



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 27 October 2017

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Looking back...

It has been a very sad week for us all as a school community with the untimely death of our dear chair of governors, Miss Eileen Cooley. Eileen gave so much of her time to us as a whole school and to me personally. Her vivacious personality meant she touched all who met her. She had a genuine love and passion for education for all in Lisburn, both in her role as Vice-Principal in St. Patrick's Academy and in our school. We will miss her dearly and we ask you all to keep her in your prayers. Eileen's funeral Mass will take place at 12noon in St. Patrick's Chapel on Saturday.

Parent Teacher Consultations

It's been a busy week here in school with parent teacher consultations. Thank you so much to all of our teachers for all of their preparation for these meetings. Thank you parents for coming along to your appointment. We hope you found your meeting(s) useful and we hope that you will be able to use the information to help your child at home.

Unfortunately, if you missed your appointment teachers cannot reschedule.

The next parent teacher consultations will be in March but as always if you have a concern please always contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Refresher Week

As part of our ongoing drive to improve standards we have introduced 'Refresher Weeks' across the year. These will be every 8 weeks and will allow teachers to focus on areas of learning that have caused difficulty for individuals, small groups or whole class. These may be areas that have been identified through teachers' ongoing evaluation of learning or through the results of the 8 weekly assessment carried out this month.

House of the Term

The winners of the House of this Term is Hennessey. The children from Hennessey enjoyed a lovely treat from Louisa in the canteen on Wednesday morning! Well done Hennessey!

Staffing Update

- Mrs McManus begins her maternity leave today Monday 6 November. We wish her and her husband Matt all the very best in the coming weeks.
- Mrs Gorman takes the reigns in Primary 1 covering Mrs McManus's maternity leave from Monday 6 November.
- Mrs O'Hare will be taking her class full- time in the month of November.

Pupil Council Response to our Pupil Friendly School Development Plan

Mrs Fleming met with the representatives from the Pupil Council this week to talk them through the Pupil Friendly School Development Plan for this year.

TG4 Stars of the Show!

We were delighted to be asked by TG4 'Hidden Gems' TV programme to have 16 pupils from filmed in the Ulster Aviation Museum. Once again our pupil excelled themselves with their questions, behaviour and participation. The programme will be aired in Spring 2018. We will let you know the details closer to the time.

Freddy Fitness Days

We always enjoy our Freddy Fitness days and these were no different! The children had so much fun! Don't forget to check out the website for photos! Thank you for all your support in sponsorship money. We will let you know the final total after Halloween.

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Foundation Stage Literacy and Numeracy Workshops

Don't forget to keep the following dates free if you have a child in P1 or P2:

- Literacy: Reading and Writing Workshop: **Tuesday 14 November 2017@ 6pm**
- Numeracy Workshop: **Tuesday 30 January 2018 @6pm**

Looking ahead...

It's our mid-term break next week. We wish you all a very safe and happy mid-term. It has been a very busy half term with lots accomplished throughout the school. Thank you once again for all your support.

Pottery at Island Arts Centre

Next term P3 Ms Kitt and P6 Mr Gallagher's class will have their pottery sessions in Island Arts centre. These sessions are led by Ms Gorman and we would ask for a contribution of £6 for the three sessions. Thank you.

Road of Hope Shoe Box Appeal

Don't forget to fill your Road of Hope shoebox over the Halloween holidays. Details of suitable items for the shoeboxes can be found on the school website.

Monday 6 November 2017	Tuesday 7 November 2017	Wednesday 8 November 2017	Thursday 9 November 2017	Friday 10 November 2017
Refresher Week Pupils return to school after mid-term Refresher Week November Newssheet out today 3pm: Literacy collegiate Book Discussion	Refresher Week Mr Gallagher at beginning teacher Course Road of Hope Shoebox Collection Day Pottery for P3 Ms Kitt and P6 Mr Gallagher at Island Arts centre Mrs Fleming at C2K Inspire Conference in Titanic Miss McAnerney at St. Joseph's PS, Crumlin to share information on 'Number Talk' at a primary Maths Ideas Group facilitated by CCEA 2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning session for P4 – P7	Refresher Week Transfer Club at 8am 2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning session for P1 – P3 Friends School Science Workshops for P6 Mrs Hanna's class	Refresher Week Awards assembly for P1 – P4 Mindfulness Session for Primary 7 (Remember your towel /mat) 11am Alana Willis CCMS meeting Mrs Fleming	Refresher Week Awards assembly for P5 – P7 P5 Swimming Mrs Connolly not in today

Have a lovely mid-term break. See you all back in school on Monday 6 November!
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