



'Being the best that we can be'

'Friday Note'

Friday 13 January 2017

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Looking back...

It is great to see all of our pupils back after the Christmas break. I have heard that Santa was very good to all of our pupils and I am not at all surprised as they are all so brilliant. The children have returned to school eager and ready for hard work this term. Well done everyone!

Post Inspection Update

Teaching staff started the year off earlier than the pupils with 'Middle Management' training on Friday 6 January. This training was provided by the Education authority and outlined the roles of the coordinator as well as tips for carrying out this role effectively. They also had their second session on 'Quality Learning and Teaching' on Wednesday of this week. This session focussed on the effective use of learning intentions and success criteria and all of the staff found it very beneficial.

A big thank you to all of you, our parents, for collecting your children early on Wednesday to facilitate this training. We appreciate that this can be difficult for working parents so thank you.

I will be observing lessons in ICT over the next few weeks in all classes. I will keep you up to date with the findings I the next few weeks.

First Trust Banking

A significant number of parents have opened children's bank accounts with our partner bank First Trust. The banking days are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month. The next bank day is **Wednesday 25 January 2017**.

Super netballers...

What a brilliant day it was yesterday for our netball team. They had two matches to play and won both. Their first match was against Ballymacricket primary School which was a comfortable win of 13-0. The second match was closer against Moira Primary School but they played their own way to a victory of 8-5. This is a fantastic achievement especially when the girls have not had any practice sessions recently and have been off on holidays. Well done girls!

Well done....

I am always delighted to hear of the success of our pupils both inside and outside of school. I didn't know we had a go-karting champion in school but I was delighted to find out that Joseph McMahon in P4 came 2nd in the TKC Go-Karting annual plate during the Christmas break! He told me he was doing speeds of up to 60mph! Go Joseph Go! Well done!

P5 at Tennis

We are so lucky to have so many brilliant venues right on our doorstep. P5 will be making use of Wallace Dome for 6 weeks of tennis starting on Wednesday 18 January. Mr Reid's class will be attending from 10.30 – 11.30am and Mrs Gartland's will be from 11.30 – 12.30pm. The cost is £12 for the 6 weeks which I'm sure you'll agree is great value.

P7 Swimming

P7 started their swimming today. They will be attending the Leisureplex or 11 weeks. The cost is £22 and should be paid as soon as possible.

Transfer Interviews

January is a busy month for Primary 7 pupils and parents as they attend open nights/days of post-primary schools. Next week I begin meeting parents of P7 pupils to complete transfer forms with them. Looking forward to seeing you all then.



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Looking ahead...

Monday 16 January 2017	Tuesday 17 January 2017	Wednesday 18 January 2017	Thursday 19 January 2017	Friday 20 January 2017
Year Group Newsheets out today to all year groups 6 weekly assessments out to P3 – P7 parents Mrs Fleming at First time Principal's Training on Human Resources (all day) ICT assessment and tracker training for all staff at 3pm	Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews Mrs Fleming – ICT Lesson Observations Miss Clarke and Mrs O'Hare 'Book Scoop' in Maths. Subs: Miss Clarke: Ms Gorman and Mrs O'Hare: Mrs Loughran	Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews Mrs Fleming – ICT Lesson Observations Mrs O'Hare on Deputy Designated Teacher training at EA Sub: Mrs Loughran Mrs Connolly carrying out IEP reviews with Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Sub: Miss McNally P5 at tennis in Wallace Park Dome House Meeting for P4 – P7 pupils	Mrs Fleming – ICT Lesson Observations Mrs O'Hare on Deputy Designated Teacher training at EA Sub: Mrs Loughran John Kelly (Lisburn City Council) recycling talk with P7s P3 Ms Kitt's class at Linen Centre: Weather watching workshop Mrs Fleming at Lisburn Principal's Conference from lunchtime	Mrs Fleming at Lisburn Principal's Conference all day Mrs Connolly observing IEPs in action in Key Stage 2 classrooms Sub: Miss McNally P3 Miss Clarke's class at Linen Centre: Weather watching workshop

*****The school will be open as normal for all pupils on Wednesday 18 January 2017.**

Have a great weekend. See you all on Monday.
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