



Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mrs McLaughlin & Mrs Wilson



Chinese New Year Celebrations

The Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year, fell on Sunday, January 22nd. This year it is the year of the Rabbit.



Mingyuan Chen, who works through the Confucius Institute with the University of Ulster and teaches Mandarin to our P1 and P4 classes, has organised to celebrate diversity and culture and the Chinese New Year with us on Monday 6th February

The children will enjoy a 15-minute performance in the hall and each year group will then take part in a 20-minute workshop activity.

DANGEROUS PARKING ACTION NEEDED!

I am increasingly concerned about the parking around school at drop off and pick up times. I have witnessed people parking on corners, double yellow lines, across driveways and even on the yellow chevrons outside the school gates. I have also seen doors opened on the roadside to allow children in and out of vehicles. All of this creates significant danger for our children!

This parking is compromising our children's safety and will lead to a serious accident if it continues!

We do not have a Crossing Patrol Person and we are encouraging our children to adopt a healthy lifestyle and become independent by walking, scooting or cycling to school. **PLEASE SUPPORT US IN THIS** by walking or cycling to school with your child or, if travelling by car, **PARKING SAFELY.**

PSNI Traffic Branch attended during October and will be in attendance again.

Linda Wilson





Thank you to all the pupils and parents who supported our “Ditch the Dark” and “Bling your Bike” morning last Friday. The response was phenomenal, and the children worked so hard to bling their bikes! They all enjoyed a brioche and a Sustrans gift.

There was a lovely community feel about the event and we hope it helps to reinforce the important message about wearing high visibility clothing when walking, cycling, or scooting to school. We also hope it will prompt our school community to choose an active way of travelling to school.

Thank you and well done to all the pupils who took part!



LAST
WEEK'S
STAR
PUPILS

P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7



Congratulations

Lev and Evgeniya achieved great success at a recent swimming gala in Portadown. Evgeniya came 1st in the backcrawl, freestyle and butterfly strokes and 2nd in breaststroke. Lev came 1st in the backcrawl and 2nd in frontcrawl strokes.



Max was 'Player of the Week' in St Brigid's GAA Club!



The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is Let's Connect. We'll be encouraging our children to explore mental health and the importance of having meaningful connections with family, friends and others through lots of different activities in class.

THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross is an organisation that provides first aid to people around the world in emergencies. The definition of first aid is helping someone until an emergency service arrives. Last week in class, Gary, from the Red Cross, came into school and gave the P7s a session on first aid and how to perform it. He taught us how to check if someone was unresponsive and how to put people in the recovery position. Next, he showed us how to check if someone was breathing or not and then he taught us how to perform CPR. Lastly, he took us through the steps of using a defibrillator.

By Lily Sharma



SALSA DANCING

As part of our PE curriculum, all pupils from Primary 1 - Primary 7 will be having three Salsa dancing lessons on Friday mornings over the next six weeks. These sessions will be delivered by one of our parents, Chris Scullion, who is the founder of Salsa-NI.



Please note that neither the services advertised below nor those providing them, have been checked or verified by the school



the national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am



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the national sleep helpline



Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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