

Weekly News

Friday 2nd February, 2024

Dear Parents,

Year 8 Admissions for P7 Parents

- The application window is now OPEN on EA CONNECT.
- Thursday 22nd February 2024 @ 12 NOON - The application window CLOSES.
Please ensure your application is submitted before the deadline or it will be handled under the late application procedures - ie. after all the punctual applications have been sorted.
- Please read the admissions criteria so carefully for each school and ensure you have uploaded all supporting documentation.
- If you have any difficulties or queries when using EA CONNECT, the EA helpdesk can be contacted on 028 9598 5595 (open 9am-5pm throughout the application window) or by emailing postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk
- Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any support throughout this process.

SHINE BRIGHT, WEAR BRIGHT DAY

Shine Bright Wear Bright!



ONE WEEK TO GO!

Next Friday 9th February, we are having a 'SHINE BRIGHT, WEAR BRIGHT' day at The Diamond. We would like our children and staff to come into school wearing something bright, something fluorescent or something colourful. We look forward to this special day as we mark and celebrate Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Head Lice

Please continue to be vigilant in screening your child's hair and keep long hair tied back to prevent further spread of head lice in school. You can receive further advice and treatment from your local pharmacy or on the NHS website.

CASH FOR CLOBBER COMPETITION @ THE DIAMOND



CASH FOR CLOBBER

Clothing Recycling.
The easy way to
generate cash
for your School.

we weigh. we pay.



Help us raise funds for our school! We have some exciting plans to purchase 'Outdoor Learning Equipment' and to help us begin to raise funds for this, we are taking part in the **Cash for Clobber** competition.

For every 1kg, school receives around 40 pence and this very quickly adds up when a whole school community spring cleans!!

In your child's school bag today, you will find a 'cash for clobber' plastic bag. Bags of clean, unwanted textiles may be left into school to be collected by Cookstown Textile Recyclers who will sort and recycle. BUT, before they head off, we will weigh the bags in school and the class who collects the biggest weight of recycled materials will win an **ICE CREAM PARTY AFTERNOON!!**

So why not have a pre-spring clear out of old and unwanted items? Perhaps you could encourage family and friends to donate their unwanted textiles too?

What can you put in the bag??

- All types of clothing (even with holes!)
- Bags and shoes (please tie shoes together with laces)
- Hats and belts
- Towels and curtains
- Bed linen (sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers)
- Remember **NO QUILTS OR PILLOWS** and all items must be clean.

All Cash for Clobber bags should be in school by **Thursday 29th February!** Please label the bag with your child's class. We will keep the children updated as we go along! Enjoy your clear out!

School Drop Off

To ensure everyone is safe, children should not be on school grounds or in the school building before **8.30am**. Staff are planning and getting set up for the day and supervision is not available in the hall until 8.30am.

We really appreciate your support in this matter.

The Week Ahead

February 2024	Activity
Mon 5 th	After School Choir
Tues 6 th	*Safer Internet Day* MMD Multi Sport After School Programme 2-3pm: P1-P3 3-4pm: P4-P7
Wed 7 th	After School Hockey Club After School Football
Thurs 8 th	Dairy Council visit to P5 and P6
Fri 9 th	SHINE BRIGHT, WEAR BRIGHT Day Fire Brigade to visit P5/6 class
Mon 12 th	Half Term School Holiday
Tues 13 th	Half Term School Holiday
Wed 14 th	Half Term School Holiday
Thurs 15 th	Half Term School Holiday
Fri 16 th	Half Term School Holiday

Key Dates after Half Term

Mon 26 th & Tues 27 th February	P1 Health Appraisals
Thurs 29 th February	5 a-side football tournament
Fri 1st March	Visit from local author Tim Bailie
Tues 5 th March	Netball Tournament
Mon 4 th March	P6 Parent Information Evening @ 7pm.
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day - Favourite Character Dress Up
Tues 12 th - Thurs 14 th March	Parent Interviews - 12pm early finish
Friday 15 th March	Junior Cup Football Tournament
Wed 20 th March	Diamond Maths Day
Mon 25 th March - Fri 5 th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 22 nd - Wed 24 th April	Greenhill P6 and P7 Residential
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 17 th May	Sports Day
Fri 24 th - Tues 28 th May	Half Term Holiday
Fri 28 th June	Last day of term 3 - Summer Holidays!

Many thanks,

L Boyd