



MERCY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018



Dear Parents and Pupils,

We have enjoyed our Easter break and our new term has begun. Many of you have welcomed the news that no change will take place to our school situation at the present time so it is onwards and upwards at Mercy!

We have been delighted to welcome some new pupils this term to our school, we know our girls will make you very welcome.

The sun has begun to appear and we are glad to see it, but don't grab those summer dresses just yet, it is still quite cold, hopefully May will be warmer!

Mrs Loughran

It's our Science week !

We will be holding a Science week this week, which will encourage our girls to take part in experiments and practice their scientific skills.

We can't wait to welcome our visitors from Science Starz they commend our girls on their excellent behaviour and clever observations.

Some of our P6 girls got started early this week investigating which materials best filter dirty water. They were amazed at the results.



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Friends of Mercy PTA - Can you spare a little time on Friday morning to come along between 9-11am and help complete our Fairy Garden? Welly Boots essential! Any available parents come along help to make our outdoor spaces more fun.



Whats App

We held an internet safety assembly on Friday 13th to discuss Cyber Bullying and online safety.

We are growing increasingly concerned with the amount of children using

What's App and Snap Chat to communicate to each other. We remind parents that **children should be 13** legally to use these Apps.

We are asking parents to check phones regularly at home where children have been given access to them. Please remind your child that a written comment can be captured. Remind the children never to text what they wouldn't say to a person's face. Only to write what you as their parent would be happy to read.

SLIME ALERT

Slime is the latest craze and the children enjoy it. However, we are concerned that some children are allergic to the ingredients and may have a serious reaction. Therefore, we ask parents to ensure slime toys are kept at home. Pupils have requested a slime party for Golden Time. This will not happen unless full permissions have been given by all parents in the class.



Attendance Alert:

Parents can we remind you to remind the girls about the importance of attendance at school in this last term. Each month we have attendance awards and class awards. This last term is an important one as we undertake standardised assessments in school. We need pupils to be in school as many of these are computerised assessments which are difficult to repeat. The EWO has been in school to review attendance. Letters will follow.

Transfer Club

P6 after school's club has begun on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. P6 teachers have more details of the commitment and work required.

P7 Residential Trip

P7 Pupils are off to Delamont on 9th May for a two night residential. We know they will have great outdoor fun while they are away! Meeting is on Friday at 2pm for parents.

Sunny Days!

As the days begin to get hotter can we remind parents and children :

- To bring a water bottle to school to drink from each day in class.
- Remember to apply sun cream before children come to school.
- We often take children outside to take advantage of our outdoor classroom in good weather.
- A sun hat and summer uniforms may be worn to keep children cool.

We had a great fitness day with Jujitsu Joe on 23rd March we raised £1, 038.61. We have used some of this to buy outdoor play equipment as requested by the school council. We are hoping to get a container to store the equipment outside.

Dance Off!

We will be completing our school fundraising this term with a sponsored "Dance off" in June. Like most schools we are doing our best to find funds for our school. We are fundraising for AR Books, and computer equipment.

Afterschool Clubs:

We have a wide range of clubs and activities happening this term. **Choose from Transfer Club, Gardening & Homework, Film Club, and cycling proficiency. Forrest Schools sessions will take place later in the term also.**

Parent Clubs: Dads and daughter's jujitsu was a great success last term and lovely to see so many dads and grandads. Drumming with daughters also very successful. Reading and phonics sessions were well attended. Ditch the stabilisers will be happening soon. Look out for more parent sessions

Trocaire Fundraising

Our Trocaire fundraising has continued throughout Lent. Each class had Easter Egg ballots and our craft ladies made Easter chicks to sell from the office we raised **£608.75 Well done!**

We know children in other countries will benefit from our fundraising and it will make a difference.



Dates for Your Diary

-16th April - Science Week
Science Stars visits to all classes.
-17th April P7 Trip to Transport Museum
-17th & 19th P3 visits to the Library.
-20th April P7 Delamont Meeting
-22nd April Ulster Hall Ficsa Concert
-24th April - P7 Trip with Edenbrooke PS.

-2nd May P7 Inside Out at Holy Cross Boys

Please Note:

-7th May - **School Closed Bank Holiday**
Early Finish on Wednesday 16th May for pupils at 1pm for staff training.

-28th & 29th May -
School Closed for Bank holiday and staff training.:

Weather permitting: Fun Sports Day
Friday 1st June

