

Weekly News

Friday 9th February, 2024

Dear Parents,

SHINE BRIGHT, WEAR BRIGHT DAY - celebrating Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.



What a fun and vibrant day! In assembly, the children learnt about what their mental health is, how to look after their mental health but also, how they can look out for and help their friends to look after their mental health too. The children explored who they could talk to if they are ever worried about ANYTHING. It's good to talk!

Today was A BIG AND BRIGHT reminder that whilst we often focus on the importance of keeping our bodies healthy, keeping our minds healthy is equally important.



A jigsaw competition between the classes. Primary 1 were the winners. Well done Hannah and Brooke!

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday, the children were involved in many excellent activities exploring various topics within the overarching theme of 'internet safety'. Keeping our children safe in all spheres of life is important and in 2024, a huge part of that is being able to stay safe online. Please use the poster below to remind your child of how to be safe online.



DAIRY COUNCIL VISIT

The Dairy Council visited some of our classes this week and shared the important message of eating well and keeping fit to stay healthy, a wonderful message to compliment our learning on Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.



FIRE BRIGADE VISIT

Mrs Stewart's class had a visit from fire fighters from Ballymena Fire Station. The children learnt all about fire safety and asked lots of excellent questions too. Imagine a fire engine in our playground! What an exciting visit!



WORD MILLIONAIRE

What a great way to end a half term by reaching the milestone of being a 'Word Millionaire'! Huge well done to Ella-Grace Logan!



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 as we are taking part in the **Cash for Clobber** competition.

Bags of clean, unwanted textiles have started to make their way into school. So far, Mrs Newell's P2 class are in the lead with their bags weighing in at a collective 92.2kg.

We look forward to receiving more bags after half term!

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. Enjoy your clear out!

GREENHILL RESIDENTIAL

Our residential trip to Greenhill is edging ever closer for our P6 and P7 pupils.

The 3rd instalment should be paid by Friday 23rd February. This can be paid through Parent Pay. Thank you.

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.

Weekly overview for w/c 19th Feb

February 2024	Activity
Mon 19 th	After School Choir - final practice before Festival Diamond Dazzlers 2-3pm
Tues 20 th	MMD Multi Sport After School Programme 2-3pm: P1-P3 3-4pm: P4-P7 Diamond Dazzlers 2-3pm
Wed 21 st	Coaching for Christ (last week for P2 and P4/5) Diamond Dazzlers 2-3pm After School Netball Club After School Football (Coaching for Christ)
Thurs 22 nd	Choir performing at Ballymena Festival at The Braid Arts Centre Diamond Dazzlers 2-3pm
Fri 23 rd	P7 'Love For Life' @ The Diamond Diamond Dazzlers 2-3pm

Key Dates Beyond

Mon 26 th & Tues 27 th February	P1 Health Appraisals
Thurs 29 th February	5 a-side football tournament
Fri 1 st 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
Fri 19 th April	Girls' Football Tournament @ Cullybackey Playing Fields
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!

As we come to the end of another half term, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support shown in so many ways! Support with homeworks, punctuality, cash for clobber appeal, kind words to staff, only but to name a few.

Having spent today exploring the importance of looking after our mental health with the children, please know, should you ever have any worries or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

We've had a brilliant week for our last week before half term.

Trusting you all have a lovely half term break!

Many thanks,

L Boyd