



## World book day

On Thursday of this week, contrary to what you may have seen on the way to school, the boys and girls... and staff, did not sleep in and have to rush to school in their pyjamas. This was all part of a cunning plan to encourage a love of books, as we celebrated World Book Week.

Our Literacy Team, led by Mrs G Wilson, has been plotting for weeks to organise a range of activities to promote reading which included - Extreme Read; Guess the teachers' favourite books; Class Buddy Reading; Green Screen book scenes; A Pyjama Day and finally being read a story by their teacher, whilst drinking a cup of hot chocolate and getting into the good habit of a big bedtime read. Many brought their teddies and the children brought theirs too! Thanks to everyone who contributed, supported and participated, in what was a fun day of learning across the school and also in the Nursery.



### **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday March 17	SCHOOL CLOSED - St. Patrick's Day
Thursday March 19	Last day of teacher-led 'After School Clubs'
Thursday April 2	Last day of term for all NURSERY PUPILS
Fri April 3	School closes 12noon for P1-P7 pupils
Mon April 6 – Fri 17	SCHOOL CLOSED - Easter Holidays
Mon April 20	School re-opens for Term 3
Tues April 21 - Wed 22	Primary 6 Residential Visit Lorne Estate
Friday May 8	SCHOOL CLOSED – VE DAY Bank Holiday
Tuesday May 12 - morning	Sports' Day P 1 – P3
Wednesday May 13 - morning	Sports' Day P4 – P7

### **PUPIL HEALTH**

Sickness, bugs and infections continue to strike and it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. The NHS and PHA websites give good advice and guidelines.

We would advise you to keep children at home if they have been vomiting in the evening, overnight or in the morning before school and to always consult your doctor if you are at all unsure. In school, we continue to reinforce good hygiene practices and are reinforcing the message of CATCH IT. BIN IT. KILL IT.

### **UNPLANNED CLOSURES TO SCHOOL**

An unplanned closure is due to unforeseen circumstances such as adverse weather conditions, power failure, heating failure or situations which affect the health & safety of pupils and staff. In times of extreme weather, such as a heavy snowfall, the Principal and Vice Principal will consider and carry out a risk assessment based on the following issues:

- o **Health and Safety – following the direction and guidance of designated Governmental Departments**
- o **Pupil / Teacher Ratio - as determined by the Department of Education**
- o **Weather Forecast and/or other significant factors**

Contact will be made with parents at the earliest possible opportunity using the following methods:

- **Text message service** – keep your mobile numbers up to date, please.
- **BBC** - Radio Ulster and BBC NI website.
- **School phone** - a message will be put on the school phone, if possible.
- **Killowen Twitter feed** : @killowentweets Make sure you follow school.

### **PEACE PROMS 2020**

Our P6 & P7 choir joined together with 2,500 other singers from across the country to deliver one of the most successful Peace Proms staged at the SSE Arena in Belfast. The children had a never-to-be-forgotten experience as they performed along with a 100-piece orchestra. Thanks to the teachers for giving up their Sunday and to all the families who supported the boys and girls. *Check out Twitter for much more of this event!*

### **SHARED EDUCATION**

Primary 7 pupils continue their programme of Shared Education with Miss Lawthers' class preparing for the Celebration Event and Mr Morgan's class now engaging with HEPS pupils, facilitated by CRIS, in the 'Knowing Me, Knowing You' programme.

### **BOYS' HOCKEY**

The boys' hockey team competed enthusiastically in the second round of matches for the Lisburn league on Tuesday. Every boy has made super progress, and everyone was delighted when Jay scored his amazing solo goal after running through the entire defence. The team are looking forward to the final round of matches later this month.

### **GIRLS' HOCKEY**

The girls had their 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Lisburn Primary Schools' Hockey at the Sportszone. They showed great determination and skill in all matches, culminating in an excellent 3-1 victory over local rivals-Ballymacash. Well done to Lauryn, Hannah, Beth, Rebecca, Chelsea, Samara, Naomi and Lucie.



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