



Dear Boys and Girls, Mums and Dads.

We were delighted to be able to honour our service personnel on Wednesday 11th November. Despite the weather conditions, all the children were able to lay their pebbles in the shape of a poppy and then we met as a whole school, outside in the playground, to stand together in silence at 11am. It really was a moving tribute by the boys and girls to those in our own community and across the globe.



Special thanks to Mark Smyth for piping the children in and out of class –it was great to see lots of marching and saluting being practised. We also had a team from P7 Mr Morgan, who were working away in the background doing lots of prep work and making the stunning poppy flowers. Well done to our creative director Mrs Broadhurst and to Mrs Houston for all the assistance they gave in making this another special day at Killowen PS. It has gone down a treat on social media!



TORCHIE'S ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week Killowen will be participating in NI Anti-Bullying Week with the theme of **'United Against Bullying'**.

- ✚ **REMEMBER** 'Odd Socks Monday'**. Pupils should come to school wearing their uniform but with two odd socks on. This is to show that we are all different and unique.
- ✚ On Friday 20th November, we are also going to have our Non Uniform and Cinema Day which had been put on hold from October. The PTA will be providing goodies and the aim of the day is to show class unity.



TORCHIE'S COVID UPDATE – KEEPING UP THE GOOD SPACING

- ✚ As a school we have maintained our protocols and strict measures according to the guidance directed by PHA and DE to ensure the safety of pupils, staff, parents and the wider community here in Lisburn. To all the adults, whether it be a parent, grandparent or childminder, we are grateful for those that are wearing a mask and to those that are helping keep everyone safe by social distancing.
- ✚ We must ask that all adults leave the area around the school gates as soon as they drop children off as the next of group of parents and children will be arriving as part of our staggered start and finish times.
- ✚ We must also ask that whilst waiting in the morning, outside the school gates and in the afternoons for pick-ups, that all adults remember to **keep at least 2m apart** and give space to the year groups in order of collection times. Please continue to be sensible, responsible and to play your part in mitigating risk by **INCREASING SEGREGATION and DECREASING INTERACTION**.



TORCHIE'S CARE & WELFARE INFORMATION

- ✚ **NUT FREE ZONE.** Please continue to respect this request and we trust that you will give it your co-operation.
- ✚ **IMAGINE IF Counselling Service.** Parents are able to make a referral through the following link: <https://imagineif.org.uk/primary-schools> and the helpline number is 02891820341. There is an increased demand so a waiting list is in place.
- ✚ **DOG OWNERS.** Thank you to all the responsible dog owners for not bringing their dogs in through the school gates and for maintaining children's safety.



TORCHIE'S TECH ZONE

- ✚ **PHOTOGRAPH & FOOTAGE PERMISSION**
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM. WE NEED PERMISSION SO WE CAN FULLY CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

There will also be a reminder and link, through Google Classroom on Monday 16th.

The Photograph & Footage Permission form can be accessed by clicking the link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DXly_F_lbj0V09iveHrJ89yjeWy2qqQwnXI4jo7K7bM/edit?usp=sharing



TORCHIE'S SCHOOL MEALS – EA CATERING SERVICE

Menu for week beginning Monday 16th November

Mon...Chicken Goujons & Diced Potato

Tues...Cheese Roll

Wed...Spaghetti Bolognese

Thurs...Ham Sandwich

Fri...Hotdog & Chip



TORCHIE'S NEWS

- ✚ As we move into the winter months, we are still working hard to keep the school grounds alive and healthy alongside making preparations for the coming of Spring. The P7 Buddies are still managing the array of jobs and have just received some supplies of compost and an array of seeds. One of our parents, Mr Close, has kindly sourced these items and we wish to thank him and also the generosity of Hillmount Garden Centre for supporting our children and the school.



