

**Parent Information Sheet**  
Friday 11th January 2019

**House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS for this week are...**

**Eagles - 118 points          Hawks - 113 points          Owls - 101 points          Falcons - 108 points**

Well done Eagles. You have done really well this week!

**School Photographs – MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

*P1 and P3 should come to school in their school uniform on Monday*

*(PE kits should be brought with them not worn as in other weeks).*

Don't forget that the individual and family photographs will be taken this Monday morning. **If you would like your child's school photograph taken, the form should must be returned. The photographer will not take a photograph unless parental permission is given.** If, when the proof arrives, you are not happy with the photograph, there is no obligation to buy.

**Uniform Sale**

The Nearly New Uniform Shop will be available in the hall again on Monday morning and afternoon if you would like to pop in and have a look. The shop works on an honesty box system though a suggested price list is provided.

**P1 Admissions - IMPORTANT CHANGES!!!**

If you are a parent of a child due to start P1 in September 2019 then it is important that you know that the application this year is now OPEN and has moved to a **Digital Admissions** process. The online application process opened on **Wednesday 2nd January and will close at midnight on 31st January**. There will be a further week (up to the 8th January) for any additional verification documents to be presented to your first preference school.

We also sent out reminders that, even if you already have a child attending Glencaig, it is vitally important to include on your online application form the religious category which you want your child's form to be considered under. If this information is NOT on the form your application will not be considered until after ALL other applications that have included all the necessary information have been considered.

**Open Mornings - This Wednesday & Thursday**

We will be holding two **Open Mornings on Wednesday 1 & Thursday of this week at 11.00am** when I will be able to talk you through the process in more detail. There will also be an Admissions HUB on the Education Authority website that I would highly recommend you visit. ([www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk))

**Assembly**

This week our assembly focussed on charity. Mrs McKirgan spoke to the children about the importance of supporting charities whether that be through a donation of money, time or other resources such as skills. She also talked to the children about the social responsibility aspect of charitable work and also the positive impact on our own health and wellbeing through thinking about and helping others.

We were also joined by two representatives from The Meningitis Research Foundation who came to talk to the children about their work. Sinead from MRF also wanted to thank the school for the money they raised when Mrs Harte ran the Belfast Marathon last year. She gave the children some information on how that money will be used to support the range of work that MRF are involved in such as research into new vaccinations, supporting those recovering from meningitis and developing apps to support health programmes in Africa where meningitis is much more prevalent. Together with the support of fundraisers they hope to have a meningitis free world by 2030!

**Parent Consultation**

On Monday you will receive information about a forthcoming Parent Consultation. The consultation is just part of the self evaluative work we do here in school and we would really encourage every family to take part. The consultation is available on line and you will receive the link to the Survey Monkey site in the information going home on Monday. The survey covers a broad spectrum of areas related to school and we would love to get as many responses as possible so that the information we have is as representative as possible of the whole parent body. Whilst we try hard to provide the best possible service we appreciate that we are far from perfect. We would like to know what you feel we are doing right as well as what you would like to see improved.

The consultation will be open from Monday 14th January through to 28th January. It should take around 15/20 minutes and we would ask that one survey per family be completed. Thank You!.

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

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>OPUS School Photographs</b>
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>P7 Transfer Interviews</b>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Family Culture Event</b>
<b>Week Beg. 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Integrated Education Week</b>
<b>Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>KS2 Production of “OINK!”</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St. Patrick’s Day holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)</b>
<b>Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>P6 Trip to Ganaway</b>
<b>Week Beg. 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>Week. Beg. 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Book Week</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>