

Week beginning Monday 4th February 2019

Mon 4 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break & Milk due for Feb. Break: £4.20, Milk £4 • Parent & Toddler Group 9.15-11am. Everyone welcome • Y3 PE (instead of Wednesday – this week only) Y4 PE (this week only) • Credit Union Quiz (2 teams of 4xY7) • Y7 swimming - Remember £2, swim gear and goggles (& hat for girls) • AS: Y3 & 4 Coding Club (KM McN) in Y2, Y6&7 Maths (KMCE) in Y5
Tues 5 th Feb	<p>Safer Internet Day PARENT TALK 9am (over by 9.30am) followed by talks for all classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Camogie/boys' football Meadowbank 10am • Y5 & 6 Hurling & Camogie (in school) Bring PE gear & track bottoms (may be outside) • AS: Y4-7 singing (Mrs Graffin/Molly Devlin) in Y2
Wed 6 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 Post Primary Transfer forms to be returned by today • Y7 (Bellaghy parish) retreat. Parents drop off & collect from parish centre-times tbc • PE in hall with class teachers: Y2: 9.10am, Y1: 10am, Y3: 10.45am • Hive Hackers session 2 of 7 in NRPS (Y5&6) • Violin Lessons • Y5 Speedwell afterschool in NRPS • AS: Y3 & 4 Gaelic (CH) change in Y4, Y6&7 Cookery (CW) in Y7
Thur 7 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Quiz 4xY7 • Bellaghy Confirmation Practice (am) • Y7 Shared Ed in CPS 1.30-2.45pm • Treat day. Children can bring a <i>small</i> packet of crisps/bar (no hard/chewy sweets) • AS: Y5-7 Team games (Steven MUC) change in Y7
Fri 8 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100th Day at school: See overleaf for more info. Remember £1 for NSPCC collection • Assembly & Awards • Flute & Clarinet lessons
Sat 9 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation in Bellaghy 11am
Fri 15 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes at 1pm for all pupils. No afterschools club.
<p>Mon 18th-Fri 22nd February: SCHOOL CLOSED (Mid Term Break)</p> <p>Mon 25th Feb: Staff Dev Day (staff only), Tues 26th Feb: School reopens for all pupils.</p>	
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Teacher interviews. School will close for all pupils at 1pm

- **Catholic Schools Week** was once again a highlight of our school year. On Wednesday all classes visited the chapel, with Year 1 & 2 accompanied by their Y6 & 7 faith friends. Thursday afternoon was a busy time as we welcomed our grandparents and other family members into our classrooms to share what we do every day. Finally, we were joined by many community members as Fr Branigan celebrated mass, assisted by Y7. Well done to everyone for their preparation and participation.
- Last week we had a great start to our new **afterschools programme**. Many thanks to all staff for their preparation. Thanks also to pupils who helped! There are just a few spaces in Steven's Thursday Games Club – a different game every week! Last week, Unihoc – next, Dodgeball! Book in at the office.
- Today (Monday) **Miss Amy Quinn** completes her PGCE placement in Y3. We thank her for all her efforts and enthusiasm during her time in New Row. All the very best for the future!
- **Y7 Transfer to Post Primary:** Please return by Wednesday - contact Mrs Graffin with any queries. Many thanks for your continued support

Friday 8th February: Celebrating 100 days at school

We're counting down to Number Day 2019.

On Friday 8th February we will be celebrating the 100th day of school through fun curriculum based maths challenges. Our school focus this month will be looking for patterns in number. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. Children will be taking part in Dress up for Digits and will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, camogie top or even a onesie!). Children are asked to bring in a £1 donation on Friday with all proceeds going to NSPCC who have supported us in preparing for Safer Internet Day

We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support.

As a little reward for getting involved, all pupils will be entered into a draw to win a family pass to a premiere viewing of LEGO 2 on Feb 18th in Movie House Lisburn



PARENT TALK:

Tuesday 5th Feb 9-9.30am

Assembly Hall

Shona Holmes (Community Officer)

supported by NSPCC

Y1 & 2: 9.30am

Y 3 & 4: 9.50am

Y5, 6 & 7: 10.45am

Sacramental Reminders: Dates for your Diary

Confirmation (Bellaghy) Sat 9th Feb 11am, Confirmation (Magherafelt) Sun 12th May 3pm

First Confession (Y4) Thur 7th March 7pm, First Communion (Castledawson) Sat 18th May 11am

School Development Plan Update

Every school draws up their School Development Plan every 3 years, taking on the views of all pupils, staff, parents and governors. From this, we set 5 annual targets – one each in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT and then two other relevant whole-school targets, depending on what we have identified as an area for development. As we are reviewing progress so far, it is timely to share them also with you and what this has involved so far. Watch out for activities and updates on how we are supporting development in these areas throughout the year.

1. Literacy	Reading-related activities in the classroom Staff training, taskboard activities in all classes during reading time. Purchasing of reading materials (group readers)
2. Numeracy	Reviewing how we teach problem-solving in Number Staff training. Purchasing resources for problem solving. Specific lessons. Sharing examples in all classes. Problem solving a/school club.
3. ICT	Developing teaching & learning in ICT through DTP (Desk top publishing) and Coding. Staff training. Examples of work (e.g. leaflets in Y6 & 7) Sharing ideas for all classes. Involvement in Hive Hackers
4. Teaching & Learning	Reviewing topic work for all classes (Connected Learning). Meetings to discuss current topics and requirements. Staff training with Anne McErlane to review and improve planning for new topics
5. Pastoral & Ethos	Engaging pupils in the life of the school to benefit all learners Establishing School Council, Eco Council & Digital leaders. Class council meetings. Various meetings and activities to date (E.g. SC: Celebration Day, EC: assisting with Sensory Garden revamp, DL: Apple training & tech support in classrooms)