

Weekly News

Friday 28th January



Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting

On Friday afternoon the school held a small tree planting ceremony to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. We would like to pass on our thanks to local councillor John McAuley who provided the tree and also to Chris who came along to help us plant it! We were pleased to welcome local politicians Ian Paisley and Mervyn Storey along with councillor John McAuley to the ceremony.



Lateness

It is extremely important that pupils arrive at school every day in time for the start of class at 8.55am. When your child is late they miss the settling in period before class begins as well as the attendance register and meals list. Unfortunately, late arrivals do have a negative impact on not only the child who arrives late but also the rest of the class who have settled into the start of their day.

Lateness has become noticeably worse this year and we ask that parents/carers do their best to ensure children are arriving at school **before** the start of class bell rings at 8.55am. Children arriving after the bell are recorded on the system as late and these figures are passed on to the Department of Education and in some cases to the Education Welfare Officer.

Parents/carers are reminded that all late arrivals need to be signed in at the school office by an adult.

Absence

Attendance is recorded daily at school for morning and afternoon sessions. If your child is absent for any reason you must send a note in writing to school. This can either be through Seesaw (to Kathy in the office or the class teacher) or a hand written note. Where we do not receive an explanation of absence it is recorded on the system as unexplained. The Department of Education gather official absence figures every month from all schools in NI so it is important that if you are contacted by the school office for an absence explanation that you provide one.

Persistent absences are required to be passed on to the Education welfare officer.

School Council

The school council met to suggest improvements to school meals which have now been agreed with school kitchens. They have had many ideas on how to improve outdoor play which will be discussed further!

Eco Council

Eco council will meet next week to discuss how to maintain our green flag. Their main focus will be litter and recycling.

School Value for February

Our school value for February will be Empathy.

Armoyle Rocks!

Every pupil will be taking part in a project called Armoyle Rocks. Please send a small stone to school for your child to take part.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will take place from Monday 7th until Friday 11th February and all pupils will finish school at 1pm for the entire week. **After school clubs** that were due to take place this week will take place week beginning 21st February instead. Please keep a note of this change.

September 2022 P1 Intake

The P1 Admissions portal will remain open until 12 noon Friday 4th February.

Post Primary Application Portal

The P7 portal for Post primary will open on the 1st February 2022. If you need any help with your child's application please contact Mrs Steele.

Upcoming School Closures

Half term break: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February .

Public holiday-St Patrick's Day: Thursday 17th March

Easter holidays: Monday 11th to Friday 22nd April.

Advance notice of Election Day Closure—Thursday 5th May

