



## Parent Information Sheet

Friday 31st January 2020

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

Eagles - 543 points    **Hawks - 560 points**    Owls - 396 points    Falcons - 440 points

**Well done Hawkes! Good job!**

### Assembly

This weeks assembly was about the power of gratitude to increase happiness not just for the person that you are thanking but also for the person giving thanks. Here's what a couple of P6 children thought...

*"We thought that because we are a rights respecting school that it was a nice change to have a short film to watch about how research shows that to show some gratitude to someone important to you can make you feel a lot better. Your happiness can increase by just taking the time to tell someone how much they mean to you."*

By Anna & Harriet P6

### Exciting collaboration in P6

This year we are delighted that after many years of being on the waiting list we have finally secured a place on the Medics in School programme. This is a project that is run jointly by Sentinus and Queen's University The programme, which has been operating since 2001, has involved over 1000 medical students at Queen's University Belfast, working with over 20,000 primary pupils at 65 primary schools in the greater Belfast area. A QUB medical student will be visiting school one afternoon a week for up to eight weeks this term. Over the course of eight weeks the student, will deliver a science and health education programme, supported by the class teacher, to P6 as part of their class topic. The programme was developed by local writers, with the support of former Education and Library Board advisers, and reflects the Key Stage 2 programme of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. The units covered are *Healthy Body, Healthy Heart and Lungs, Healthy Skin and Healthy Brain*. Emphasis is very much on practical and investigative aspects of each theme.

### 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

Tickets are selling steadily for the PTA annual Kildare Designer Outlet shopping trip is on **Saturday 29th February** but there are still plenty left. Why not round up a group of friends for a day of pampering and shopping 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 available from school reception.

### PTA Meeting

The PTA are having their next meeting this coming **Tuesday 4th February** just after morning drop off in school. Everyone is welcome to come along and it would be lovely to see both familiar and new faces. Some of our new P1 parents may now feel more at home in Glencraig and would like to get involved - so please come along. It also doesn't have to be a mum or dad - grandparents are more than welcome!

### PTA Valentine Cake Sale

A lovely fundraiser happening in school in a couple of weeks 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 now closed. 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.

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

<b>Tuesday 11th February</b>	P1 Parent Phonic Workshop (2.00 - 3.00pm)
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	PTA Valentine Cake Sale
<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