

COOL NEWS



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INTERNET SAFETY

The important high profile of internet & online safety was raised in the school by holding a week on the subject. Each class carried out a variety of activities and were involved in a special assembly. The PSNI hosted a workshop for pupils in year 4 - 7 and a display on the subject was put in place. We remind parents to be ever vigilant regarding their children's online safety.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN NUMERACY

Pupils in years 2 & 3 have recently completed a four week PIN (Parental Involvement in Numeracy) programme where pupils played maths games with their parents and families as part of their homework. The programme is designed to make maths more fun while learning at the same time. Thank you to all parents who supported the scheme.



ALLERGY ALERT

A little reminder that peanuts or any product containing nuts should **NOT** be sent to school or nursery. We thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

DIARY DATES

14th – 25th May

14th May

21st May

28th May

5th June

7th June

12th June

18th June

Test Weeks

Election of Parent Governors

School Development Day

Bank Holiday

Y1 Information Session

School Values Day

Induction for new Y1 pupils

Induction and Information

Session for new Nursery pupils –

Nursery closed for current pupils

19th June

27th June

29th June

Sports Day – It's A Knockout

Break the Rules Day

Last Day of Term

Nursery closes at 11am and school at 12.30pm after an early lunch.

Remember all key dates are on the calendar on our school website – www.cooleyps.co.uk

ASDA GREEN TOKENS



Please support the school and nursery by collecting asda green tokens.

BEE SAFE

Primary 7 pupils enjoyed a visit to Omagh Leisure Complex where they were reminded of safety issues in relation to fire safety, home safety, electrical safety, road safety, stranger danger and first aid.

PAIRED READING PROGRAMME

Pupils in year 3 and their parents took part in the paired reading programme for 4 weeks. The main focus of the initiative is that pupils will develop their fluency, expression and enjoyment of reading by selecting books of their own choice, which they then read for 10-15 minutes each evening.

Thank you to all who participated.



“Take a Peek Every Week”

Headlice continues to be a problem and we urge parents to be vigilant. Please spend a few minutes **each week** checking hair. It is advisable that girls with long hair should keep it tied up. Remember treatments are available free on prescription! Everyone needs to do their bit to eradicate this persistent problem.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

A ‘book nook’ has been introduced by the school council members for the playground during break and lunch times. The books have been purchased by monies raised through the Valentine fundraiser and book fair and is proving a big attraction for some pupils. Hopefully now that spring has sprung there will be more opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors and more reading.



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

The last day of term is Friday 29th June when the nursery unit will close at the earlier time of 11am and the school at 12.30pm after an early lunch. Please note EA transport cannot be guaranteed, so please speak to your driver & make alternative arrangements if necessary. Thank you.

COOL KIDS' CLUB

This facility runs on a daily basis for pupils in primary 1 & 2 from 2.15 – 3.15pm at a cost of £2 per session and is supervised by Mrs Clements. Please remember to book and pay for sessions at the beginning of each week.

WEDDING BELLS



The school congratulates year 5/6 teacher Mrs Caldwell on her recent marriage and extends every good wish for the future.

PTA NEWS

The PTA hosted a ‘Colours’ fashion show and pop-up shop in early March which was really well supported by parents, friends and the local community. The audience enjoyed the show and were able to buy garments at the end of the event. The PTA was delighted to raise just over £2,000 at the event. Thank you to all who supported the function and it is hoped to purchase ipads for the school with funds raised.

A family fun quiz and dessert night is planned for Thursday 31st May at 7pm to be held in the school assembly hall. Admission is £2 per adult and £1 per child. Teams to be made up of a maximum of 8 people (max 4 adults). Everyone welcome!

A ‘Break the Rules’ day for pupils is planned for Wednesday 27th June - more details at a later time.

Book Week

As part of book week pupils and staff had the chance to dress up as a favourite book character and Miss Pauline Armstrong, librarian, shared stories with the classes. She also had the difficult job of selecting winners of the best dressed up on the day. Winners were Hannah Cuthbertson - Paddington, Matilda Byers, Emma Sandeman, Alex Mitchell – Stick Man & Rebecca Crawford - Paddington. Very well done to all who participated and made such a great effort with costumes.



HOCKEY NEWS

The girls' and boys' hockey teams played very well in their respective local heats of the annual mini-hockey tournament. The girls won their section and qualified for the finals, while the boys were runners-up. The girls' team enjoyed their experience in Stormont where they were up against stiff opposition. Well done to all!



Grace McFarland joined the girls' team at the NI Finals as substitute keeper.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Pupils in year 5 to 7 are currently enjoying a variety of after school activities. They were able to choose between art/craft, badminton, cookery, computers and table-tennis.



CANCER FOCUS

Cancer Focus spent a day at the school and the nursery unit reminding the pupils about leading healthy lifestyles. Topics included healthy eating, exercising, sun safety and smoke busters. Genevieve a life-sized goat also made a special appearance to pupils in year 1 & 2.

