



Newsletter 20th January 2023



Dates for your Diary

January – March 2022

Nursery and Primary 1 Applications	Portal is now open on EA website. https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/ Applications to be made online between Tues. 10 th – Fri. 27 th January at 12 noon <i>Please note: Even if your child attends Sion Mills PS Nursery Unit, you still need to make an application for Primary 1.</i>
Parent/Teacher Meetings	These will be held on Monday 13 th February in the Assembly Hall.
Maths Week	Monday 30 th January – Friday 3 rd February
February Mid-term	Mon. 13 th – Fri. 17 th February
St Patrick's Weekend	Thurs. 16 th & Fri 17 th March

Mrs Harkin

We were all delighted with the news that Pearse Martin Harkin arrived safely on 11th January. Both Mrs Harkin and Pearse are doing well. It's quite likely we will meet Pearse in some weeks' time when his Mummy will bring him to meet her friends in Sion Mills Nursery and Primary School.



Mathletics

Congratulations to our latest winners of **GOLD** certificates. They are: **Bella Curran P4K and Troy Moore P5C**. Well done.



Mrs Kathleen Moore Retires

After more than 40 years as a lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Kathleen Moore, or Kathleen, as the staff and children know her, has decided to retire. Kathleen began her job in the original Sion Mills Primary School on the Melmount Road. It is an understatement to say that Kathleen loved her job;

her commitment, good humour and consistent attendance bears witness to this. It takes a special person who can come into a school during the day and fit into whatever situations are going on.

Lunchtimes and playtimes allow the children the opportunity to relax away from the pressures of the classroom, build positive relationships and have fun as well as eat. Kathleen always has a smile on her face and her patience with the children as she and her colleagues ensured everyone (over 200, daily) got their meal/lunch efficiently is quite amazing.

On Monday 23rd, the children are putting on a special assembly to mark this occasion and to make some presentations to Kathleen. We will miss her greatly and I know she will miss your children as well as her colleagues. Everyone wishes Kathleen a long and happy retirement.

ea KEY DATES FOR PARENTS – APPLYING FOR PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION – SEPTEMBER 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 are compulsory school age in September 2023
Children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 can apply for a place in a reception class

NOW
Find out more about applying for a Primary 1 place for September 2023
www.eani.org.uk/admissions

13 December 2022
Admissions criteria will be published on the EA Website
You can check transport eligibility here too

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Online Portal opens **10 JAN 12 NOON**
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BY 31 January 2023 4:00 PM
Remember to upload your child's birth certificate and any supporting documentation as detailed in the admissions criteria for all schools listed on your application

27 April 2023
Notification of the outcome of your application

ea KEY DATES FOR PARENTS : ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR PRE-SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2023

For target age children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020
For under age children born on or between 2 July 2020 and 1 July 2021
If you are deferring your child from starting Primary school, you can apply for a Pre School place

NOW
Find out more about applying for a Pre-school place for September 2023
www.eani.org.uk/admissions

13 December 2022
Admissions criteria will be published on the EA website
Other information will be available on the EA website including how to verify your benefit if claiming socially disadvantaged circumstances

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27 April 2023
Notification of the outcome of your application (for children in their final Pre-School Year)
Stage 2 commences (Includes processing of under age applications)

Open Afternoon

Due to the snow showers on Tuesday 17th we were forced to cancel our planned Open Afternoon. We will hold it this coming **Tuesday 24th January** at **1.30p.m.** We would be grateful if you could pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested. See below for EA published reminders in relation to the application process.



Hand-writer of the Month

DECEMBER

P1S	Emily Barr
SpLU	Cormac O'Kane
P1/2H	Evie Henderson
P2/3McE	Ollie-Jay Gallagher
P3L	Thomas McCaughey
P4/5K	Adam Craig
P5C	Rionnah Deazley
P6McG	Maya Catterson
P6/7C	Ryan Smirnov



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 £200, let's see if we can do as well this year.

Bring your items into school in a **black bag** and leave outside the Youth-Wing door. Last day for collection is **Friday 10th February.**

Thank you for your support

The Nature Ninjas

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