



## *'Being the best that we can be'*

**'Friday Note'**  
**Looking back...**

**Friday 11 November 2016**

**No.6**

### **Sporting News**

It was the turn of the netball team this week as they played in two matches yesterday in Lisburn Leisureplex. The girls, led by captain Enya Daye, won against Harmony Hill (2-0) and drew against Pond Park (4-4), unluckily scoring a goal just after the whistle which couldn't be counted! Stella and Miss McAnerney were extremely proud of the team, particularly since the P7 girls have had very little practices due to transfer. Well done girls...this was a super first outing!

### **Post Inspection Update**

- The completed action plans have been approved by the EA and are now with CCMS before they are forwarded onto the School Improvement Team at DENI. A summary of the action plans will be sent out next week. Full copies are available to read at the office.
- Joan Henderson (Ex-ETI Inspector and Play Specialist will be working with Foundation Stage teachers on Monday on 'Quality Play Based Learning in the Foundation Stage.' This is an excellent opportunity for the school and we look forward to welcoming Joan to St. Joseph's.
- The Senior Leadership Team has completed the analysis of the surveys and a summary of the results has been sent out to each family today. Have a look and see what you think.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Both the pupil and parent surveys told us that we needed to improve how we deal with incidents, behaviour and acts of a bullying nature in the school. With this in mind we have brought forward our anti-bullying week to coincide with the Northern Ireland anti-bullying week next week. Each class will be using their PDMU time to cover aspects of bullying next week and as well as that we have NSPCC coming into school to deliver 'Care and Respect' workshops on Friday to all year groups. After that George Ellis will be delivering workshops to pupils on 'Cyber bullying' on Tuesday 22 November. A super website for you to use at home is: [www.endbullying.org.uk](http://www.endbullying.org.uk).

### **First Trust Bank Day**

We had a great turn out of families wanting to open a First Trust Bank Account for their children. Banking Day will now be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in each month so the first 'Banking Day' will be next Wednesday 16 November. You should put the money and the book in one of the envelopes provided and then Laura from First Trust Bank will come to school at 11am and collect them and return them to school when they have been marked up. What a super and easy way to save!

### **Remembering our loved ones**

November is a time when we remember our loved ones who have passed away. Pupils and teachers will be remembering those who have passed away in class and at assembly. Miss Clarke has made a special 'Remembrance Box' for the front hall so that children can record the names and prayers which we can read at assembly.

### **6 weekly Literacy and Numeracy Assessments in P3 – P7**

You will have by now received your child's 6 weekly assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. This is another way for us to communicate your child's progress with you as parents. It gives you a chance to see the area(s) your child needs to work on and hopefully helps you to support your child's learning at home. Please sign these assessments and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

### **Lexia**

We are extremely lucky to have been able to purchase this fabulous literacy support resource. We only have 50 spaces and all of these spaces have been taken. It is extremely important that those children with a place on Lexia use this resource at least 3 times a week for 20 minutes. We are currently monitoring the usage and have seen that some children have not used Lexia since before the summer. If this continues we will have no choice but to offer that place on Lexia to another pupil. So please, if your child is lucky enough to have a place on Lexia, support their use.

### **THANK YOU**

You may have noticed the new safety signage as you approach the school on Seymour Street in both directions. There are triangular warning signs and road markings to warn drivers of the school ahead. We must say a MASSIVE thank you to Mrs Debbie McLorinan (Ciara, Maria and Andrew's mummy) for her tenacity and determination with the DOE in getting this done! We really appreciate it! Thank you!

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### Looking ahead...

Monday 14 November 2016	Tuesday 15 November 2016	Wednesday 16 November 2016	Thursday 17 November 2016	Friday 18 November 2016
<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  Joan Henderson, Education Mentor and Ex ETI Inspector working with Foundation Stage Teachers on 'Quality Play Based Learning in the Foundation Stage' Sub Teachers: Mrs McManus (Mrs Twene), Miss McAnerney (Mrs Wilson) and Miss Beatty (Mrs Flanagan)  Mathematics: Problem Solving Lesson Observations – Robert Thompson and Pauline Fleming  Class Newsheets out today  Mathematics and Numeracy training session for all staff on problem solving  Mrs Fleming at CCMS Principals' Meeting at 1.45pm	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  P3 Pottery Workshops at the Island Arts Centre  Mathematics: Problem Solving Lesson Observations – Robert Thompson and Pauline Fleming  Mrs Gould at EA training 'Understanding and Managing Behaviour' 2pm – 4pm  Miss Clarke and Mr Reid at 'Code Club' training 3.30pm – 5pm	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  ICT Development Day: Primary 1: Mrs McManus, Substitute Teacher Miss Flanagan  Mindfulness session for P7 with Vivienne Bannon 'Envisage Now' (Don't forget your mat/towel)  Miss Clarke: Maths Development Day: Sub teachers: Miss McNally  First Trust Bank Day  Mrs Gould at EA training 'Understanding and Managing Behaviour' 2pm – 4pm	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  Road of Hope Shoebox Collection  Digital Leaders' Assembly  John Kelly (Lisburn and Castlereagh Council) presentation to P6 pupils on recycling, the environment and much more  ICT Development Day: P3 Miss Clarke, Substitute teacher Miss McNally	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  Digital Leaders' Assembly  NSPCC 'Care and Respect' workshop for ALL year groups as part of 'Anti-Bullying Week'  P5 Swimming  P6 Badminton/Squash

Don't forget our **'Value of the Month'** for November is **'Responsibility'** so we are looking out for pupils who are showing responsibility in the classroom and the playground. At assembly this week pupils were able to tell us all about how they could show responsibility...looking after their coats, schoolbags, homework folders, tidying their classroom, looking out for others! Well done everyone!

Have a lovely weekend.

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