



## Newsletter

### 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020



### Dates for your Diary January – March 2020

<b>Nursery and Primary 1 Applications</b>	<i>Portal for online applications closes at 12 noon Thurs. 30th Jan 2020</i>
<b>Parent/Teacher Meetings</b>	Will be held during February. <b><u>Half day Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. to facilitate family meetings in the assembly hall.</u></b>
<b>Science Festival Week</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Classes will be engaging in additional Science related activities
<b>February Mid-term</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> , Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> and Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>March St Patrick's weekend</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> & Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Youth Club

The EA Sion Mills Youth Club re-opened this week. It continues each **Wednesday**  
**6.30 – 9.00pm**  
**Age 9 – 11 and**  
**Thursday 6.45 – 9.00pm Age 12+**

The Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival, has more than 4,000 years of history and is the longest holiday of the year. In 2020, Chinese New Year begins on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

2020 is the Year of the Rat

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January Amirah Deazley P4, travelled with her family to The Waterfront in Belfast to be presented with an A2 copy of her poster design. Amirah's poster was on display in The Waterfront for the Chinese New Year celebrations alongside all the other winners. The photograph shows Amirah receiving her award from Mr Peter Weir, Minister for Education.

Before the award ceremony the audience were entertained by the most wonderful concert with dancing, singing and music. The dancing, in particular was superb.

We wish Xiaojing , our Chinese tutor and her community a very happy 2020.



### Transfer Test

We send many good wishes to our Primary 7 pupils who will receive their Transfer Test results tomorrow. Whatever the result we all know that every boy and girl worked hard preparing and did their very best. The Transfer Test is only one step on life's journey and many people who were disappointed with their scores went on to achieve very highly. So good luck everyone and remember we are proud of all the work you put into your preparation. Over the next two weeks parents will be invited in to meet Mrs McNelis to complete the post-primary application forms.



## Families First NI Awards

The Families First NI Awards website went live earlier this week and will remain live until Thursday/Friday of next week. I have been told that comments that say a little about Laura or the school are needed. It's the quality not the number of them that count. Huge thank you to all those who have already commented.

## Swimming

Well done to all our Primary 6 boys and girls who completed 15 sessions of swimming lessons on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. We are delighted with everyone's achievement whether it was gaining confidence in a new sport or being able to swim lots of metres. Their certificates were presented at assembly today.

For those who would like to continue to build their confidence or just have fun in the pool a 'FUN' session is held each Saturday from 3.30 – 4.30pm. at Riversdale Leisure Centre.



## Policies

The following policies have recently been reviewed and updated in line with most recent DE guidance:

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Administration of Medicines

Intimate Care

Health & Safety

Attendance

These are available on the school website in The Parent Area or from the school office, on request.

## Mobile Phone



**Please note – if your child needs to take a mobile phone to school for after-schools reasons, a parent/ carer must complete the form from the Acceptable Use policy. This form is available on the website or from the school office.**



## Mathletics

Congratulations to Rhys Forbes P5K and Alexis Spence P7McN who achieved GOLD mathletics certificates this week. Well done to all our Bronze, Silver and Gold achievers. ***Remember Mathletics is a fun way to improve your maths skills.***