



We care

We share

We learn

Parent Information: Monday 20th January 2020

Mon 20 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent & Toddlers 9.15-11am. Everyone welcome RECOBOX outdoor classroom arrives! Y7 Basketball Comp hosted by St Pius X College (10 B & 12 G) Y7 swimming. Gears, goggles, towel & £1 for locker. Parentpay £2.50 pw, £25 for term Y5 & 6 PE (pm) with teachers & Derry GAA 		
Mon A/S	Literacy is Fun (Y4&5) wk 1	Art (Y6 & 7) week 1	Golf (Y4-7) week 1
	Mrs McElroy in Y5 room	Miss Laverty in Y4	Tony in hall (change in Y6)
Tues 21 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Derry Girls' Football & Boys' Hurling Indoor Comp (5 a side) in Meadowbank Assembly & Awards from home 		
Wed 22 nd Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1-3 PE 		
Wed A/S	Music (Y4-7) week 1	Games (Y3 & 4) week 1	
	Mrs Graffin in Y4 room	Mr Hasson in hall (change Y7)	
Thur 23 rd Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese New Year celebration. Wear something red (eg socks, scarf – an accessory) Treat Thursday! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break 		
Thur A/S	Lego (Y2) week 1	Dance (Y6 & 7) week 1	
	Miss McCollum in Y3 room	Miss McNicholl in hall	
Fri 24 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly & Awards Digital Leaders in-class support (Y1 & 6) Y6 & 7: Gaelic Football (pm) with teachers & Paul Brewster 		
Sat 25 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GL results (Y7 pupils) 		
Mon 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Schools' Week Begins 		
Wed 29 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandparents' Afternoon. All visitors welcome from 1.15pm 		
Thur 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration for Y1 Sept 2020 CLOSES online at www.eani.org.uk at 12 noon 		
Fri 31 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 Assembly 9.30am – all family and friends of Y6 very welcome. Over by 10am Y6 St Brigid's Cross Making Workshop with St Mary's GS (in school) 		
Sun 2 nd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge Mass 3 followed by Annual FoNR Coffee Morning in school hall. 		
Important dates for P6&7 pupils & their parents: Open Days for Post Primary Schools			
St Mary's GS Magherafelt	Tuesday 21 st & Wednesday 22 nd January 2020 at 7pm		

- **Y7 Transfer interviews:** Parents of Y7 are preparing to complete Transfer to Post Primary forms. A blank form & letter will be distributed this week with info on arranging an appointment if desired.
- **3rd Online Safety week.** It would be useful to talk to your children about what they learned last week.
- Our **Digital Leaders** have been busy giving in-class support on Fridays. Under the direction of Miss Laverty, they have worked with groups, including using our focus app *Clips*.
- **FoNR** are busy planning their annual Coffee Morning on *Sun 2nd Feb*. We hope this will be another well-supported and enjoyable morning. More information next week as we would like some children to join us for music, song and dance. We are loving our new interactive panels installed in Y6 & 7 last week!
- We are delighted that our new **outdoor classroom** arrived today! Installation of the **Recobox** is well underway and we hope to soon be able to hold lessons and activities in this fabulous new space.
- Many thanks to Paul Brewster for the first of his sessions on Friday. He is very impressed with the footballing skills of our Y6 & 7 pupils!
- **Head lice reminder** overleaf. A weekly check is vital.
Many thanks for your continued support

Enrolling your child for Primary 1 in Sept 2020

If you were unable to attend our open day, you are very welcome to arrange a time for a tour and chat with the principal. The closing date and time for primary one applications is 12.00 noon on **Thursday 30th January 2020**. *If you need any advice or have any queries, please contact the school asap.* CLOSING DATE IS 12 NOON THURS 30th JANUARY

Grandparents' & Others Afternoon: Do you have a family member – grandparent or great aunt/uncle - who would like to come along to Grandparents' Afternoon? We would love if they could join us next **Wed 29th Jan** at 1.15 to visit a few classes and then enjoy a cuppa and a chat. A letter will be sent out later in the week so we can plan this event – always a highlight of the year.

We are in the process of reintroducing **Education City** as an online home/school resource for all children. Over the coming weeks, your child may receive login information. Every class will be assigned online homework which will require that they access Education City via the Puffin Academy App. This app needs to be downloaded by parents.



Recent updates seem to cause problems for some of the activities that have a blue tablet icon beside them. If you are using one of these games you should login to Education City through Google/safari and you should be able to play them all. Otherwise they can be played on PC or laptop. If your child is unable to access this at home, we hope by giving pupils 1-2 weeks to complete the tasks, it allows parents to make other arrangements. Speak directly to Mrs Graffin with any concerns or difficulties. Mrs Graffin will communicate directly with Education City about specific difficulties

ParentPay Reminders: Children must be booked for dinners before 9.30am otherwise we will assume your child is taking lunch.

Problems booking in don't seem to be anything to do with payment but that the day is not selected. To do this, scroll on down and then across to pick the day. Otherwise, the money is there but not allocated. This is the same for Breakfast & Afterschool Club (2-3pm) & Homework Club (3-4pm). This takes time for school staff to check in class and office staff to manually add in extras. Your support is appreciated.



Coffee Morning and Cake Sale



Sun 2nd February 2020
Following 9am mass

Everyone very welcome

Enjoy a cuppa and a chat – and
even a little music and dance!

*Proceeds will go to completing the
installation of new interactive panels in all
classrooms.*

COMBS OUT ON MONDAY!



Headlice advice

Avoid

- Don't share combs, hats etc
- Keep hair tied up in a ponytail or bun

Check

- Weekly checking of your child's hair is vital

Treat

- Ask your pharmacist for advice on treatments. These are available free as part of the minor ailments programme

Repeat

- Treatments need to be repeated after one week. If not, lice will return quickly!
- Continue to check your child's hair every week

Failure to treat headlice is a child welfare issue