




# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to Remember

- **Mid-term Break:** School is closed Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Children return to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

## Night at the Races Fundraiser on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February



Our Parent Staff Association along with school staff are holding a night at the races on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February to help us raise money to purchase iPads for our school. The "Night at the Races" will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Westville Hotel. It promises to be a great night and tickets for the night, priced at £10, are available in the office. The ticket includes entry to the race night, a hot buffet and music by the 'Tumbling Paddies'. If any of our parents would like to host a table of 10 people the cost is £100 – you need to find 9 friends to give you £10 each. Please contact the office if you are interested.

## EA Music Service Christmas Concert

On 19<sup>th</sup> December the P3 – P7 classes all went to a special music concert in the assembly hall on KS2. The music was performed by many of the Eastern Area music teachers who came to perform for us as a special treat. I enjoyed the concert because I really liked



all the Christmas music. It was also fun because they threw some fake snowballs into the crowd and we all threw them back. Everyone had a great time.



*Elle McNern, P5 Mr McElroy*

## Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all the parents and friends who bought raffle tickets at our P1 Christmas Show. With your help you have raised £588.50 & €9. This will go towards purchase of iPads for our school.

## Samuel Bukowski's fundraising for Cancer Research

P6 pupil Samuel Bukowski has raised £975 for Cancer Research from the staff Christmas Jumper day in Holy Trinity PS and a fundraising country night in Mahon's hotel in December. Thank you to all the families and staff who have supported Samuel's fundraising efforts. Congratulations to Samuel for his great work in raising money for this cause.



## Mystery nest found in the playground at Mill Street



Bernard, our caretaker, found a very large birds nest in our playground on Monday morning and was wondering which bird had built it. After some investigation we found out that some pupils from Mrs Morris P3 class and from the Afterschool Club had been very creative and built it during their break. The mystery was solved.

## Holy Trinity School Council

The Holy Trinity school council was formed in September. Ten pupils from P5 – P7 were voted on to the council by their classes. The council meets every fortnight and meetings are chaired by Mr Reihill, our Vice Principal. The council has a number of plans under discussion. They are organising a fundraiser to raise money for new play equipment in the playground. They are also planning a fundraiser to raise money for a local charity.

*By Eimear and Emma (P6)*



## Takeaway Homework in P6



Last term our class had the opportunity to do 'Takeaway homework'. Takeaway homework is a fun way to learn and an opportunity to show our skills and creativity. For takeaway homework the pupils choose a project they want to do from a list provided by the teacher. Everyone brings their completed work in to class, we then talk about them and show the teacher.

For one of my takeaway homework projects I made a paper mache of 'Planet Earth' for our 'Space' topic. It was so much fun and my dad helped me with it. I really enjoyed takeaway homework!

*By Mya Morris, P6 Mr Devlin*



These Primary 6 pupils enjoyed taking part in Maths club with Miss Quigley and Joe. They have shown brilliant improvement in their Maths skills! Well done boys and girls.

I think Maths club is brilliant because you are learning and having fun at the same time.

**Katie Maguire**

Maths club was lots of fun! I like Maths much more now.

**Lilykate Regan**

Maths club was fun. I liked having Joe's help and I really enjoyed the dice board game.

**Dennis Sadvskii**

I find Maths much easier now in class. I think my Maths skills are much better now! I had lots of fun.

**Annalise McDonnell**



# Improving Our Young People's Health and Wellbeing



A series of workshops have been organised for parents at a range of local venues:

**16<sup>th</sup> January** - Internet Safety (Jones Memorial PS)

**23<sup>rd</sup> January** - Developing Good Mental Health - Rosie Maguire (St Joseph's College)

**30<sup>th</sup> January** - Mindfulness: Coping with Anxiety - Bronagh Starrs (Holy Trinity PS) Mill Street

**6<sup>th</sup> February** - Disability Awareness Course. (Willowbridge)

**20<sup>th</sup> February** - Developing Resilience in Children - Shauna Cathcart (St Fanchea's College )

**All workshops run from 7.30—9.00pm.**



## P3 - Overview of planned work for January

**Numeracy:** Depending on group children will focus on counting in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, numbers before, after and between up to 50 or 100. Adding a single digit number to a double digit up to 100. Adding 3 numbers horizontally and vertically. Read and spell number names to 20. Missing number sums. Doubles and near doubles. Continue to work on number stories up to 10 or 20 (depending on ability group) consolidating addition and subtraction tables. Recognise what is the ten and unit of a given number and add T. U. without bridging the 10.

Topic Work: Name and identify the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Recognise the symmetry in shapes.

**Literacy:** We will begin to look at stories by the author Jill Tomlinson and work on her novel 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. Associated work will include character profiles, book reviews, comprehensions and narrative writing. Connected to our Winter theme children will look at poems, complete their own acrostic poetry and creative writing. Grammar focus will be on punctuation of sentences, adjectives and adding ing to a word. Big book focus will look at positional language.

