

# Weekly News

## Friday 4th March



### World Book Day

All our pupils had a great World Book Day on Thursday and we loved seeing them, as well as staff, dressed up as their favourite book characters or in their pyjamas! They took part in book swaps, discussions and activities within their classes.



**Grace Dobbin P5 — our first AR Word Millionaire of 2021/2022! Well done Grace**



### School Value Awards

Empathy award winners this month were:

P1/2 Emily Simpson & Jacob Christie

P3/4 Molly Moore & Sarah Jamison

P5/6 Brandon Kennedy

P6/7 Sam McNeill & Ciara Cassley

**Our school value for March is Respect.**

### Health and Wellness

On Monday we will be holding a health and wellness event for P3-P7 when Resilient Rhythms will be coming to school to hold workshops, free of charge for pupils.

### Forest School NI

This week our p3/4 pupils enjoyed a session in our own school grounds with Pam from NI Forest Schools Association. Among other things they made bird feeders for our outdoors area. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time in Forest School!



### Term 2 Clubs

Our children are showing so much enthusiasm for after school clubs this year and we are pleased that yet again this term, thanks to our wonderful staff, that we have 3 great clubs on the go with numbers at maximum subscription! The pupils have been enjoying these and we are sure you have loved seeing photos that have been shared on Seesaw and Facebook!

### Comic Relief Day & Ukraine Crisis

We will be fundraising for comic relief in school this year on **Friday 18th March** and will have a limited number of red noses for the children to buy! The school council will be organizing a bun sale for each class and we will be in touch with more details closer to the time.

A part of our proceeds raised from the bun sale will be donated to aid the crisis in **Ukraine**. Please see the notice below which gives advice on the best approach on how to talk to children about war. This can also be found on Parent Line NI's Facebook page.

Talking to your child about scary world news

What you can do to minimise the negative impact it has on your child:

- Check in with yourself, are you managing your own anxiety first? Children pick up on our feelings more than we realise.
- Reassure your child they are safe and secure.
- Have open, honest conversations at home and provide a safe space for their questions.
- Recognise and let them know it's OK and perfectly normal to feel sad, worried or angry about awful things happening in the world.
- Limit exposure to news and social media coverage as this can have a negative impact and become overwhelming.
- Do things and remind your child of times that make them feel happy.

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0800 8020 400  
We're here if you need us.

### Eco Club

Eco club met again on Friday to discuss ideas on how to maintain our Green Flag. One way that you can help them is by donating clothes/shoes towards our **cash for clobber collection!** We will be able to take in your donations until Wednesday 9th March at 9am. If you have any unwanted clothing or shoes we will be glad to have them dropped off into school. Thank you to those who have already donated!

### Upcoming School Closures

**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**