



Cool News

December 2023

Diary Dates

Fashion Show

The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported their Fashion Show on 15th November and those who purchased raffle tickets on the night.

They would like to thank the shops who provided the outfits: Queen Bee, the Dressing Room, Daisy Lane, S.D. Kells and Dunnes Stores and also Glenda Ewing for acting as compere on the night. Thanks also to Claire Campbell who was the hairdresser and Naomi McConnell who provided the make-up.

A huge thank you to all of the models who took part and did such a fantastic job of showcasing the fashion.

£1950 was raised which will be put towards purchasing additional ActivPanels for our school.

Christmas Performances

All of our pupils have been working hard in preparation for our Christmas Performances. Our Nursery Performance of 'The Christmas Story' will be held in the school hall on Thursday 7th December at 10 a.m. Our Primary School Christmas Performances will be held on Thursday 14th December at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage one pupils will be performing 'Baarmy Bethlehem' while our Key Stage 2 pupils will be performing 'Hoodwinked'. School will finish at 1.15 p.m. for all Yr 1-7 pupils on this day. All pupils should be back in school at 6:30 p.m. to prepare for their performance at 7 p.m. Tickets are now available in school and are priced £2.50. Proceeds from our ticket sales will be equally shared between our school fund and our school Charity of the Year—the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance.

Open Days

Our Primary School Open Day will be held as part of our Drop-in Day on Friday 1st December while our Nursery Open Day will be held on Friday 8th December, 10.45 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

Please help spread the word and invite prospective parents to visit our school.

1st Dec: Drop-in Day

Daily Mile: Santa Run

6th Dec: PTA Movies & Munchies: 3-5 p.m.

8th Dec: Nursery Open Morning @ 10.45 a.m. —12.15 p.m. Nursery closes at 10 a.m.

7th Dec: Nursery Christmas Performance

13th Dec: Christmas Dinner

14th Dec: School Christmas Performances @ 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. School closes at 1.15 p.m.

20th Dec: Nursery Unit closes at 11 a.m., Primary School closes at **12 noon: No school dinners, Non-uniform:** £1 donation.

21st Dec - 3rd Jan: (inclusive): School closed: Christmas holidays

10th Jan: Yr 5/6 Shared Education trip to Armagh Planetarium

12th Jan: Yr 7 Shared Education Trip to Parkanaur

Yr 3/4 Shared Education Trip to Ulster American Folk Park

26th Jan: Yr 1-7 trip to Pantomime: Strule Arts Centre

6th Feb: Safer Internet Day

7th Feb: School Photographer

12th—16th Feb: School Closed: Half-term

All dates are subject to change.

Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 13th November we started our Anti-Bullying Week by having an Odd Socks Day in school. Throughout the week various activities were held in school including a whole school assembly, art lessons and PD&MU lessons, all focussing on the theme 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. Pupils explored who they could reach out to for help if they were experiencing bullying behaviours, if they witnessed someone else experiencing bullying behaviours or if they themselves were carrying out bullying behaviours. It was a successful week with all pupils improving in their knowledge and understanding of what bullying behaviours are and what we can do to stop them.

Remembrance

On Friday 10th November we held our annual Remembrance Assembly. A number of pupils participated with Bible Readings and the reading of a poem by W.F. Marshall. A wreath was laid in our hall by the youngest and oldest Yr 1 & 7 pupils before the Act of Remembrance was carried out. Rev. McFaul joined with us and reminded us what the poppy stands for. We would like to say 'thank you' to Mr. King Anderson who piped the piper's lament during the laying of the wreath. Our Poppy Appeal this year raised £105.77. Thank you to all who contributed throughout the collection week.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner for our Primary School pupils will be on Wednesday 13th December. All pupils are asked to wear something festive on the day. It could be dressing in Christmas colours, wearing a Santa hat, wearing a Christmas jumper or decorating themselves with tinsel!

Cinema Trip

All of our Yr 1-7 classes enjoyed a trip to the Strule Arts Centre for a viewing of Minions: The Rise of Gru on Wednesday 15th November. Thank you to Into Film for providing the tickets for this screening.

PTA

Our next PTA event is on Wednesday 6th December, 3—5 p.m. when a 'Movies and Munchies' evening will be held for our Yr 1-7 pupils. Our Nursery pupils will have their movies and munchies during their normal nursery day. This will be a non-uniform day for pupils and they may bring a small pillow for the movie. The cost will be £3 per primary school pupil, £1 per nursery pupil and a maximum of £10 per family.

The staff and Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our parents, pupils and friends a very Happy Christmas.

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