



Community Newsletter

Term 2
2018/19
(EASTER 2019)

Welcome to the latest edition. We are very proud of everything that is going on in New Row and what our pupils are achieving. Enjoy reading all about it! Mrs D Graffin (Principal)



Y5 & 6 Hive Hackers Programme



We were delighted that our Y5 & 6 pupils were selected to participate in PWC's programme. Hear more about it from one of our pupils... *I really enjoyed the hive hackers experience because of the fun programs and really kind and helpful assistants. I also liked the fact that sometimes we would make our own games and got to publish them. Hive hackers is a program that teaches children from P5 to P6 basic skills in coding and this is done in fun and educational ways. I remember always looking forward to Hive Hackers and being sad when it stopped. I think it's very important for children my age to learn basic coding for future experience. Computers are a very important part of society and are used in daily life, so I think it's really good that we got a good insight into computing and programming in such a fun and practical way. Thank you so much Ricky, Rachel and Conor for coming to our school. We thoroughly enjoyed it and were taught so much in a fun way.*

By Aoibhe P6



The Y6 class were invited to an awards ceremony held in Waterfront Hall, Belfast



Recycling Collection

Get filling those bags! We will be holding a collection immediately after Easter so now is a good time to start your Spring clear-out!

Please remember to tie bin bags and leave them at the back of our assembly hall before Tues 7th May. *We accept all types of clothes, curtains, bedding, handbags, belts, shoes (paired).* Many thanks for your support.

Grandparents' Day 2019

As part of our celebrations for Catholic Schools' Week, we once again welcomed grandparents and other family members to visit our school, our classroom and enjoy a chat with new friends & old.



Accelerated Reader award winners with bespoke medals sponsored by *Friends of New Row*



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Year 7

Shared Education Update

We are now in our fourth year of Shared Education with our partners Castledawson Primary School. In New Row Primary School, we have children involved in shared learning from Primary 3 to Primary 7, with activities planned for Primary 2 in the third term. In addition, teachers from both schools have been working together to share good practice, with a focus on outdoor learning through Numeracy.

- **Primary 2 & P2 & 3 (CPS)** will have opportunities to work together through Play lessons
- **Primary 3 & P2 & 3 (CPS)** will meet around the theme of 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'
- **Primary 4 & P4 & 5 (CPS)** have shared their World War II World Around Us theme, with a particular emphasis on Using ICT.
- **Primary 5 & P4 & 5 (CPS)** will have opportunities to enhance skills in The Arts and P.E.
- **Primary 6 & P6 & 7 (CPS)** will participate in outdoor learning experiences linked to Numeracy.
- **Primary 7 & P6 & 7 (CPS)** are collaborating on a Junior Enterprise Project in a Dragon's Den style of events.

We have designed an online survey for the parents of both primary schools whose children have been involved in the Shared Education Programme so far and will share the results after Easter.

Miss C Walls (Shared Education Coordinator)



Pupils from both schools take part in a shared School Council meeting



Sportique sponsored match balls for the inaugural Shared Education soccer tournament in March

Farewell to Mrs Maeve Murphy

Many thanks to everyone who came along to mass on Friday 5th April when we said farewell to Mrs Murphy. She was very touched by the reception she got and loved seeing the children taking such an active part on the mass – and so confident, too! We all have very fond memories of Mrs Murphy over the past 27 years and thank her sincerely for her contribution to the New Row community. Miss Eimear McCollum took over in Y3 on Friday 1st March and we wish her many happy years in New Row.



Mrs Murphy with family members at the reception held in school



Easter Draw: THANK YOU!

We were delighted with the success of our Easter Raffle. You helped us raise **£1977.04** which will be put to excellent use by the school, replacing interactive whiteboards in the classrooms.

Thank you to all the businesses and friends of New Row for their donations

If any business or anyone is missing, let us know immediately so we can ensure they are recognised.

Ash Blondes

Bellaghy Pharmacy

Ben's Ice Cream Parlour (Toome)

District 45

Kerr Signs

Holy Family Sisters Meadowlane

Shopping Centre

McKeever's Pharmacy (Castledawson)

Moyola Photography

ROK HAIR studio

SD Sports

Specsavers Magherafelt

Sportique

Toome Pharmacy

Vivo Granville

Wilma's Plaice

And all parents/families who donated prizes

Thanks also to a special friend who delivered an Easter egg for **every** pupil in our school!



Pictured left: Mrs Carin McLaughlin from Meadowlane Centre who sponsored tickets with some pupils & prizes

Coffee Morning, Cake Sale & St Patrick's Day celebrations



Once again Friends of New Row organised an excellent event in support of our school. There were buns, cakes and baked goods in aBUNdance enjoyed by the great number of visitors we welcomed after mass. The visitors were also treated to music and dance provided by our talented pupils. Many, many thanks go to all who baked, helped and organised behind the scenes in so many ways. Special thanks to Marie in the kitchen as without her help and cooperation events like this just wouldn't be possible. The final total? An amazing **£1162.42** raised to spend directly on the children. Well done and thanks again! Definitely #bestsupport!

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