Competition Time

Here's hoping summer is not too far away.... Draw a summer themed picture using any medium on an A4 page. Add your name and class on the back and leave in the school & nursery foyer by Friday 1st June 2018.

FAIRTRADE



Year 5/6 Children have been learning about fairtrade and the contribution it makes to the global economy. During fairtrade fortnight, year 5/6 held a fairtrade tuckshop selling a range of fairtrade fruit and chocolate. This helped to increase awareness of fairtrade throughout the school.



SPORTS DAY ARRANGEMENTS



The school's sports day, 'It's A Knockout' is planned for Tuesday 19th June when it is hoped an enjoyable event for all will be held – weather permitting! All pupils from year 1 – 7 will be divided into teams and take part in a number of sporting challenges. Pupils should come to school in their PE kits and tracksuits, and remember a waterproof coat in case of inclement weather. Parents are welcome to come along and give their support. The event will start around 10 am and should finish about lunchtime. Tea & biscuits will be available at break time in the assembly hall for parents.

Year 7 Business

Pupils in Year 7 have commenced their business, Creative Crafters. They are very busy making clay models, diy door hangers and book markers. Their shop is open every day at break and lunch time.

LOST PROPERTY

We urge parents to ensure all items of uniform, including coats, are clearly labelled with their child's name. Any unnamed items will be placed in lost property and recycled at the end of the school year.

ACTION MENTAL HEALTH

Thank you to the parents who participated in the AMH (Action Mental Health) workshop as a lead up to the 'Healthy Me' programme for the pupils in primary 6 & 7.



Cycling Proficiency

Mrs Caldwell is currently tutoring primary 7 pupils in the cycling proficiency scheme on Thursday afternoons.

ULSTER SCOTS

Year 6/7 have been participating in the Ulster Scots Flagship programme. To coincide with Burns Night, children took part in a competition based on haggis. The winners were 1st – Louise Cuthbertson, 2nd – David Pinkerton, 3rd – Faye Thompson. The winning entries are on the Ulster Scots display in the corridor.



A TIMELY REMINDER



Parents are reminded about the importance of pupils arriving on time for the start of the primary school day each morning. Classes begin at 9.15 am when all pupils should be at their desks. Late arrivals cause disruption so it would be appreciated if all could adhere to the timings. Thank you.

EASY FUNDRAISING



Don't forget to help Cooley PS & Nursery Unit raise free donations. Remember easyfundraising.org.uk every time you shop online.

It doesn't cost you a penny extra!

MATHS WEEK

A special week was held to highlight the importance of maths in all areas of life and how it can also be fun. Pupils enjoyed participating in maths trails around the school grounds and taking part in a maths table quiz as well as many other activities. During the week the pupils heard from parents on how maths is important in their jobs. Thank you to Mrs Wendy Clarke - farmer, Mrs Doreen Caldwell - nurse and Mrs Lynda McClure - potter for their informative presentations.

Snap The Cig

Congratulations and well done to the year 6 pupils who have won a photographic competition entitled 'Snap the Cig' organised by Cancer Focus. The pupils won themselves an iPad and also a trip for the whole class to the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum. Well done to all!



JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER SCHEME

Nicole Lyons, Lucy Rennie & Sarah Rennie have been elected as JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) in the school and have already run a competition highlighting the importance of road safety. Winners were Jack McFarland, Hannah Cuthbertson, Lucie Jefferson, Martha Mooney, Emma Sandeman, Mia Armstrong and Jack Todd. They are currently drawing up data on how pupils travel to school.



FAREWELL

The school was sad to say farewell to classroom assistants Mrs Wilson & Miss Winser who worked tirelessly for the good of the pupils in our school. They are wished well in the future. The school also sends Mrs Grimes catering assistant every good wish for the future as she moves on to a different role.



FIT FAMILIES

Pre-school nursery pupils, their parents and year 6 buddies enjoyed a 'fit families' event facilitated by Mr John Molloy IFA coach. The focus was on the importance of being active leading to healthy lifestyles.

Birds of Prey

Mr Ian Patterson recently visited the school with some of his feathered friends. Pupils were able to get a close up view of some birds of prey and a few pupils even had the chance to have birds land on their hand.



Year 7 Residential

The year 7 class recently enjoyed an action packed three days residential trip to the Share Centre in Lisnaskea. They participated in a variety of activities including banana boating, canoeing, gorge walking, archery, swimming and combat corps. They were accompanied by Miss Cathcart and Mrs Law and everyone had a great time.



YEAR 4/5 VISIT TO OMAGH LIBRARY

Mrs Atchison's class enjoyed a visit to Omagh library recently where Mr Edwin Johnston, manager, gave a tour of the library and the many facilities that are available. The children participated in a question and answer session on fact and fiction books and how they are organised in the library. The class had the chance to become library members and borrow books.