



## Weekly Parent Newsletter: 21

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### REMINDERS

We return on **Monday 19 February** after the Half Term break and **ALL pupils will require a packed lunch** as the Silver Robin is closed due to an Exceptional Closure Day in the Senior School.

There is **NO Lifesaving Club** on Monday 19 Feb - please ensure therefore your child is collected at 3pm as normal.

We have been notified that the **After School Club** Annual Inspection period will take place any day **between 27 February and 19 March**. We wish to give you advance notice that the Club will be **unable** to accommodate any additional children during this time and in particular the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews on the 6 & 8 March (even up to 2pm).

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we cannot be in the position of being over our numbers.

Please read attached information leaflet from St Patrick about upcoming Sacramental preparation meetings.

School Council Art competition, please see attached information.

As part of their Materials topic, **Prep 5** had a very informative and enjoyable trip to the Lisburn Linen Museum last week. Here was some of their extremely positive feedback...

"We learnt that they used to dye clothes with onion skins, flowers and many other things!!"

"I enjoyed seeing James spinning and singing while looking for love..." - he was displaying the colour RED on top of his wheel.

"Now I know where the phrase 'spinning a yarn' comes from."

"I loved making the mobiles and seeing the paper cutting that Hans Christian Andersen did!"

They were also shocked to learn about the possible connection of beetle shells with their pink marshmallows and the origin of the Walker surname! (Please ask a Prep 5 pupil for more details!)

Many thanks to Amy from the Museum who had put so much preparation into our tailor-made visit and, once again, thank you so much to the mums who helped with supervision - it was greatly appreciated.



## PE REMINDERS

**Monday 19 February:** is our annual Netball Tournament 10am-3pm in the Senior School Sports Hall. Those involved should wear the correct PE kit to school. Pick up will be 3.15pm at Loughhead House. All players should bring buns to contribute to a charity bun sale. As a result, there will be **NO** PE for classes P1-P7 and no Lifesaving Club on this date.

**Tuesday 20 Feb** - swimming will resume for P5-7

**Wednesday 21 Feb** - P3s start swimming.

Sportshall Athletics - 20 P7 pupils enjoyed a day out at Bangor Aurora yesterday. They took part in a range of team and individual events, competing against other Ards & North Down schools.



This morning Prep 1 retold the story of Noah's Ark in our whole school assembly. Each child told a part of this Bible story and showed their beautiful artwork inspired by what they had learnt. Well done, Prep 1. Mrs Callen is very proud of you!



Well done to Adrina from Prep 1 who won the Teddy Bear! Thank you to SUPPA for organising this fundraising event.



Prep 4 are studying 'Life in the Recent Past' and we had a very enjoyable afternoon chatting to Mrs McKeag, Harley's granny. Mrs McKeag told us about when she was a little girl and demonstrated knitting and stitching. Prep 4 danced to 'Rock Around the Clock' and Mrs McKeag loved it and joined in! Mrs McKeag even brought enough felt for us all to sew our own little bag which we will begin soon. It was such a lovely Friday afternoon - thank you very much, Mrs McKeag.

We were delighted to bring our pupils from Prep 4, 5, 6 and 7 to the Drama Theatre on Tuesday afternoon for a wonderful performance of The Wizard of Oz.

Many thanks to Mrs Trainor and her talented team for producing such an excellent version. We really enjoyed seeing Years 8, 9 & 10 perform and it was even better to have it on site - no buses required!



What an unexpected end to the day for Joshua M and P5 on Thursday when Ulster Rugby player Craig Gilroy visited to give Joshua a thank you message on a very special rugby ball! He came to say "Thanks" to Joshua for a Get Well card after his match injury and also to pay tribute to Joshua's mum's nursing care which had helped him on his road to recovery. We were delighted to welcome Craig to the class. We had many impromptu questions for him and, of course, our Sullivan three cheers for our very welcome visitor!

