

**Week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**\*\*Congratulations to last week's winners of Class of the Week! Junior: Year 4 Senior: Year 6\*\***

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent &amp; Toddler Group 9.15-11am. Everyone welcome</li> <li>• Y7 swimming - Remember £2, swim gear and goggles (&amp; hat for girls)</li> </ul> <p>AS: Y3 &amp; 4 Coding Club (KMcN) in Y2, Y6&amp;7 Maths (KMcE) in Y5</p>
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Schools' Week Assembly (&amp; Awards from home)</li> <li>• Y5 &amp; 6 Hurling &amp; Camogie (in school) Bring PE gear &amp; track bottoms (may be outside)</li> <li>• Digital leaders' Meeting 2.15pm</li> </ul> <p>AS: Y4-7 singing (Molly Devlin) in Y2</p>
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE in hall with class teachers: Y2: 9.10am, Y1: 10am, Y3: 10.45am</li> <li>• Catholic Schools' Week: Class visits to chapel</li> <li>• Hive Hackers session 1 of 7 in NRPS (Y5&amp;6)</li> <li>• Y5 Speedwell afterschool in NRPS (1 of 7)</li> </ul> <p>AS: Y3 &amp; 4 Gaelic (CH) change in Y4, Y6&amp;7 Cookery (CW) in Y7</p>
Thur 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 Shared Ed in NRPS (hall) 9.30-11.15am</li> <li>• Y4 Fit for Life £2.50. Bring PE gear &amp; change in school. Tracksuit &amp; warm jumper/coat.</li> <li>• Y7 parent interviews (on request) morning</li> <li>• Grandparents &amp; Others Afternoon 1.15pm. Any volunteers to help with tea?</li> <li>• <b>Closing Date for Applications to P1 Sept 2019 – complete online before then</b></li> <li>• Treat day. Children can bring a <i>small</i> packet of crisps/bar (no hard/chewy sweets)</li> </ul> <p>AS: Y5-7 Team games (Steven MUC) change in Y7</p>
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools Week at 9.45am Everyone very welcome.</li> <li>• Y7 parent interviews (on request) afternoon</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Safer Internet Day PARENT TALK 9am (over by 9.30am)</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 (Bellaghy parish) retreat (in Bellaghy – all day)</li> </ul>
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation in Bellaghy <b>11am</b></li> </ul>
<b>NEW DATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation (Magherafelt) Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm</li> </ul>

- Well done to all who represented New Row in the **hurling & girls' football** (indoors) competition. The children were a credit to themselves and their school. They played very well against tough opposition.
- Congratulations to Y6 pupil Odhran Tennyson who was one of 3 winners at **St Mary's GS Open Night**. Odhran designed a mascot for St Mary's GS and won an O'Neill's voucher. Well done!
- **Y7 assembly** last Friday was a credit to them – showcasing their talents and the importance of following our dreams. We see the talents of *all* Y7 pupils every day in New Row!
- **Y7 Transfer to Post Primary**: A blank form & letter was distributed last week with info on the process and the offer of an appointment if desired (Thurs am or Fri pm). Please contact Mrs Graffin directly to arrange a time. Well done to all those who were waiting on GL results on Saturday.
- **Grandparents' & Others Afternoon**: Do you have a family member who would like to come along to on Thursday at 1.15? We would love if they could join us. Please send back the reply slip sent out last week.
- Some **Y6 & 7 pupils** have **volunteered to help out** with Y3 & 4 Gaelic Football Club on Wednesday. Their consent form must be signed and returned.
- **PWC Hive Hackers** starts this week with all Y5 & 6 pupils engaging in coding sessions in school. This led by Miss McNicholl & Mr Hasson. We are delighted to have been selected to participate.
- Reminder: Y5 should bring their trainers every day as they begin the **Daily Mile** programme. Other classes may join through time and the class teacher will keep your children informed.

Many thanks for your continued support

**Mrs Deirdre Graffin**

Principal

## Enrolling your child for Primary 1 in Sept 2019

**There are now just 4 days left to enrol for Year 1 in Sept 2019. Spread the word!**

Visit [www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions) If you need any assistance with your application, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office. CLOSING DATE IS 12 MIDNIGHT THURS 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

### Traffic Reminder: Risk to Health & Safety of School Users & others

I have been approached by concerned adults about the dropping off arrangements at Chichester Avenue. Some parents have been stopping and allowing the children to 'hop out' whilst the car is still in traffic. This is very dangerous. I would remind all parents to park safely before children get out of the car in the morning. It will be too late when something happens. I would also remind parents/carers to respect the residents by not parking on pavements, blocking drives or even stopping traffic when dropping off/collecting.

As you are aware, there is a scheme to improve traffic management arrangements for our school and it is progressing. I regularly remind DENI of our concerns about the safety risk to children, other school users and local residents and have been assured everything is being done to move the scheme on.

### Afterschool Clubs for Term 2

Many thanks to everyone who registered their child for an afterschools club. All clubs are full except Y5-7 Games (Thur). There is still time to register for this club via the office.

#### Changing for Y3 & 4 Gaelic Football (Wednesdays) & Y5-7 Games (Thursdays)

Children will be given time to change and pack away their uniform before beginning the activities. They should wear track bottoms as it will be outside (weather permitting). They will *not* change at the end of the session. *Please make sure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled.* We also remind pupils to change one piece of clothing at a time and to check they have all uniform items. It is not possible for school staff to check children's belongings individually. Please remind them of how to do this at home!

**Year 5 Speedwell Club (with Castledawson PS)** This club continues and is held in NRPS. Any Y5 who did not previously participate is very welcome to join. Parents should request a consent form via Mrs McElroy.

*We hope your child enjoys their afterschools experience and the variety of fun and educational opportunities on offer.*



**SAVE the DATE**  
**Safer Internet Day**  
**2019 | Tuesday**  
**5 February**  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



**PARENT TALK: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 9-9.30am**  
**Assembly Hall**



**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019**

January 27 - February 2

**#CSW19**

Catholic Schools' Week is a lovely time to celebrate what makes our school so special with the entire school community.

**Sunday:** Y4 Bridge Mass 9am (chapel)

**Tues:** Assembly (school)

**Wed:** Class visits to chapel

**Thur:** Grandparents' Afternoon 1.30pm (school)

**Fri:** CSW mass: All welcome 9.45am (chapel)



### Update: Joint Teacher Professional Learning

As part of our shared work, the staff of both New Row and Castledawson primary schools are working together on a professional development project. This year the focus is on developing lessons in Maths which use the outdoor environment. Starting this week, our teachers will meet up with their partner teachers from Castledawson PS to spend time planning outdoor maths lessons with a focus on investigation and problem-solving. This means we will be able to use outdoor areas to enhance children's learning in Numeracy from Y1-7.

Y7 Shared lessons also begin this week when they will undertake work on their shared Junior Entrepreneur Project. We will keep you posted on activities with other classes as they approach.