



## Weekly Parent Newsletter: 22

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### REMINDERS

- ✓ School resumes on **Monday 25 February** at 8.50am
- ✓ **Lifesaving Club** - all swimmers should bring pyjamas or t-shirt/tracksuit bottoms for club.
- ✓ **P6 Parent Meeting** with Mrs Wilson, Mrs Matthews & Mrs Smith re preparation for Transfer in 2019 will be held on **Wednesday 3 April** 2-3pm in P6 class.
- ✓ Order forms for class photographs have been sent home in bags today. Please complete and return forms by **Tuesday 26 February**. Alternatively, order online using the unique code. Orders received in school after this date will have to pay delivery charges.



Preps 4, 5, 6 and 7 were delighted to be in the audience for a fabulous dress rehearsal of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in our own Sullivan Drama Theatre on Tuesday. Everyone was amazed to see the talents on display and we all thoroughly enjoyed the familiar story which was wonderfully brought to life by the Junior Drama Group. Very many thanks to Mrs Trainor, Ms Bowman and the Senior School staff for allowing us to have this inspirational experience in our own school grounds. It was greatly appreciated.



Thanks to Mrs Armstrong once again as **Prep 5** had the privilege of visiting Clondeboye House on Monday. The pupils (and accompanying parents and grandparents) all loved the very special visit and the opportunity to see some of the unique treasures that Lord Dufferin brought back from his travels. The Bear Garden and the Bee Man were also a huge success...please ask a Prep 5 pupil to tell you more!

Week 3 of Forest School was a great success. Prep 7 measured the age and height of trees using their hands and string, built dens with canvas and listened to the natural and man-made sounds in the forest. Photos are now available online.



Many thanks to Rachel, Carl and Aisling from SU who have been very welcome visitors in **Prep 5** over the last 3 weeks. We have really enjoyed their lessons and their interaction.

## PE REMINDERS

### Athletics:

Well done to the team of 10 P7s who attended last Friday's Sports Hall Athletics event. It was a busy day which saw our boys' relay team reach the finals and some fantastic performances from everyone in the sprints, chest push, standing long jump and speed bounce. Particular congratulations to our four distance runners: Marlina, Harry, Monica & Sophie who completed an exhausting 6 lap race! We had a super day out competing against 18 other schools from Ards & North Down. The results should arrive in over half term so watch this space!



**P4 Swimming** sessions finished on Monday with a fun team gala! Everyone competed well as part of their team and enjoyed the different races. P4 will now have a PE lesson in place of swimming on a Monday. Thanks to the P7 Swimming helpers who volunteered to help with swimming each week.

**P3 Swimming:** this starts on Wednesday 6th March. Please ensure that you have checked your child's feet for any signs of a verruca. Please also remember that swimsuits/trunks should be predominately black in colour and girls must wear swim caps. These can be purchased from Mrs Dempster. We are looking forward to getting started with our water confidence skills with help from our P7 Swimming helpers.

**P5-7 Swimming** will resume on Monday 25th February.

**Hockey Blitz:** This will take place on Friday 1st March at Londonderry Park. Players will receive a permission slip on Monday 25th Feb; we would ask that parents ensure it is returned promptly.

**Rugby Friendly:** Today we welcome CCB to our back pitches for a Mini Rugby Friendly. We have a P6/7 squad heading out to play and wish them lots of luck in their matches. Many thanks to Mr Kelly & Mr Cave for taking the team.



There were lots of Valentine's cards being made in **Prep 1** on Thursday! We enjoyed learning all about St Valentine's Day traditions and there were even some valentines being exchanged in class. We talked about the people we love and shared the things that make us happy.

**Prep 4** are continuing to learn about 'Life in the Recent Past' and we welcomed more grandparents into our classroom this week to tell us about how life was different when they were growing up. The children asked many questions to help them research about the past and we all loved hearing about our visitors' experiences, as they were so different from ours today.

Thank you to Isla B's grandmother, Annie and Archie's family friend Vera and Caoilinn's grandmother and grandfather for sharing their interesting lives with us.

