



**Parent Information Sheet**  
Friday 17th January 2020

**Points for READY TO LEARN, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE for this week are...**

**Eagles - 449 points    Hawks - 448 points    Owls - 419 points    Falcons - 449 points**

**Wow! How close are the scores this week? Well done Eagles and Falcons!**

**Exciting News for Glencraig!!**

Many of you I know heard the announcement this week that Glencraig is one of 18 schools to benefit from significant capital investment under the School Enhancement Programme. There is still a period of advanced planning to be undertaken alongside the EA and each of the 18 enhancement programmes will then be subject to business case approval. However we are confident that many of the issues we battle against due to the shortcomings of our 1960s flat roof property that was not designed to cope with a 21st century curriculum or 21st century children will undergo significant improvement. I look forward to keeping you updated as plans progress.

**Assembly - Great job Rights Respecting Warriors!!**

This week our assembly was lead by our Rights Respecting Warrior who were highlighting one of the key activities that demonstrates respect - listening. Here's what they were sharing with the other children....

*"This month's house captains assembly was about listening. We did a scene on listening and gave the classes some tips on how to listen. We have got some exciting news that we have a new member of the rights respecting team Ricky. Ricky is a teddy bear and he gives us tips about listening. He will be on our rights respecting board reminding us what our focus is every month." Olivia and Holly P7*

**Open Days**

This week prospective parents visited our school to see it in action during our Open Mornings on Wednesday & Thursday. Well done to our House Captains for welcoming parents and being part of the tour groups, which allowed parents to see what happens during the school day at Glencraig. Thanks also to some of our current parents who also helped with the tours. If you or someone you know is considering a P1 place for September, then please do remember that **the closing date for applications is noon on 31st January.**

**School Photographs – THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY**

Opus Photography will be in school on Thursday to take individual or family pupil photographs. Opus offer a flexible package with a small proof going home and selection of prints being ordered and paid for online. Photos can even be cropped to suit your personal taste. If, when the proof arrives, you are not happy with the photograph, there is no obligation to purchase.

**If you would like your child's school photograph taken, the form must be returned. The photographer will not take a photograph unless parental permission is given via the flier that went home.**

**P6 are due to go swimming on Thursday. Normally on a swimming day the children wear their tracksuits. For one week could the P6s please NOT come in tracksuits on Thursday as the photographs would be better in ordinary school uniform.**

**P7 transition support workshops from Extern @Bangor\_Yes**

*Today we started the first of six workshops about mental health, drug awareness, alcohol, smoking and decision making to help prepare us for post-primary school. Katie and Kenny got us to introduce ourselves and got us to set up a contract for the workshops. In groups we had to brainstorm what we know about drugs and alcohol and report back to the class. We can't wait for next week. Kenny gave Finn a 2p coin and asked him to look after it for the session next week. I wonder what it's for...*

**P5 Visit from Dr. Cochrane**

*"Dr. Cochrane (Katie's mum) came into to talk to P5 today about our body. She started by talking about organs. Then P5 learnt all the names of all the bones of the body. She taught us about what the big and small intestine do. At the end, P5 had to try and remember the names of all the bones in your body. We are looking forward to learning more about our bones from Jonny's mum next week." Katie C and Annabelle J P5*



### **PTA Shopping Trip to Kildare**

The PTA annual Kildare Designer Outlet shopping trip is on **Saturday 29th February**. Why not come along and enjoy some pampering with all day access to the VIP apartment, refreshments on arrival, hands free shopping and lots more. Tickets are £30 each. The bus leaves school at 7.30am and leaves Kildare at 5.00pm to return to school. Tickets are out now and available from school reception. Don't miss out!

### **Nearly New Uniform Shop**

Mrs White had the Nearly New rails out today and they will be out again on Monday 23rd January. The rails will be set up in the hall at drop off and pick up times and the usual; Honesty Box system will be in operation.

### **Sacrament Dates**

Just to give you advance notice this year's Confirmation Service at St. Colmciell's will be Tuesday 28th April at 4.00pm and First Communion will be on 30th May at 10.00am.

### **Dates to put in your diary...**

**Thursday 23rd January**

**Tues 28th & Wed 29th Jan.**

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21st Feb**

**Week Beg, 2nd March**

**Tues 10th & Wed 11th Mar**

**Tuesday 17th March**

**Wed. 18th - Fri 20th March**

**Week Beg. 30th March**

**Friday 3rd April**

**OPUS School Photographs**

**P7 Transfer Interviews**

**Half Term Holiday**

**Integrated Education Week**

**KS1 Production of “?”**

**St. Patrick's Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

**P6 Trip to Ganaway**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS**