

We care

We share

We learn

Parent Information: Monday 4th November 2019

Mon 4 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 swimming, Y5&7 PE with Derry GAA coach, Mr Hasson, Miss Brown & Mrs McElroy Y7 Afterschool Literacy & Numeracy Club 		
Mon A/S	Lego with Mrs McElroy	Art with Miss McNicholl	Golf with Tony
Tues 5 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly & awards 		
Wed 6 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE for all Y1-3 pupils with class teachers. Violin lessons 		
Wed A/S	ICT with Miss Laverty		Eco Warriors with Miss Walls
Thur 7 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Afterschool Literacy & Numeracy Club (additional session this week & next week) Treat Thursday! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break Irish Language Classes continue with Y6 & 7 (Mid Ulster Council tutor) 		
Thur A/S	Multisports with Steven		Music with Mrs Graffin - week 5/6
Fri 8 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 Forest Schools Programme. Leaving 10.45, back 1.30pm. Bring packed lunch (break and free meals supplied by canteen). £10 for transport (6 week) via Parent Pay. Credit Union collections continue. Flute & Clarinet lessons 		
Mon 11 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-Bullying Week Begins (Assembly and homework to follow) 		
Sat 16 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 GL assessment 	Sun 17 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Bridge Mass (1 of 5) 9am

Looking back

- Ditch the dark day** was a great success. Pupils looked magnificent in all their brightness! We enjoyed a well-earned treat of a panto in our very own hall. Thanks for all donations and help with costumes.
- Huge congratulations to our Y7 musicians, singers and quizzers** who participated in **Scor na bPapti** for all Co Derry schools before Hallowe'en. Our musicians came 2nd, our quizzers 3rd and singers received some very high scores after excellent performances. Well done- very proud school and families!
- Well done to Y2** as they kicked off their **Shared Education** programme before Halloween with Castledawson PS P2 & 3. A great morning's fun – and learning!
- Digital Leaders** enjoyed their training workshop in Apple, Belfast. They were complimented by staff in both Apple & McDonalds on their excellent behaviour and manners. Super qualities – easily carried.
- Thanks to **Miss Leona Brown** who finishes Y5 PGCE placement this week. It has been a pleasure welcoming you to New Row – good luck for the future!

Planning ahead

- Term 1 Afterschool clubs end this week** (except for Music on Thurs which ends next week). Once again there was a great selection of clubs and we are very grateful to staff for providing excellent experiences.
- Break & milk now due for November.** Break payable to canteen £5.50. Milk £4 via ParentPay.
- Road of Hope:** please see overleaf for important reminder – last few days to help out!
- Request for **altar servers:** Please see overleaf for an important parish message for all Y5-7 pupils
- Christmas dates** are being finalised and will be circulated next week.
- Peace proms:** Y6 & 7 pupils will perform on Sun 1st March at 1pm in SSE Arena. Tickets for the show will go on sale on 8th Nov at 10am. Visit www.peaceproms.com – participating pupils do not need a ticket.
- Important:** Do you have a child ready to start **P1 in Sept 2020**? Please leave your child's details in the office to ensure we keep you informed about key dates etc as the application system is now all online. *Do you know of a relative/friend/neighbour who has a pre-school child and would like them to attend New Row?* Ask them to contact the office or myself directly to pass on information or with any queries.

Many thanks for your support.

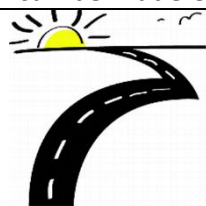
Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

Friends of New Row Calendar: Sponsorship opportunities

Calendars will be available again this year - The idea gift for family members at Christmastime!

Do you own a business? Do you know of a family member, employer or friend who would be interested sponsoring us? A great way to support the school and advertise your business! Alternatively, a donation can be made & acknowledged anonymously. Time is running out. Contact the office/Mrs Graffin today!



Road of Hope Shoebox items

This year we have asked pupils to donate 3 things:

- One essential (Underwear (Male/Female) vests/pants age 5-6 up to Elderly)

- One treat (Marshmallows, Milky Way or Flumps)
- One toy/other (class specific)

Y1	Yo-yos or small dolls
Y2	Skipping ropes
Y3	Bubbles
Y4	Deodorant
Y5	Lip balm or Tennis balls
Y6	Nail polish or Farm animals
Y7	Shaving gel or Hair accessories

Fiona will collect all items on Tues 5th November

School Development Plan Year 2: Summary of Targets

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. 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.

Area	Objective/target to bring about improvement
Pastoral and ethos Led by Mrs McElroy	Encourage the promotion of the health and well-being of New Row community Staff & pupil training. Support from outside agencies etc including Chest Heart & Stroke, Action Mental Health, Fresh Little Minds. Involvement in programmes to improve physical and mental health of pupils, staff and parents.
Literacy Led by Miss McCollum	Developing further a focus on reading related learning activities Staff training on different activities. Increased use of ICT in reading activities. Reviewing the range of books used. Sharing examples with other classes.
Numeracy Led by Miss Gribbin	Reviewing how we teach Shape & Space and Problem Solving Staff training. Specific lessons in Problem Solving and Shape & Space. Sharing examples with other classes.
ICT Led by Miss McNicholl/Mrs Scullion	Develop ICT within Literacy and Computational Thinking & Coding. Staff training (including BT Barefoot programme). Sharing examples with other classes. Planning more ICT activities within Literacy. Keeping technology up to date (including new interactive panels).
Teaching & Learning Led by Miss Walls	Developing children's Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities incl through topic work Staff training. Pupil awareness of what thinking skills and personal capabilities are and how we can develop them. Continuing to revise and improve topics to include a range of learning experiences (in conjunction with Anne McErlane – Educational Consultant).

Parish of Magherafelt & Castledawson: Request for altar servers (Y5-7)

Fr Branigan & Fr Gates would like to train new altar servers. In deciding whether your child will become an altar server, please understand that there is a responsibility to make sure that your child regularly attends to serve mass. *Please note – this is not just for First Friday masses.* If you would like your child to train to be an altar server, please **complete the reply slip and return to Mrs Graffin as soon as possible.**

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I give/do not give permission for my child to train as an altar server. I will endeavour to honour the rota when drawn up, attending to serve at Sunday/feast day mass (other than school-attended masses).

Name of child	Signature of parent	Date