.

For pupils we have:

- Wellbeing Homework: Pupils in P1-P6 will have no written tasks for homework but will have a series of 'wellbeing tasks' to complete with family and friends (Primary 7 will be exempt from this week until the week beginning Monday 4 December when they will have their very own wellbeing week)
- Yoga Taster Sessions for P2 and P3 pupils: **Please bring along a yoga mat/ blanket/towel**
- Mindfulness Taster sessions for P4, P5 and P6 pupils **Please bring along a yoga mat/ blanket/towel**
- Opening our school year Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel at 10am: Please join us.

For parents we have: Please come along, if you can, to our two parent events:

- **Monday 25 September at 1pm: Wellbeing Talk and BP checks from Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke Association**
- **Wednesday 27 September at 7pm: Mindfulness for Children - Vivienne Bannon (Envisage Now)**



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*****ADVANCE NOTICE*****

*****Reporting to Parents Week beginning: Monday 23 October 2017*****

REMINDER: The school will close at 2pm each day to facilitate reporting to parents. There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES that week.

Cool Kids and Homework Club will be in operation for regular users **BUT it must be booked in advance and there are limited places.** Bookings will only be taken by Mrs Emma Noblett between 8am and 8.45am each morning in the week beginning Monday 25 September. Bookings will close on Friday 6 October. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Monday 25 September 2017	Tuesday 26 September 2017	Wednesday 27 September 2017	Thursday 28 September 2017	Friday 29 September 2017
Wellbeing Week Parent Health Talk and BP Checks from 1pm in the school assembly hall: Please come along and support us Yoga sessions for P2 and P3 pupils Primary 1 pupils stay until 2pm Zara Brady on Work Experience Board of Governor Meeting at 6pm	Wellbeing Week Primary 1 pupils stay until 2pm P3 Miss Clarke and P6 Mrs Hanna at Pottery in Island Arts Centre P4 at SALTO Gymnastics P6 Mr Gallagher CAT 4 Testing Mrs Fleming at Lisburn Association of Principals' Meeting from 1pm 2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning session for P4 – P7	Wellbeing Week Mindfulness Taster Sessions for P4, P5 and P6 pupils Mindfulness talk for Parents at 7pm in the assembly hall P4 at W5 Waste Event in Lisburn City Council Primary 1 pupils stay until 2pm Transfer Club at 8am P6 at tennis Mrs O'Hare VP Release Day: Mrs Gorman 2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning session for P1 – P3	Wellbeing Week Opening the School year Mass at 10am in St. Patrick's Chapel Eco-Club Book Swap 8.30am – 9am: Please bring along your old books to swap! Primary 1 pupils stay until 2pm P6 Mr Gallagher CAT 4 Testing	School Development Day: School Closed for pupils

We are all looking forward to our very first 'Wellbeing week' next week. Please look out for your child's 'Wellbeing Homework' and maybe even try to come along to our special parent events.

Best wishes,
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