



Parent Information Sheet
Friday 11th October 2019

READY **KEY THREE...** **SAFE**
RESPECTFUL

PTA CRYSTAL BALL

What a super night it was in Clandeboye Lodge last Saturday night! The celebratory event was really well attended by around 180 parents, grandparents, staff, governors past and present and friends of the school. Together they raised an amazing £16,437. This is a fantastic sum that opens up the possibility to purchase resources that we had only dreamed of. So THANK YOU to all those who not only organised the event but also contributed to the ballot and auction items and to those who attended on the night and gave so generously to support all the children at Glencraig.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th October at 9.45am after the Autumn Assembly. If anyone would like to submit any points for the AGM they can do it via a member of the PTA or attend in person. All welcome as always.

ACTION MS Sponsored Walk

Sponsorship money for last week's walk should have been returned to school today. Once all the funds have been collected and counted we'll let you know just how much the school raised to support this charity.

Nursery for Glencraig IPS

I wrote to you last year when the Education Authority were submitting a Development Proposal on behalf of the Governors and Board of Directors of the playgroup to transform the existing pre-school playgroup on our site into a nursery school unit. This was part of the Centre's original vision when it first moved onto the school site.

We are delighted to be able to inform you that the Development Proposal submitted to the Department of Education for the transformation of the pre-school playgroup to a nursery school unit has been approved by the permanent secretary Mr Derek Baker.

It is anticipated that the Nursery will be in place for September 2020 and it is the school's intention to carry on the wraparound and after school provision without any loss of service, but more details will follow in due course.

The Directors of the playgroup, Governors of the school and staff from both facilities will work with the Education Authority to ensure that the transformation from playgroup to nursery will be as seamless as possible and that there will be minimal disruption to the service that parents are currently receiving. This will in no way affect the children in this year's playgroup year and, for information, the process for enrolment for next year's intake will be progressing shortly, as normal, with the same number of pre-school places available as under the current arrangement.

We will keep you updated as the process develops but look forward to continuing to provide quality pre-school and wrap around care on the school site.

Hollywood PS P3 make a return visit

This week the P3s from Hollywood made their way to Glencraig for the second of the children's Shared Education Days.

"It was very exciting to see our friends from Hollywood PS again. We enjoyed showing them our school, especially the ABL room! We learnt a lot about friendship and are making new friends in our groups" (Sam and Catherine M)

Assembly

Mrs McKirgan led the assembly this week and called in some help from the characters of Sesame Street to look a bit closer at what the word "respect" means in action. One of the phrases that the programme emphasised was...

"Respect is treating someone in a way that makes them feel cared for and important."

We think this isn't a bad rule of thumb. Mrs McKirgan talked to the children about how they might do that and the children and characters in the clip came up with some great ideas.

"It's showing someone good manners" ... "Listening to someone when they're talking to you" ... "Calling someone Mr or Mrs" ... "It's being kind to someone" ... "Not hitting, kicking or pushing" ... "Not hurting people's feelings." ... "It's when you treat people fairly." ... "Treating people the way you want to be treated." ... "Thinking about the people around you." ... "It's keeping each other safe." ... "Making people feel like they're wanted." ... "Appreciating and valuing others".



As we seek to encourage our pupils to show respect to their peers and adults alike, reminding them regularly what this means in practice is a really important part of our work. We would ask you to support us at home by having conversations around this topic and provide examples of how we can all show respect in our everyday life.

Cross Country

This week some of our P7s took part in the first round of the Flahavan's Primary School Cross Country event. At the Henry Moore playing fields in the Castlereagh hills. The team did really well despite the muddy conditions .. here's a report from some of the children who took part.

"We did some warm ups and then a few sprints and walked a lap before the race. It was the fun run first which we watched. The girls ran first, followed by the boys. The course was really mucky. It was very hard in the forest because of the routes. I enjoyed when we did the race and getting to run through the nature in the forest." Lewis P7

Advance Notice - Healthy Eating Week

This year our ECO Team are very keen to encourage us all to eat healthily in school and have asked me to let everyone know that the week beginning **21st October** will be **Healthy Eating Week**. This will be the launch of the children's work to reduce the sugar, salt and fatty foods eaten during the school day. The children are keen to get everyone eating more fruit and vegetables and reduce the amount of sweet treats and chocolate that is coming in for breaks and lunch boxes generally. This was also identified as an area for development by parents in the parent consultation last year. I look forward to hearing the ECO Teams ideas and supporting them in this important work. There will be more information in the school bags next week about the activities during Healthy Eating Week. Well done ECO Team!

Nearly New Uniform Store

The rails of pre-loved uniform will be available again on Monday 14th October. Thank you Mrs White.

Consent for Flu Vaccination:

The School Nursing Team will be visiting us on Thursday 7th November. Information packs and consent forms have been sent home this week. Please complete these forms and return to school by Monday 14th October 2019.

Harvest Assembly

This coming Tuesday 15th October our P1 – P4 children are taking part in their Harvest Assembly. It will be a short assembly starting at 9.15am and should last about 20 minutes and you are most welcome to join them. There will also be a whole school collection that week for Storehouse and we would encourage everyone to bring in a non-perishable item such as a **tin** of beans, vegetables or soup, **packets** of dried pasta or rice or toiletries such as toothpaste or shampoo. **NO FRESH FOOD** please. There will be a box in the foyer from Monday 14th October to put your item in.

House Captains represent Glencraig at Mental Health Conference

On Thursday four of our House Captains travelled with Mrs Millar to Drumlins IPS Ballynahinch to take part in a Mental Health Conference run for the benefit of integrated schools on World Mental Health Day 2019.

Children's mental health is a very prominent issue in all our schools and NICIE were keen to hear the voices of children and young people from as many integrated schools as possible.

"When we got there we had a lot of speeches from important people before we went into our groups. Our group was the red dot group. We discussed the meaning of amber. Anchor, Move, Breathe, Express and Relax. There was an activity on each of these throughout the day. We have got lots to bring back and discuss in school." Macushla P7

Change to Bank Holiday

Advance notice that our holiday list for 2019.20 will be amended to reflect this. School will be open as normal on 4th May and closed for the Bank Holiday on 8th May instead.

Dates to put in your diary...

Tuesday 15th Oct

Week beginning 21st Oct.

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Mon 28th Oct – Fri. 1st Nov (incl)

P1 - P4 Autumn Assembly

HEALTHY EATING WEEK

P1-P6 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Half Term Ho