

**Parent Information Sheet**  
Friday 1st March 2019

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

Eagles - 53 points

Hawks - 52 points

**Owls - 60 points**

Falcons - 54 points

Well done Owls! You have done it this week.

**Internet Safety**

As most of you will be aware, this week brought the latest online safety scare in the form of Momo. In response to the alarm this has caused some of our pupils and indeed parents, we have been providing online safety sessions in school, talking to classes, groups and individual children as needed and have also put together information for parents which we hope will support you in keeping your children safe online.

Mrs McChesney has uploaded a help sheet with useful information and links that will take you to additional sources of information and support. Please take the time to look at read the help sheet and visit some of the suggested websites. These can be accessed via our website or alternatively click on the link below. You will be directed to the updated online safety page with guidance on Grand Theft Auto, Minecraft, YouTube, Whats App, Yubo, Age restrictions, conversation starters, Online streaming etc...

<http://www.glencraigips.co.uk/pupils/internet-safety>

**Peace Proms**

Congratulations to everyone who took part in Peace Proms last Sunday evening. It really was a brilliant show and a fantastic experience for all the children and staff involved. There is something very uplifting about singing along with a choir of 4000 other voices and a full orchestra. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the event. I hope that you enjoyed the concert every bit as much as we all did.

**Integrated Education Week**

Next week is Integrated Education Week and our theme for this year is languages. Building on the success of last year's Culture Day, each class will look at a language around the world learning some basic conversational words and phrases. The children will also take part in workshops on the use of sign language and braille delivered by local charities. Finally, we are planning to make a display using words from all around the world and we would love to get our hands on some books published in different languages. If you happen to have any lying around and would be happy for us to borrow them, it would be very much appreciated.

**Key Stage 2 Concert - OINK!!**

Order forms for tickets for our Key Stage 2 concert "OINK!" went home on Thursday. Initially tickets will be restricted to two per family but any remaining tickets will go on sale from Wednesday 6th March from the office.

The show will be staged on **Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th of March at 7.00pm. There will be a performance in school for the P1-4 classes and pre-school children.** The evening performances are really for the mums, dads, grandparents and other friends and family to enjoy.

**The children in ALL classes will go home at 2.00pm on both the 13th & 14th** to give the children in KS2 a bit of a rest as they will be very tired!! Luckily we are also off on St. Patrick's Day on 18th March which will also give the staff a rest too as a lot of extra work goes into a production such as this. Hopefully you will enjoy the product of all that work!

**Staff changes**

Governors met this week to begin the process of recruiting a new Vice Principal. The post will be advertised in the coming weeks with a view to the successful candidate taking up post in September.

As you know Mr Spillane will be leaving us at Easter. Mrs Brennan will be covering the P7 class from Easter until the end of term and Mrs Harte will teach P1 full time from Easter to the end of June.

Mrs Brennan is no stranger to P7 as she started her teaching career here in Glencraig teaching P6 & P7 classes alongside Mr Beattie for two years.

In September Mrs McChesney will be moving to P7 along with the current P6 class, so that they will be "hitting the road running" so to speak in September when much of the focus for the first term will be on preparation for the common entrance examinations - a process that Mrs McChesney starts in P6.

We look forward to letting you know who will be taking up the post of VP once the recruitment and selection process is complete.

### **Sporty Friday!**

Today we had two groups of children out at sporting fixtures. Our hockey teams were off to the Hockey Blitz at Londonderry Park accompanied by Mrs Brennan. The event is organised by the Ards and North Down Council and will be attended by teams from most of the local primary schools. Our footballers were also out today taking part in the annual Priory Cup event at Eddie Irvine complex. This competition is run really well by Priory Integrated College and has grown year on year with a super turnout of local schools and now includes a girls competition alongside the boys. The children will be accompanied by Mr Spillane and Mr Hall

### **Plans for Comic Relief - Friday 15th March**

The Pupil Council met this week to finalise plans for their fundraising activities to support Comic Relief later this month.

### **Advance Notice**

The school will be closed on Thursday 2nd May for Council Elections.

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

**Week Beg. 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Friday 15th March**

**Monday 18th March**

**Wed. 3rd - Fri. 5th April**

**Week Beg. 8th April**

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**Friday 12th April**

**Integrated Education Week**

**KS2 Production of "OINK!"**

**Red Nose Day**

**St. Patrick's Day holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

**P6 Trip to Ganaway**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Book Week**

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS**