



Newsletter

7th February 2020




Parent/Teacher

Meetings

Classes will end at 12.00 noon on Thursday 13th February to facilitate the annual Parent/Teacher Meetings. Lunches will be served as usual for those who wish to have it.



Dates for your Diary January – March 2020	
Parent/Teacher Meetings	<u>Half day Thursday 13th Feb. to facilitate family meetings in the assembly hall.</u>
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 11 th Feb. Classes will be engaging in E-Safety activities this week
Science Festival Week	Monday 10 th - Wednesday 11 th Classes will be engaging in additional Science related activities
Friendship Disco PTFA	Wednesday 12th Feb.
February Mid-term	Friday 14 th , Mon. 17 th and Tues. 18 th February 2020
 School Photographer	Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th March
March St Patrick's weekend	Mon 16 th & Tues. 17 th March 2020

Friendship Disco

The PTFA, along with staff, are hosting a Friendship Disco on Wednesday 12th February in the assembly hall.

P1 – P4 1.00 – 2.00pm.

P5 – P7 2.00 – 3.00pm.

Children may wear own clothes. Prizes will be awarded for best dancers. A donation of £2 has been suggested by the PTFA to help buy new reading books to enhance the school reading scheme which is in need of additional books.



CASH FOR CLOBBER FUNDRAISER



The Nature Ninjas have lots of new ideas for projects in our school. Some of these will need funds. You can help us by collecting all types of clothes, bags and shoes, hats and belts, towels, curtains and bed linen. These will be collected by the 'Cash for Clobber' company and recycled. Last year we raised £100, let's see if we can do as well this year.

Bring your items into school in a **black bag** and this will be collected from your class by a Nature Ninja. Last day for collection is **Thursday 13th February.**

Thank you for your support

The Nature Ninjas





Sion Mills PTFA AGM
Tuesday 25th February
7pm in the Staffroom

**WE NEED
YOU**

As part of the AGM we will be inviting nominations onto the committee and sharing details of our fundraising achievements over the past year as well as discussing priorities and plans for the rest of this year.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the brief meeting and to meet members for a chat over a cup of tea.

Please come along to support our new committee.

 Accepted items	 Rejected items
Clean clothes	Soiled Items
Paired footwear	Single footwear (tie laces together)
Curtains	
Bed Linen	No actual duvets or pillows
Towels	
Belts	
Handbags	

Primary 7

Well done to our Primary Seven pupils who sat the Transfer Tests in November and got their results on Saturday, 25th January. The hard work was done before the test and we are very proud of them and their achievements.

Internet Safety

On Monday 3rd February the local community PSNI officers paid a visit to our Primary 5, 6 and 7 classes to talk to them about internet safety. The officers were very impressed by the knowledge the young people displayed and reminded the boys and girls about the dangers of unsupervised use of the internet. This discussion was really helpful in making it clear that while the internet is a superb resource it needs to be used with caution.



Mathletics

Congratulations to Ruby Browne P5K, Matthew Galloway-Doherty P6C and Colby Patterson P6McN who achieved a GOLD award this week.

Cinema Ticket winners for January are: A J Laughlin P1S, Riley Canning P1Sp&L, Isaac Griffin P2H, Harry Adams P3K, Ellie Magee P3McS, Harry Donaldson P5K, Blake Coulter P6C, Lucas Williamson P6McN

School Uniform – REMINDER

Full school uniform should be worn except for each class's agreed P.E. days. Thank you.

Junior Playground and Outdoor Classroom

The fixed equipment and materials stored under the canopy (outdoor classroom) adjacent to Mrs Hendron's and Mrs Sproule's classroom are for the use of the children in these classes. We would appreciate it if children waiting at 2.00pm did not use these materials. We are unable to bring everything in and out on a daily basis as this would take away from teaching time. The materials there are stored carefully and are also available at lunchtime for P1, P2 and P3 pupils.



The Award ceremony is taking place in the Titanic Quarter, Belfast tonight, 7th February. We are looking forward to finding out if our school or Laura have won. Massive THANK YOU to everyone from the Sion Mills community, current or past, who contributed comments to Families First organisers. We are truly humbled by many of the wonderful comments.

Right of the Month for February is

Article 14

Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights of parents to give their children information about this right.

