

Weekly News

Friday 25th March



Fundraising—Comic relief & Ukraine Crisis

Thank you to everyone who provided buns for our sale last Friday. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and support. The bun sale went amazingly well—so much so that we almost sold out!

We raised £600 in total on the day and we will divide this with £200 going to Comic Relief (pupil's bun sale & red nose sales) and £400 to UNICEF's Ukraine Appeal (PTA bun sale).

A **BIG** thank you to our PTA and School Council for organizing the events on the day and to parents Ruth McNeill and Marjorie Moore for setting up and organizing the buns for the sale!



Welcome back Mrs. Leeke

We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Leeke back to school on Monday at the end of her maternity leave, it is great to see her back!

Thank you Mr. McKane

Mr. McKane has moved back to P5/6 and although P1/2 will miss him the P5/6 class were very excited to have him back with them! Thank you Mr. McKane for filling in while Mrs. Leeke was on maternity leave.

Covid

As many of you are aware we have faced a number of pupil absences and staff shortages. These challenges have been widely reported in the media. In the case of a teacher being absent this may mean temporary cover. Please be patient with us while we endeavor to provide work for those children who are isolating but not sick. Due to staffing shortages there has been a disruption to any additional Engage provision.

Living Spaces and Places—National Lottery

Thanks to a lot of behind the scenes team work we have managed to secure a substantial grant which will go towards an eco garden / outdoor classroom and will be used for planting, collecting rain water and as a base for outdoor activities. We can't wait to get this project started and we will keep you up to date as we progress.

NIFAS Talk

On Thursday this week we had a visit from 2 firemen from Ballycastle Fire Station who delivered a Fire Safety talk to the P5, 6 & 7 pupils. They went over all aspects of fire safety awareness in the home and dangers that can be avoided by following safety guidelines.

We have included the following link which you may want to use to book the fire service to come to your home and carry out a home fire safety check:

<https://www.nifrs.org/home/staying-safe/community-safety/home-fire-safety/home-fire-safety/>

Shared Education update

Although getting together for Shared Education was not possible during the lockdown period, staff were still working together remotely and making plans. We are happy to say that Shared Education in the form of a 3 school partnership will be resuming soon between Armoys PS, St. Olcan's PS & Straidbilly PS.

Walk to School Week

Next week we are holding our Walk To School Week. Parents/guardians are required to sign permission for their children to take part so please make sure you do this when dropping off on Monday morning at the Mace at 8.30am leaving to walk to school at 8.40am. Please do not bring bikes/scooters—feet only!

Breakfast club & Ten2 Club booking

Please make sure that your child is booked in for breakfast club on Monday morning for the week ahead as this allows William to set up the hall each evening ready for the next day. Please note that if you make an overpayment it will be refunded at the end of the week—overpayments can't be carried forward unfortunately.

Ten2 club should also be booked on Monday for the week ahead so that Suzanne can prepare activities for each day.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Share Centre—date for the diary!

An information meeting will be held in school at 2.50pm on Wednesday 4th May. For those who are unable to attend due to work commitments information may be sent home on request.

Upcoming School Closures

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

Advance notice of Election Day Closure—Thursday 5th May