**The World Around Us:** Our main theme is Winter. Children will investigate penguins and their habitat. They will devise ways of measuring and recording weather and make their own weather symbols. They will investigate permanent and non-permanent changes which occur when looking at ice-cubes. Pupils will be able to make simple plans of their classroom using a key.

## Primary 4 – Overview of planned work for January

**Literacy:** Pupils will know that comparative adjectives are used to compare two things usually by adding the suffix 'er'. Pupils will know that superlative adjectives are used to compare more than two things usually by adding the suffix 'est'. Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rule. Pupils will be reading their class novel, 'Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery' and will be carrying out activities based on this. In writing pupils will be learning about instructions and will be writing instructions for mummification linked to their WAU topic.

**Numeracy:** Pupils will be learning about multiplication. They will know that multiplication is repeated addition and that it can be done in any order. They will continue to learn multiplication facts. Pupils will solve simple multiplication word problems and learn how to multiply a 2-digit number by a single digit. Our topic work this month will cover handling data where pupils will use tally charts, record information on bar graphs and interpret and read pictograms.

**World Around Us:** Our topic this term will be 'Ancient Egypt'. Pupils will be able to locate Egypt on a map and will be able to name the 7 continents. Pupils will learn about the features of rivers and about the importance of the River Nile. They will look at what has survived in Egypt today and they will learn about mummification. In science, pupils will design a fair test to mummify an apple. In art, pupils will look at self-portraits and complete their own. We will be researching Ancient Egypt to help us complete PowerPoints in ICT.

## P5 - Overview of Planned work For January

**Numeracy:** Number: Multiplication work and problem solving activities. Topic: Compass points and directional work, calendar work linked to New Year and basic time work. Mental Maths – Multiplication tables. Home - Learn times tables that are set each week. Problem solving activities and word problems for multiplication

**Literacy:** Novel: Starting 'Kaspar Prince of Cats' novel and related activities from novel booklet. Grammar work – Compound words (combination of two or more words that function as a single unit of meaning, homophones (said same but with a different meaning and spelling) and synonyms (similar words). Writing – Diary writing – Important features of a diary account, writing in the 1st person, sequencing events in chronological order and including feelings and emotions. We will complete Schofield & Sims spelling programme week 13 -16.

**World Around Us:** Topic work – Finish plants work and start new topic of Titanic. (Who built it, where it was built, construction and departure, sections of the ship and passengers on the Titanic).

### Other Information:

- 10 minutes Mathletics tasks (1000 points to be achieved weekly) and AR every night (2 quizzes per week)
- Takeaway homework signed and fully completed to best of ability
- Highlight important words/symbols in Mental Arithmetic (part C)
- Musical Instruments to be brought into school every Wednesday. Could children practise instruments at home and follow the 'Charanga' programme (lessons continued from school)

## Trip to the Titanic Quarter Belfast – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## P6 Overview of Planned work for January

**Numeracy:** Pupils will know tables up to x12. Know how to do short and long multiplication to 10,000. Solve word problems associated with multiplication. Understand the relationship between multiplication and division.

Topic - AREA - Pupils will be able to calculate perimeters of a range of shapes, understand the term Area and be able to work out areas of 2D shapes (regular and irregular) – counting squares/formula. (cm<sup>2</sup>). Know that the area of a square/rectangle is LxB, know area of a triangle is LxB divided by 2

**Literacy:** Pupils will recognise a play and how it is structured. Design a comic strip and begin to write a short play script. Understand and know the correct punctuation and grammar needed to write a play script. Know how dialogue is set out and be able to use adverbs to qualify verbs in writing dialogue.

Topic/World Around Us: Pupils will complete our 'Space' topic by visiting the Planetarium. Begin 'The Vikings' topic and find out who the Vikings were? Where they came from? Why did they travel to new lands? Children are encouraged to visit their local library and take out books that may be relevant to our topic.

### Other Information:

- Mathletics: Pupils are expected to reach 1000 points per week as part of their homework.
- We encourage the P6's to keep up their AR reading and continue to reach personal targets in their word counts. Also they will continue to complete one 'Take Away' homework each week.
- The library is open for P6's on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.15am and the ICT suite is available from 8:15am each morning so pupils can complete AR tests.

## P7 Overview of Planned work for January

**Numeracy:** This term in numeracy we will be covering place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. For topic work we will be covering 'Measures' – looking at length, weight, conversions and imperial units. Times tables from 1-12.

**Literacy:** In writing children will focus on different types of poetry. Children will complete grammar work on nouns and revision of punctuation. Novel Book – 12th Day of July

**World Around Us:** The topic this term is Ireland/Northern Ireland.

### Other Information:

- PE: Children will be participating in weekly swimming and dance lessons – please remember school PE uniform
- TRIP: We hope to visit The Ulster American Folk Park before the end of the month (Date to be confirmed)

### CONFIRMATION

- Confirmation is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in St Michael's Parish Church.
- If your child is making Confirmation you must fill out the Request for Confirmation Form