

Parent Information Sheet
Friday 8th March 2019

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

This week's House Points will be added to next week's total.



Integrated Education Week

It has been a hive of activity in classrooms this week not only because of all the final preparations for our Key Stage 2 concert but because this week is the start of Integrated Education Month and we were exploring some of the languages connected to our school community. Thanks to the help of parents, staff and pupils we had our P7s singing in Irish; our P6s trying out some Russian; P5s conversing in Spanish; P4s impressing each other with Japanese; P3s learning some French; our P2s were discovering phrases and sayings from Ulster Scots and our P1s were learning Makaton.. The children have also been

contributing to a beautiful wall display celebrating the diversity of language which will be mounted in the hall for next week's performances. The staff and children came together in two great assemblies this week to show off their new language skills and if you check out the website you will be able to enjoy some clips of the children filmed by Mr Spillane.

It was also great to welcome to our school Laura, Hazel & Una from the RNIB who introduced the children in KS1 to Braille, which for the blind or visually impaired is the "written" language that allows them to access the joy of literature as well as everyday written communication. Thank you to everyone who sent in a book from home written in a different language which we have displayed in the foyer.

It has been a great week reminding us all of the diversity within our own school community and how much we can learn from one and other!!

Key Stage 2 Concert - OINK!!

Tickets for next week's show "Blast Off!" went on general sale on Wednesday. There are still a few tickets left for both nights. The show promises to be great fun and the children are just the right mix of nervous and excited at the prospect of having an adult audience in the hall. The performances will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm approximately. **Children taking part should arrive back at school no earlier than 6.00pm.**



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!

COMIC RELIEF

The big day is next Friday 15th March and our Pupil Council have organised a sponsored walk for everyone to take part in, Sponsor Forms will be coming home today (one per family) and we would really appreciate you giving a big push to raise as much as possible for a very worthy cause. Children may also come to school on Friday in anything red.



Sacraments

The children in P3 have been preparing for their First Confession Ceremony next week. The service will take place at St. Colmcille's at 12.30pm on Tuesday 12th March.

PTA News

PTA wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Valentine Cake sale arising a super £538.70. Here's what coming up over the rest of the year...

- The PTA will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Spring Hampers filled with lots of goodies at each of the two evening performances of OINK! Next week.
- The children's Spring Discos are booked for Wednesday 27th March and ticket will go on sale during the week leading up to the disco. More details to follow and volunteer job list will be available closer to the time.
- Then for the mums and dads the PTA will be running a Table Quiz at Helen's Bay Golf Club on Friday 17th May. This is always a great evenings craic so why not get your team organised and put the date in your diaries now?!
- The final date for your diary is Friday 7th June when the PTA will be holding their annual Family Summer Event. Details of this will follow in due course but it is always good to get the date pencilled in!
- Next PTA meeting is Monday 8th April at 9.00am in the HUB - why not come along!

School Uniform

After Easter, in addition to our online uniform shop, parents will have the convenience of being able to buy our uniform from a new customer retail unit in front of the Signature Works facility in Balloo. This might prove very handy for those emergency purchases. Plus a percentage of the cost will still go to our PTA unlike other retail outlets.

Advance Notice

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

Dates to put in your diary...**Week Beg. 4th March****Wed. 13th & Thurs 14th Mar****Friday 15th March****Monday 18th March****Wednesday 27th March****Wed. 3rd - Fri. 5th April****Week Beg. 8th April****Week. Beg. 8th April****Friday 12th April****Integrated Education Week****KS2 Production of "OINK!"****Red Nose Day****St. Patrick's Day holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)****PTA Discos****P6 Trip to Ganaway****Parent Teacher Interviews****Book Week****SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS**