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Newsletter

December 2019

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School Closure: Thursday 12th December: General Election

Dates to remember:

- **Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December:** Nursery/Preschool Nativity Show
- **Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December:** P1 Nativity show
- **Wednesday 18th December:** School Carol Service in St Michaels Church, Enniskillen
- **Thursday 19th December:** FoHT Christmas Disco at Cornagrade (£3)
 - ❖ Nursery/Preschool - P3: from 6.30 – 7.15pm
 - ❖ P4 - P7: from 7:30 – 8:30pm
- **Friday 20th December:** Half day, children to be collected at **12:00midday**
- **Monday 23rd December to Monday 6th January:** Christmas holidays
- **Tuesday 7th January:** All children start back to school



Tickets for our Christmas Draw are now on sale; there are twelve fantastic prizes to be won. All money raised will go towards drama resources for our school.



Rehearsals for nativity shows

Children in P1, Nursery and Preschool classes are working really hard at the moment to learn their lines and songs for their Christmas shows. It's lovely to hear the festive music and the excitement of Christmas is starting to build across the school.



The Nursery and Preschool children will be performing their show on the new stage in the hall at our Cornagrade site. The P1 show will take place in the hall at Mill Street.



P4 learn about WWII

P4 classes enjoyed a really interesting trip to the Enniskillen Museum to learn more about World War II. The children tried on uniforms that soldiers would have worn and were shown some of the weapons used. They sat in an 'Anderson Bomb Shelter' and listened to the radio announcement for the beginning of the war, the sounds of air raid

sirens and of bombs dropping. The children made identity cards and visited the old shop. It was a really interesting day Thank you to all the great museum staff.



P2 Construction

The pupils in P2 are learning all about houses and homes. Look at them working hard at the construction site. They are also finding out about shapes by making wonderful shape pictures.



P5 welcomed Barry Falls

Barry is the author of 'It's Your World Now'. The pupils were inspired to become more creative and let their imaginations run wild. Thanks to Liz, Catherine, Pauline and Marion for organising this wonderful event. The pupils really enjoyed it.





Shared Education Our P5 pupils visited Jones Memorial Primary School as part of Shared Education. The children completed Minecraft activities, math's games, KNEX challenges and Lego activities together. It was a fun morning and they enjoyed learning in alternative ways as well as making new friends. Children from Jones Memorial Primary School also came to Holy Trinity to join our P4 classes. Together these children got to do Math's problem solving and games, an outdoor math's trail and interactive math's games in the computer suite. It was a very successful day of activities.



Bee Talk in P5 Colin Reilly (father of Beatrice in P5) visited our school to tell the P5 children all about bees. They learnt about the queen bee, how bees make honey and how many bees live in a hive. Colin also told the children about the dangers of bee stings – he told them his worst bee sting was up his nose and it was very sore. Colin gave out prizes of honey and honey lip balm to the children who asked the most interesting questions. Some children got to sample different honey from around the world, even some from Transylvania. Maria tried on a bee keepers suit. Thank you to Colin for a really interesting afternoon.



Running Club Success Congratulations to the children who took part in round two of the Flanagan's Cross country league. Well done to Megan who came 1st in the girl's race and to Deivs who came 2nd in the boy's race. The girls team and Deivs go through to the final which takes place in Belfast in January.



Gaelic Well done to the Holy Trinity boys and girls Gaelic teams who took part in their first competition of the year at the Forum on the 26th November.



Learning about houses P2 classes have been learning about the different types of houses people live in; they have enjoyed learning about the different types of houses in Enniskillen and used binoculars to see them more clearly.



Baking The P3 classes have been reading the Little Red Hen. They had great fun baking and eating their own bread.



Message from the Eco Council Have a lovely Christmas everyone. Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle this Christmas and New Year.



P4s visit Florencecourt Mrs McDonnell and Mrs McGovern's classes went to Florencecourt to learn about Victorian Christmas. The children made handmade Christmas creations and met the cook in the Servants' Hall where she talked to them about how the Victorians prepared for Christmas many years ago. The pupils learned how the Victorians influenced our Christmas traditions.



Congratulations to our readers of the month for November Fantastic work everyone. The top readers enjoyed their treat for such great reading, they got to see a rehearsal of the P1 or Nursery Christmas shows.



P6 Rockets Pupils designed and created their own amazing 3D space modules as part of their take away homework. Some of the children tested how their rockets would land when dropped from a height.



P7 enjoy a trip to the Ulster American Folk Park P7 classes visited the Ulster American Folk park as part of their Famine topic.





