



## Parent Information Sheet

Friday 24th January 2020

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

**Eagles - 480 points    Hawks - 425 points    Owls - 474 points    Falcons - 351 points**

**Well done Eagles - you've done it again!**

### Assembly - Chinese New Year

This week Mrs Millar led our assembly but was joined by Daniel (Mrs Wallwins' son) and Ting who are currently on holiday in Northern Ireland but live and teach in China. They helped Mrs Millar tell the children about the many traditions associated with the new year festival in China. One of those traditions is that children would receive a little red envelope containing a little money for good luck. Danile and Ting had very kindly brought one of the envelopes for every child in the school as a new year gift!

*We loved all the decorations in the hall. The PowerPoint was very interesting and we found out that red is the colour of good luck. We also loved the red envelopes we got to take home with us. Thank you Daniel and Ting!  
Lottie, Sienna and Jasmine (P5)*

### P5 Chester's Challenge

Jessica and Claire from Chest, Heart and Stroke came into P5 on Wednesday for the start of our 'Chester's Challenge'. The children worked in teams to answer questions on different food groups and their understanding of how their bodies work. Interestingly, they were also asked to guess the number of cubes of sugar in various foods and drinks...the answers were quite frightening! We are looking forward to the next two weeks with Jessica and Rebecca.

### P5 Visit from Mrs Ong

*Jonny's mum came to our class. She showed us real bones. After that she showed us the light box. It's basically a box with a light in it and she put some scans on it. She also showed us Alexandra's bone (Jonny's sister). At the end we got Haribos and chocolate buttons. Yay! Jonny and Amilia (P5)*

**Good Luck to Lottie Dugan (P5) who is going to Newcastle at the weekend to represent Glencraig IPS at national trampoline competition. We look forward to hearing how you get on Lottie!**

### Well done Freya

Well done to Freya in P7 who took part in the Northern Ireland Cross Country finals at Mallusk this week. A great achievement to have made it through to the finals. Whilst Freya didn't finish in the top three she did finish with both running shoes intact which is more than some of the other competitors !! (Conditions were a little muddy!)

### After School Clubs

The list of clubs has gone home, reply slips returned and the various activities will start next week. Check the website for details of days and dates.

### P1 Phonics Workshop

Last year Mrs Harte ran a very successful phonics workshop for the parents of the P1 children and is going to do the same again this year. The workshop which is very practically based giving parents lots of help and advice on how to support your child in phonics/reading will run on **Tuesday 11th February between the 2.00pm and 3.00pm pick ups**. We will run a creche for any children so that the parents (or grandparents/child minders) can come along in peace.

### 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!

### **PTA Valentine Cake Sale**

A lovely fundraiser happening in school two weeks before the Kildare trip is the PTA Valentine Cake Sale and coffee afternoon (1.00 - 2.00pm) which will be on the actual St. Valentine's Day this year - Friday 14th February. More details will follow but why not pop the date in your diary.

### **New Nursery Update**

As you know the school is taking over the running of the preschool from September 2020 when Glencraig Integrated Nursery will open. The application process for the fully funded part time places (9.00am – 12 noon) is well underway and closes on 30th January.

The EA are currently putting together a refurbishment programme for the building which is due to be completed for the opening in September 2020 and the Governors have begun the recruitment of staff.

We are also delighted that two of the current playgroup staff have forwarded a proposal to the Governors to run the school wrap around care. They will be called "Over the Hedge" and be providing breakfast club running from 7.45am – 8.50am and the afterschool club from 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

The only element of the current provision that we are not able to provide from next year due to the change in status of both the playgroup and the afterschool is the lunch club. This day care facility catered for a small number of children from the pre-school who traditionally would have stayed on for afterschool.

We'll keep you posted as the transition moves forward and plans are finalised.

### **Test Results**

This Saturday is of particular significance to the children in P7 and their parents, as many of them will receive the results from the common entrance exams that they sat earlier in the year. As with most examinations, tests and assessments it is inevitable that some folks will be pleasantly surprised and some will be disappointed. What is important to remember is that everyone did their best. Life really will go on as normal in school on Monday, regardless of the grade awarded, and I and all the staff are immensely proud of all the P7s and have absolutely no doubt that each and every one of the pupils in this year's P7 will go on to success in many different fields. As I said to our P7 parents I don't think anyone should be defined by a number on a piece of paper, especially a ten or eleven year old child. Our children are so much more than that!

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

<b>Tues 28th &amp; Wed 29th Jan.</b>	P7 Transfer Interviews
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21st Feb</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Week Beg, 2nd March</b>	Integrated Education Week
<b>Tues 10th &amp; Wed 11th Mar</b>	KS1 Production of "Animal Rumble Grumble"
<b>Tuesday 17th March</b>	St. Patrick's Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
<b>Wed. 18th - Fri 20th March</b>	P6 Trip to Ganaway
<b>Week Beg. 30th March</b>	Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>Friday 3rd April</b>	SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS