



# Cool News

January 2024

**The staff and Governors would like to wish all of our parents, pupils and friends a very Happy New Year.**



## Christmas Performances

Pupils in both our Nursery Unit and in the Primary School held very successful Christmas Performances in December. Thank you to all of our pupils, parents and staff for all of the hard work and preparations for the performances and to our PTA who provided the refreshments.

## Eco-Council

Our Eco-Council were pleased to see everyone in our Primary School participating in the Santa Daily Mile on Friday 1st December. All of our pupils wore Santa or woolly hats as they participated in the Daily Mile on that day.

## Christmas Activities

Christmas was a very busy time in our school. We enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13th December and had a very special visitor on Friday 15th December. Thank you to everyone who helped to make Christmas so special for all of the pupils in our school.

## Strike Action

Due to strike action by a wide range of unions, school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 18th January.

## Cooley Caterpillars

Cooley Caterpillars is our new Parent and Toddler group which will be held on the second Thursday of every month in the school Assembly Hall. The first date will be Thursday 11th January. Thank you to our volunteers who are helping to set up and run this group and to all who have donated resources to help get us going.

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

**11th Jan:** Cooley Caterpillars

**12th Jan:** Yr 7 Shared Education Trip to Parkanaur

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

**18th Jan:** School Closed: Strike Action

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

**1st Feb:** Deep Fat Fryer Amnesty event

**6th Feb:** Safer Internet Day

**7th Feb:** School Photographer

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

**29th Feb:** Farm Family First Aid Event @ 7 p.m.

**11th—15th Mar:** Literacy Week & Book Fair

**17th Mar:** School Closed: Bank Holiday

**26th Mar:** Nursery Unit closes at 11 a.m., Primary School closes at

**12 noon: No school dinners.**  
Non-uniform: £1 donation.

**27th Mar—5th April:** School Closed: Easter Holidays

**All dates are subject to change.**

## **Winter Weather**

As the colder weather is now with us, we would like to remind all parents to ensure that children have a coat with them each day and possibly a hat, scarf and gloves. On snow days, pupils should bring a change of clothes, snowboots/wellie boots and a change of socks. On snowy and icy mornings, priority will be given to clearing the pathways at the front of the school, including to the Nursery entrance, the main school entrance and the front classroom doors. Yrs 1—4 should access the school via the front classroom doors on such mornings. Please take care when accessing the school premises on such days.

Should school be required to close in any exceptional circumstances, parents will be informed via a text message, our social media channels and the school website. When necessary, a phone call to parents/guardians will also be made.

## **Absence Notes**

The Department of Education requires schools to keep written absence notes for every pupil absent from school for any length of time.

To this end, could you please when your child is absent for any reason, either email a note to [aanderson526@c2kni.net](mailto:aanderson526@c2kni.net) or send a note with your child on their return to school.

## **Electrical Safety**

Our school was successful in securing an award from the Electrical Safety Fund which we will use to teach about electrical safety in the home. Within school we will be teaching pupils about areas of risk in the home place and will encourage pupils to check for these risks at home. As one of the risks of fire at home are deep fat fryers, we will be holding an amnesty event for these items. This event will allow a parent or staff member to bring in their deep fat fryer into school where we will exchange it for an air fryer, which is deemed to be a safer electrical item. There will be no cost for exchanging a deep fat fryer and they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. This exchange, or amnesty event, will be held on Thursday 1st February, throughout the school day.

## **PTA**

The PTA Movies and Munch evening on 6th December was a big success. Pupils enjoyed watching Home Alone, The Grinch and The Star. Many thanks to our PTA for organising the event.

The next PTA event will be on Thursday 21st March when they are planning a 'Hooley in Cooley'. This will be an evening of fun for people of all ages to enjoy. We hope that you will keep the date free in your diary and plan to attend along with your family and friends.

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