



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

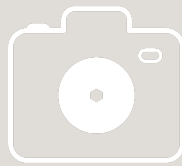
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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mrs McLaughlin & Mrs Wilson



Dates for your Diary



Half-Term Holiday

School will be closed for half-term on Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 and Friday 17 February. School will reopen on Monday 20 February at the normal time. We hope all our pupils and staff have a restful holiday.

PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Wednesday 22 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. We would love to have a representative present from each year group. Please think about giving up an hour of your time to meet other parents, and help raise money for your child's school!

FIRST AID APPS

Several weeks ago, the P7 pupils had basic First Aid sessions with a volunteer from the Red Cross. He recommended First Aid apps which you can download and have on your phone. These might be a useful addition to your phone or tablet!



First aid by British Red Cross



Baby and child first aid by British Red Cross



LAST
WEEK'S
STAR
PUPILS

P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7



Accelerated Reader News

January has been a fantastic month for Accelerated Reader.

We have seen 10 new members of our exclusive Millionaire's Club. First to read one million words were Noah Triguero Bonnot and Artur Watson of P6. They were soon joined by James Hall - our very first P4 millionaire! What an amazing achievement at such a young age! Next to join the club were Anna Williams of P7 and Cormac Simms of P6. At the end of the month we had 3 new P5 millionaires - Owen Cheung, Daniel McAllister and Aradhya Jain. The last to reach the milestone this month was P7's Rory Wasson.

Well done to everyone for your dedication! They have been rewarded with a book token from our local bookstore. I wonder how many millionaires we will have in February? Well done to all the pupils in P4-P7 who have been working super hard to read books and complete quizzes throughout the month!





VALUE OF THE MONTH

**OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY IS
FRIENDSHIP.**

**FRIENDSHIP IS EXPLORED ALL THE TIME IN
SCHOOL.**

**CHILDREN ARE AT THEIR HAPPIEST AND MOST
CONFIDENT WHEN AMONGST FRIENDS.**

**SO, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THEY
UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GOOD
FRIEND.**

THIS MONTH'S REFLECTION POINTS:

- **FRIENDSHIP IS CARING FOR EACH OTHER**
- **FRIENDSHIP IS SHARING IDEAS**
- **FRIENDSHIP IS RESPECTING EACH OTHER**
- **FRIENDSHIP IS HAVING FUN**



GIRLS' HOCKEY REPORT



Congratulations to the girls' hockey teams who took part in a hockey blitz last week at Strathearn Grammar School. They played eleven matches, winning seven, drawing two and losing two. These were fantastic results, after only one training session! Stranmillis scored eighteen goals, with Rachael Kirkpatrick scoring six, Cora Magee five, Gabby Curran three, Mia Scannell three and Ava Carson one. The girls defended well, and their tackling skills were immense! Congratulations to all the pupils involved.



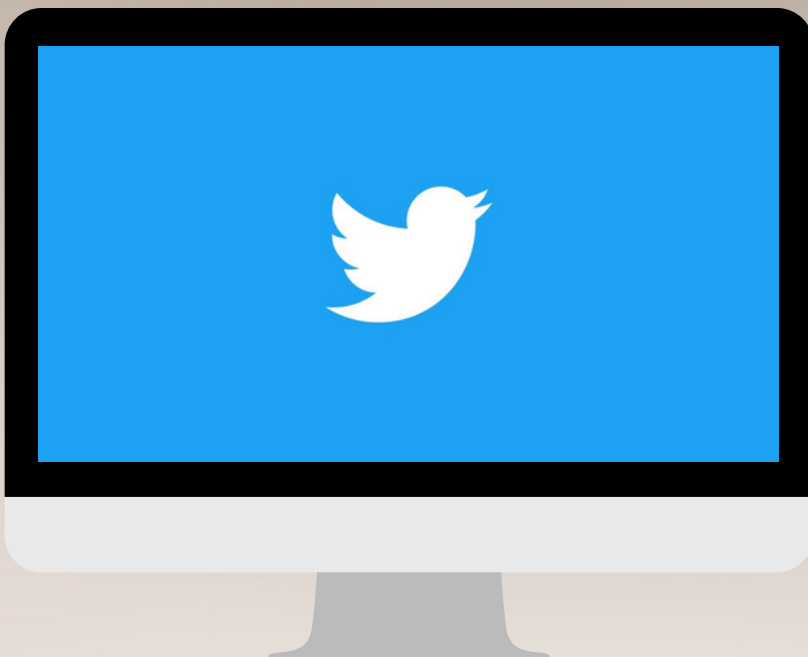


Yesterday, all our pupils enjoyed an assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year. We were treated to wonderful dancing and music by our friends at the Confucius Institute for Northern Ireland at Ulster University. All the classes also had an art workshop. Thank you to our visitors for giving us all a great day!





Tuesday 7 February 2023 is Safer Internet Day. Our focus this week is on Children's Mental Health Week, so we are going to wait and highlight e-safety next Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 February. In the meantime, why not download the Safer Schools NI app? You can find details on our school website under the Parents section.



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You will be aware of the recent media attention regarding the freezing of recruitment of School Crossing Patrols across Northern Ireland: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-64501641> with schools encouraged to share road safety advice with pupils and parents.

To that end, we wanted to share with you the recently produced road safety guides for parents (of children 0-7 years & 8-11 years) which are now both available to download on NI Direct – in English and Irish at:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/parents-guide-road-safety>.

We would once again ask our parents to please show consideration when parking near the school, in particular, by not parking on corners or on double yellow lines.

**DON'T
PARK
HERE!**



Chess Events 2022/2023

February 11th Children's Chess 12:30 – 5:00

March 11th Children's Chess 12:30 – 5:00

April 1st Children's Chess 12:30 – 5:00

May 13th UK Chess Challenge 9:45 – 5:00

June GrandPrix prize giving

August Chess Summer School

Children's Chess February 11th

12:30 pm to 5:00pm

The Methodist College, Belfast

**The afternoon will consist of
a tournament,
a problem solving competition,
informal coaching.**

(packed lunch advisable - no Nuts please)

Entry Fee £5.00

You must register in advance

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Organised by

Ulster Chess Union

(web-site: www.ulsterchess.org)