



We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 11th February 2019

Mon 11 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Toddler Group 9.15-11am. Everyone welcome • 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 12 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valentine Dinner • Y5 & 6 Hurling & Camogie (in school) Bring PE gear & track bottoms (may be outside) • Y7 Shared Education Basketball tournament in Rainey 9.45-3pm • AS: Y4-7 singing (Molly Devlin) in Y2
Wed 13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE in hall with class teachers: Y2: 9.10am, Y1: 10am, Y3: 10.45am • Hive Hackers session 3 of 7 in NRPS (Y5&6) • Violin Lessons • Eco Council & Y7 recycling talk (pm) • Y5 Speedwell afterschool in NRPS (3 of 7) • AS: Y3 & 4 Gaelic (CH) change in Y4, Y6&7 Cookery (CW) in Y7
Thur 14 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat day. Children can bring a <i>small</i> packet of crisps/bar (no hard/chewy sweets) • Y4 Fit for life • Swimming gala 10-2pm Greenvale (5G & 4 B) • AS: Y5-7 Team games (Steven MUC) change in Y7
Fri 15 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes at 1pm for all pupils. No afterschools club • Assembly & Awards • Flute & Clarinet lessons
<p>Mon 18th-Fri 22nd February: SCHOOL CLOSED (Mid Term Break)</p> <p>Mon 25th Feb: Staff Dev Day (staff only)</p>	
Tues 26 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School reopens for all pupils • Y4 Fit for Life
Tues 26 & Wed 27 Feb	Possible dates for Y3 Parent Interviews – see below
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th March	Parent & Teacher interviews. School will close for all pupils at 1pm

- Congratulations to everyone for getting involved in the **100 days at school celebrations**. The children's clothes and outfits were great and they really got into the spirit of celebrating this day through number. Thanks to everyone who returned their problem-solving homework and well done to those lucky winners. This was a great way to reinforce our work on problem-solving in maths.
- Well done to our 3 **quiz teams** who competed in the Credit Union and Road Safety Quizzes last week.
- Well done also to those who represented the school at **Indoor Camogie/boys' football** Meadowbank last week. Great participation and lots of competition!
- We are moving to a **new online payment system** called Parent Pay system after Easter for the payment of all dinners, breakfast & afterschools clubs. We aim to run a completely cashless office. See leaflet sent home today.
- **Parent interviews**. Times will be sent out later this week for all classes except Year 3. Parents of Y3 pupils will be communicated with separately. If you are a parent of a Y3 child and have not received an interview time by Tuesday, contact the office immediately.
- See overleaf for advice on treatment of **headlice**
- Any outstanding bills? Break & Milk due for Feb. Break: £4.20, Milk £4

Many thanks for your continued support



Together in faith

Congratulations to our Year 7 children (Bellaghy Parish) who were confirmed on Saturday by Monsignor Dolan in St. Mary's Church.

They were very well prepared and a credit to their families, school and parish.

Reminder: Y7 (Magherafelt Parish) confirmation is on Sunday 12th May at 3pm in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Magherafelt.

Thanks to those who came along to our Online Safety Talk last week. Some useful information...

Five top tips to manage children's screen time

Help your child make the most of their time on and offline

- 1 Set a good example with your own device use**
 Children will tend to model their behaviour on you, so if you start reading a book, they may follow your lead.
- 2 Talk together about the time they spend online**
 Understand what they're doing, and explain your concerns.
- 3 Agree an appropriate length of time that they can use their device**
 Put in place a family agreement to set some boundaries and don't break them.
- 4 Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen free' zones at home**
- 5 Use technology and apps to help manage screen time**
 For example, the Forest app enables them to grow a beautiful forest each day they don't use their phone for a set amount of time. The iPad's 'Guided Access' limits the time you can access any given app, which can be great for younger children.

60% of parents are concerned their kids don't have interests outside the web

Parents of **12**-year-olds are most concerned about lack of offline interests

Children aged between 11 and 16 post on average 26 times a day



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