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REMINDERS

- We appear to have cases of headlice in a number of classes throughout the school so we would ask that you take an opportunity this weekend to check your own child's/children's hair, please.

PE Reminders

Football - Well done to this week's Football Team who won 2-0 against West Winds PS. Player of the day will be awarded this afternoon.

Swimming - Some of our P7 pupils have volunteered to assist with P3/4 swimming starting from next week. They will accompany the class to swimming on a Monday morning and will help pupils in the water with a variety of tasks.

Badminton - Our programme with Ulster Badminton has been extended and will continue on a Friday afternoon with P5/6. This is a free programme and the pupils are really enjoying the expert coaching on offer through this opportunity.

Netball Club - P3/4 Netball Club has had a great start, with all the players working really hard to improve their throwing and catching skills.



Shoelace Challenge - Well done to all the P3 pupils who completed their shoelace challenge in the past week.



Prep 4 Trip - Castleward

Prep 4 had a wonderful, informative day at Castleward last week being Evacuees for the day. We helped Polly in the kitchen, Agnes plant broad beans and the housekeeper pack the evacuee suitcase.

Thank you Castleward and thank you to the parents who enjoyed this day with us.



Children's Mental Health Week is run by children's mental health charity, Place2Be to focus on the importance of looking after our emotional wellbeing from an early age. This year's theme is 'Find your Brave'. Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. Finding your brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

We're proud to be supporting Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week (3-9 February). Join us and help to shine a light on the importance of children and young people's mental health. On Monday 3rd February, your child's class teacher will give your child a "Find your Brave" template. We are asking your children to think and talk about a time when they have demonstrated bravery and to reflect this through the words they write or the drawing they create on the template. Please bring your completed drawings to school on Friday 7th February with a suggested £1 donation for the Place2Be charity and we will be sharing how we have 'found our brave' in class!



Prep 6 - Viking Visitors Prep 6 had some Viking Warriors visit their classroom on Tuesday! Viking Raglan and his friends brought our topic to life. Apologies to the other classes for the outcry coming from the Prep 6 room! We travelled back in time to over a 1000 years ago and looked at how the Vikings lived. We had opportunities to make sparks using only flint; grind wheat into flour using a quern stone;



and translate notes that were written in runes, among other activities. After lunch we made spears and went off on a raid! But, first came the important "sword training" in the playground. Everyone discovered how tricky it was to protect oneself when in battle, through the various defending positions!

What a fantastic day we had. Thanks go to the "Active Learning Company".

Pinstripe Suits Needed / To Fit P7 Girls! (Jackets without trousers will also be gratefully received). As we are preparing for our end of term concert, we would be delighted if anyone knew of any such suits lurking unloved and waiting for a stage appearance in KS2's selection of Buggy Malone's songs.



A very kind parent is willing to 'tailor' for us so do not worry if you think they may not be an exact fit.

Very many thanks in anticipation of any possible contributions.

SUPPA

Ball ticket payments and bookings received after 31st Jan will be at £60. Payments credited after this date @ £50 will be contacted for full amount. Thank you for your understanding in advance.

Tickets are selling fast. To book, please fill out the return envelope provided with either cash or cheque or pay online, details on invitation. Envelopes are also available from the school office. Please contact for any further info.

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SGM - 1:50 on Friday 7th February 2020 at Dromkeen House to finalise registration for the Charity Commission.



Prep 7 start the P4C Programme

Led by two students from Queen's University Belfast, Prep 7 began a series of sessions on Philosophy this week. Philosophy for Children (P4C) puts into practice pupils coming together to "philosophize" - to create questions, identify inconsistencies and to discuss with others on topics which they disagree upon. This week, the pupils generated questions and answers based on 'We should Never Lie', 'We Should Always Follow Rules' and 'We Shouldn't Always Help Others'.

Forest School

We are delighted that Prep 7 pupils have been invited back to Mount Stewart again this year to participate in Forest School. This week, the pupils were lopping invasive plant species, creating Mandala art with natural materials and developing their understanding of camouflage in the wild. Thanks to parents for ensuring our woodland explorers were well equipped for the "fresh" January air! Photos are now online in the Prep 7 gallery of our school website.

