



MERCY NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year

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Dear Parents and Pupils,
Happy New Year to you all! We begin 2015 with a busy second term. Lots of interesting and exciting things are happening in the next few weeks.

We seem to have avoided the snow so far but please do make sure your telephone numbers are up to date as if we need to close in the middle of the day or morning due to snow/emergency we want to be sure to be able to contact you directly. Our text service only works when the numbers are up to date! We have had a very successful first term and it was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas events. Thanks to all our parents and grandparents for your continued help and support.

Mrs Loughran

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS IN OUR GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

Our draw was held on 17 December 2014.
It was a great success many thanks to local businesses for their generosity.

1st Prize- An overnight stay B&B in Jury's Hotel

Mrs M. Mac Farlane

2nd Prize- Karma Bracelets, courtesy of Argento Jewellers

Mrs Patterson

3rd prize- A meal for 2 in the Lansdowne Hotel

Ms Jolene Robertson

4th Prize- Toys R Us voucher for £50

Mrs Chapman

5th Prize- Turkey voucher, courtesy of McAufield's Butchers, Ardoyne.

Leah McAuley P3

We raised a grand total of **£2,000** for school funds during our fair and ballot. This will be used to buy a subscription to Education City, an online Literacy and Numeracy interactive programme and some new reading books.

Pantomime Fun!

Our school had a great day at the Lyric Theatre at the Sleeping Beauty Pantomime. Some girls even got to meet the cast!



New School Web Site

We will be officially launching our new school Web site on 9th February. Classes are updating the web site currently and dinner menus and school forms are available to download from www.mercyprimary.org.uk



Congratulations to all our P1&P2 pupils for their wonderful performances in the **Christmas Nativity Plays**. Check out the web site for more photos.

School Events:

P4 Boxercise Launch

On 8th January Primary 4 spent a lovely afternoon at Beechmount Leisure Centre where they met Lord Mayor Nichola Mallon and took part in a Boxercise launch.

Museum trip P1

On Thursday 22nd January P1 pupils and their parents will be going to the Ulster Museum.

Cook It with P1 and P2!

Primary 2 pupils and their parents will be taking part in a cookery programme commencing on the 14th January aided by tutors from the Whiterock family Centre!

Congratulations to Mrs Hunt, Mrs Jackman and Mrs Murray who spent 3 days training for First Aid and passed all their exams!



Wrap Around Care

Our school Wrap Around Service is running each day until 5.30. Booking forms are available on our new website and booking must be made in advance.

POST PRIMARY OPEN EVENINGS

Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils should consider attending the post primary open days/nights that are happening this month. Some of the post primary schools have been in to talk with our P7 girls about their schools.

Attendance Awards!



Last week pupils received their 100% attendance awards for the month of December and Mr Trainor gave out 100% attendance awards for the whole first term. 60 pupils in total received an award.

Can we please remind parents that if a child is absent for any reason that parents must phone the school or send in a note on return so we can record it on our computer system.

DANGER !!!!! CAR PARKING !!!!

Parents please take note that parents should not be driving into the school grounds. Pupils should be dropped off on the path outside school. Mr O'Connor is outside to remind parents of this. Parents should park on the main road and pupils should walk up the pedestrian pathway.

Open Night!

We held a very successful and busy open night on the 11th December when we welcomed new faces and old friends to our school. Reminder: P1 Applications for September 2015 are due in on Wednesday 14th January.



Many Thanks to our generous parents and sponsors, and all who contributed towards our Christmas Fair:

Malone Lodge, Tesco, Signtech , City Sightseeing Tours, Rooneys Chemist, Ten Square, McAufields butchers, Argos , Beau Haus Hairdressers, Bellevue Arms, Soap Box, Colour Keys Hairdresser , Spar Ardoyne- Subway, Mc Kenzies Chemist-Hanna Mark, Fishbook Ligoniel, Movie House, Crumlin Star Social Club, Freddie's Ice Cream, Landsdown Hotel, Jurys Inn, Argento Jewellers.

Special thanks to our Tuesday craft group for their support!

Dates for Your Diary

14th January - P1 & P2 Cook it!

22nd January (Thurs)- P1 trip to the Museum

21st January (Wed) -Service of light TBC

28th January (Wed) - Grandparents Day

29th January (Thur) - Confirmation P7

9th February (Mon) - Website Launch.

16th-20th February Mid Term
School Closed

16th & 17th March (Mon & Tues) St Patrick's Day **School closed**