



Pupil Information 11th May 2020

The past



Last May we held a Numeracy morning for Y2-4 when some of your parents visited our rooms and we showed them what we were doing in Numeracy – the types of games we played and how this helped our learning.

Do you remember the sort of maths you were learning last year? What have you got better at? Doubles? Quick maths? Times tables? Division? Take time to have a think – and give yourself a pat on the back for working hard and making progress. Sometimes we have to take a step back to see how far we have come!

The present



Praying the Rosary in May:

A reminder of **The Joyful Mysteries**.

Do you remember the story behind each of the mysteries?

1. **Annunciation:** The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary.
2. **Visitation:** Elizabeth told Mary she was having a baby, too!
3. **Nativity:** The story of Christmas.
4. **Presentation of Our Lord Jesus:** Baby Jesus at the temple.
5. **Finding Our Lord Jesus in the temple:** missing for 3 days!

HOW TO SAY A DECADE OF THE ROSARY: Think of one mystery and pray:

Our Father. 10 Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father

Thank you for sending in your beautiful photos of your May Altars at home.

Please remember us all in your prayers.



The future



This year we are organising a sports day with a difference! **Keep Monday 1st June free** for fun and games. In your next learning pack, we will include details of what you can do on that day and how we can share the enjoyment! We will also

upload more info to Seesaw. In the meantime, pull on those trainers and get practising!

We love to see your work. Ask an adult to send a photo to: info@newrowps.castledawson.ni.sch.uk.

Can't wait to stand at the school doors again! Until next week, take care.

Mrs Graffin





Parent Information: 11th May 2020

Home learning Week 7

Dear parents

I hope you are all safe, well and enjoying this exceptional spell of good weather for April and May. Being outside is so important for everyone's physical and mental health, so feel free to put the timetable away and take the learning and fun outside when the weather suits. Don't feel that you have to supply a list of things for the kids to do outside. It is only when we are surrounded by nothing that something comes alive on the inside. It's ok for them to be bored – that's when some great games are invented.

Now that we are 8 weeks in to being at home, different houses are probably struggling with different challenges. Keeping the children motivated, fitting technology in, trying to keep things going while adults are still working. I hope you all feel confident to find your own routine – one that works *for your home*. Remember- we know you are doing your best. See below for a useful app to download for more advice.

Until next week, take care.

Mrs Deirdre Graffin *Principal*



Parenting NI App available for free on Android and iOS!

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Parenting support at your fingertips!

The Parenting NI app offers tips on topics such as children's emotional wellbeing and managing behaviour, explores parenting styles and includes an interactive game you can play with your children. Search 'Parenting NI' in the app store on your device to download.

Seesaw: up and running

Thanks to all parents who have signed up to Seesaw and downloaded the FAMILY app. Hopefully you are enjoying accessing class and school information this way – feedback from parents say they are finding it easier to do this. Anything that makes life easier is worth a go! If you have any problems logging on or with passwords for Education City, AR, Scholastic etc. please drop us an email and we can help.



Recycling Collection



Clearing out wardrobes, drawers & cupboards? Remember to keep your binbags for our recycling collection.

We will schedule one as soon as school restarts.

Welcome to our new Year 1 pupils!

Last week, our new Year 1 children received their letters to confirm they have a place in our school. We are really looking forward to welcoming them into the New Row family. This year, our induction process will be different – and creative. But it *will* happen and *will* become clear as the time approaches. I would like to remind parents that it is important to email the school to confirm you are accepting your place. If you haven't already done so, please send an email to dgraffin653@c2ken.net

Why SHARE STORIES with children of all ages for at least 10 minutes a day?

- FUN**
- Increases self-esteem
- It's a positive experience for parents, too
- Creates readers for life
- IMPROVES WELLBEING
- Boosts creativity and imagination
- #ShareAStory

DID YOU KNOW it's #NationalShareAStoryMonth Spending just 10 minutes a day reading with children of all ages can make a real difference to their future.

If you need to contact the school for any reason (including sharing samples of work, activities etc. or password queries) please email info@newrowps.castledawson.ni.sch.uk. Work/questions specific to teachers will be passed on.

Emergency Childcare provision for critical workers: COVID-19 Hub

Critical workers are defined as parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response, including those who work in health and social care and in other key/critical sectors. However, many parents working in these critical sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. The latest advice from DE & PHA is:

Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

The Department of Education has implemented a hub system for key workers who have no alternative childcare arrangements and should only be used in that circumstance. Staff from our school and other schools have volunteered (circumstances permitting) to work at the Hub School throughout this period.

Magherafelt Primary School is now the Hub School for this area. If you are a Key Worker and are likely to require this service for your child, in the first instance please email

gbuckley577@magherafeltsps.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk to complete a data capture form.