



MERCY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2014



Dear Parents and pupils,

We are now moving towards the darker nights and shorter days which must mean that Christmas is just around the corner!

We have lots to do before we get there and we are hoping for lots of help from all the parents and families who I'm told always give their time so generously - We are also hoping to recruit some new volunteers too!

I must also say a big thank you to those parents who decorated the hall for our Halloween disco, it was a great success.

It is a busy, busy month. Anything you can do to help will be much appreciated!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Loughran

Mercy Care Wrap Around Service

We are hoping to begin our Wrap Around Care the week beginning 17th November.

Leaflets and booking forms are available at office and can be sent home on request. Children must be booked in advance as staffing ratios are related to numbers attending.

Halloween Celebrations!

Great effort went into the costumes on our Halloween Day. We all had great fun as you can see from some of the photographs!



Medicines

Prior consent must be given for medication to be administered to children. Please contact Mrs Loughran

CAR PARK SAFETY

For the safety of our children can we kindly ask parents to please avoid driving into the school grounds either at the front or rear of school building. Cars are getting stuck turning and reversing while children are walking into school. We do not want to have a serious incident. Children can walk up the pathway from the gates once dropped off and this keeps them safe from turning cars. We appreciate your cooperation!

Museum Visit

Primary 5 and Mrs Cush had a lovely visit to the Ulster Museum. They saw an art exhibition and enjoyed creating a mosaic picture of their own.



P5 are also looking forward to a visit from the Fire Service later this month to help them learn about safety at home.

Eye for Education

Primary 7 girls have been working with Darren Nixon and pupils from Mercy College on a STEM transition Mathematics Challenge! They have also been invited up to Mercy College on 28th November for a day of fun learning activities.

Chinese Lanterns

Artists from the Newlodge Art Forum worked with our P7 class to create Halloween Lanterns using willow branches. The results were amazing and some of the pupils participated in the lantern parade to the Waterworks over mid-term.



Travelling Book Fair

The school will host a Book Fair the week beginning 24th November. More info to follow.

Maths Quiz

Congratulations to Shana Reilly (P4), Naomi McLaughlin (P5), Emma Chapman (P6) and Kerri Dunlop (P7) who came out the winners in our first Maths Quiz of the year.

Financial Capability

All classes are working hard to gather their ideas and materials for their Christmas Fair Crafts. Remember to keep costs as low as possible in order to make as much profit as possible...

P4 Data Collection

A big thank you to the P4 pupils who have been recording the temperature every day and uploading their results onto Fronter. P6 have enjoyed interpreting the data from September and October.

P3 Finishing Time

P3 children now finish at 3pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, then go home at 2pm on Thursday and Friday.

Panto Reminder

We would like to remind parents for the outstanding balance of pantomime money by the end of November

Punctuality

Please be reminded that lessons begin at 9.10 am. Pupils should be in class at their desks by this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Post Primary Open Nights

It is getting near that time of year when Post Primary Schools hold open days/evenings for P6/7 pupils. We will keep you informed of dates and times when we receive them.

Cambodia Collection

Miss McGrath sets off this month to Cambodia to work with children in schools. We were able to give her £200 from all your pennies. Thank you for your generosity!

P6 Bun Sale

We hope to have a cake/bun sale on Friday 14th November to support a retired Mercy teacher, Rosemary McCloskey, who is travelling to Africa. Rosemary has kindly been teaching music to our pupils on Wednesday afternoons in October. We have enjoyed this immensely.

Primary 4 Music Morning

On Monday 11th November, Miss McConnell and her primary 4 class are off to perform at the Belfast City School of Music. The girls have been working extremely hard and are really looking forward to this. Good Luck!!!

- Staying on a musical note in P4... 3 girls have started string tuition and 7 girls will be starting brass tuition with School of Music tutors.
- The Primary 4 pupils will be starting 'Boxercise' as part of their PE lessons with a Sport NI coach.

Christmas Fair

The annual Christmas fair will take place on Saturday 6th December at 11am. We hope to see you all there. It will be a great day full of fun and excitement as Santa himself will be joining us. Parents/family members, can you help in any of the following ways?

- ❖ We need volunteers to help us on Thursday 4th December (1 hour) to help pack hampers/sort prizes etc.
 - ❖ Do you (or a family member/friend) work for a business that could donate a small prize/voucher etc?
 - ❖ Could you help us on the day?
- If you can help with any of the above, please speak with Mr Trainor, Mrs Hunt or any staff member.
Thanking you for all you do.

Dates for Your Diary

17th November – Wrap Around Care Begins

6th December – Christmas Fair (11am)

11th December – Pantomime at Lyric

Assemblies

Fri. 14th Nov – P3 Mrs Jackman