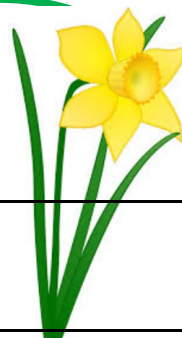


Newsletter

6th March 2020



Playplan

Derry City and Strabane District Council want the views of young people in the area regarding development of play facilities areas the council area. An online survey link has been forwarded to the school for distribution. We encourage the children in school to 'have their say'. Please encourage them to use this opportunity.

The online survey is <https://www.derrystrabane.com/playplan>



Mathletics

Congratulations to Leilani Cawley P2H, Ryan Smirnovs P4McS, Molly McCrea P5K, Noah Sheen P5K and Holly Matthews P6C who have recently achieved a GOLD Mathletics award.

Cinema ticket winners for the month of February are: AJ Laughlin P1S, Sophie Le Provost P1W, Issac Griffin P2H, Max Hamilton P3K, Rebekah McKane P4McS, Auguste Sileryte P5K, Kevin Malloy P6C, Katie McCrea P6McN and James Roche P7McG.

Dates for your Diary February – March 2020

MATHS WEEK	Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th March
Maths Fancy Dress Day	Friday 13 th March Just for Fun
St Mary's Cross Country Event	Thursday 12 th March
St Patrick's weekend	Mon 16 th & Tues. 17 th March 2020
PTFA Fundraiser Mad Hair Day	Wednesday 1 st April
Easter Holidays Half Day	Thursday 9 th April

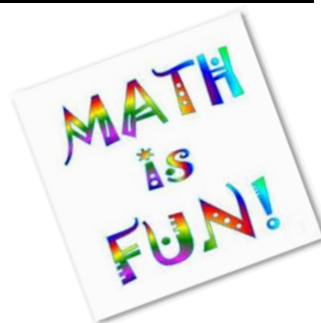


Maths Week

Monday 9th – Friday 13th March

During Maths Week all classes will be engaging in activities that make us think more about Maths in a fun or real life way. As part of the Week we will be having a **Numeracy Fancy Dress Day in school on Friday 13th March**. Costumes/clothes with a link to any aspect of Maths may be worn – number, shape, symmetry, as long as a mathematical link can be explained, it will be acceptable. While this is not a competition, as an encouragement, every pupil who participates will receive a small prize.

It is also **NOT** a fundraiser.



Waste Free Week

The nature Ninjas are delighted at the fantastic start everyone has made in trying to be more and more and more WASTE FREE. As Mrs Kingh reminded us at assembly this morning the Ninjas are watching and noting how well everyone is doing ... even in the staffroom! We really want a better world for everyone.



World Book Day

The school enjoyed a very exciting and fun morning assembly as we launched 2020 World Book Day. There were 3 new additions to this year's World Book Day:

The senior classes entertained the school with their innovation as they showed objects from books and the children had to guess the name of the book; The 3 week 'Well Read' app was launched for Primary 5 – Primary 7 classes; and

We launched our new and energetic signature book song, called "I'm Gonna Read a Book Today". This is going to be the children's signature song for their Accelerated Reading assemblies from now on.

Other activities to celebrate World Book Day included the ever successful 'No Pens Day' as well as 'Book Buddies'. We were thrilled to have a second Word Millionaire on World Book Day. Sive Kelly joined her brother, Conn in becoming a Word Millionaire! There are lots of other children who have exceeded the Half Word Millionaire KEEP READING!!



What book could it be?



Gracie got it right!



Mrs Kingh's class try out the Well Read App



Ditch the Stabilisers

Congratulations to all of the children who attended the session with Ronan, our Sustrans Officer. We had a very successful and enjoyable day.

P5/6 C Shared Education – Science Dome

P5/6C enjoyed their third Shared Education session in the BOG Hall with Strabane P.S. Staff from W5 brought an inflatable Space Dome, measuring 8X8X4m. Once inside, we lay on the floor and viewed a projection of the night sky with the North Star, constellations such as Ursa Minor and Major. We learned how Tim Peake coped on his space journey. Everyone agreed it was an amazing experience, just like visiting a real planetarium.



Children's Mental Health Week

Konflux Theatre visited Mrs McNamee's class on 25th February for our annual Play in a Day experience. The boys and girls spent the day exploring Children's Mental Health issues through the medium of drama, before presenting their work to P3 – P7 in the afternoon. Their activity linked to our UNCRC Right of the Month for March – Article 24 – You have the right to be as healthy as possible.

