

Newsletter 24th January 2020



Dates for your Diary January – March 2020

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

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 24th February.

2020 is the Year of the Rat

On Saturday 18th 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 16th 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

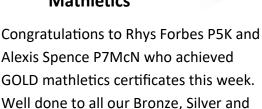
These are available on the school website in The Parent Area or from the school office, on request.



Mobile Phone

Please note – if your child needs to take a mobile phone to school for afterschools 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



Gold achievers. Remember Mathletics is a fun way to improve your maths skills.