Christmas past in P2 Primary 2 children enjoyed a visit to the Enniskillen museum. They had fun playing with toys from the past and making beautiful Christmas cards.



P5 Seamus Heaney P5 classes have been learning

about Seamus Heaney's poetry in class this term. They went on a trip to Heaney's home place in Bellaghy to get a greater insight into his life. The children took part in a poetry workshop where they completed challenges linked to onomatopoeia, alliteration, sibilance and rhyming. In groups they wrote poems which they read back to their peers in the auditorium. The children went on a tour of the gallery, using audio sets they were able to listen to Seamus Heaney reading his poems. Hearing the poets voice really brought the exhibition to life. The children saw pictures of Heaney and his family and read stories about his life. They then completed a 'Rhythm Workshop' where they played word making games and an Imagination and Inspiration workshop where they looked at pictures and objects that influenced Heaney's poems. Heaney said in an interview "I learned what inspiration feels like but not how to summon it... I learned that waiting is part of the work.' At the end of the visit the children took part in a creative art workshop. This was a wonderful and memorable day out for all the P5 children.





Famine Walk

P7 classes have been out on Famine Walks

around Enniskillen over the past few weeks. The children have learnt a lot about the hardships experienced by people in Enniskillen and the surrounding area during the famine. Thank you to Catherine Scott from the museum for sharing her knowledge with our children.



Christmas Crafts

P6 pupils enjoy making decorations

children have been making beautiful decorations for the Christmas tree.



P7 Stars In P7 the children are using their maths skills as well as their needle work skills to embroider some stars. Beautiful work everyone.





Christmas Hamper Appeal Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated so generously to our Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) appeal again this year. Joe, a longtime volunteer with SVdP, said that they were delighted to receive the donations. The food will be shared to families in our community.



Microsoft Office for PC or Mac is available free to staff and pupils and can be downloaded to 5 personal devices using your child's **C2k username and password**.



To download Microsoft Office:

1. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
2. Enter your C2k Username in the format auser123@c2ken.net
3. At the next box re-enter your C2k username and your password
4. Click Install Office to download the version of MS Office you require

Remember you can also use a C2k username and password to sign in to Office apps on tablets and smartphones.

Overviews for December

Primary 3

Mathematics:

- Counting in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s and numbers before, after and between up to 100; Adding a single digit number to a double digit up to 100; Adding 2/3 numbers horizontally and vertically; Read and spell number names to 20;
- Recognition of coins and their value; Place value of teen numbers; Use coins for simple shopping activities up to £1 / give change to 20p; Word problems relating to money. Parents are encouraged to engage children in real everyday shopping activities.
- Name and identify the properties of 2D shapes

Literacy

Pupils will learn how to lay out and write their own letter to Santa, they will sequence and write a recount of the story of Christmas. They will complete comprehensions related to the Christmas theme and write instructions on how to make a Christmas decoration. Grammar work will continue to focus on capital letters and full stops, speech marks, question marks and adding 'ing' to a word. We will also look at a variety of stories and poems related to Christmas.

W.A.U.

- Exploration of light and its uses (in relation to Christmas lights and decorations)
- Design Christmas decoration using clay -Make our own moving Rudolph

- Look at and discuss Christmas traditions

Other Information

As we will be walking it is very important that children are wearing coats and sensible walking shoes. Further details to follow.

End of term treat: Trip to the cinema on **Thursday 19th December**

Primary 4

Literacy- Pupils will know that adverbs are used to describe verbs. They will identify and use these in their written work and play games about adverbs. Continue to complete the LCSWC method for spellings. Pupils will read their shared text 'Hurricane' and picture book 'Flood' and will carry out activities based on these. In writing pupils will learn about adventure stories and will write their own story based on the book 'The Tunnel'.

Numeracy- Pupils will continue to learn their multiplication tables focusing on their 3 times tables and revising their 2,5 & 10 times tables. Pupils will solve word problems. Pupils will begin to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit. Our topic work this month will cover 'Time' where we will be revising the times of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Pupils will write these in both analogue and digital format. They will look at times in 5 minute intervals. We will be solving word problems related to time.

World Around Us- Pupils will continue the topic of Extreme Earth. Pupils will know what causes earthquakes and how they are measured. Pupils will conduct volcano and rainbow experiments. Pupils will know what Tsunamis are and will create safety posters. Pupils will carry out Christmas art and craft activities.

Trips: 13 December 2019 - A Victorian Christmas - visit to Florence Court Mrs Smith and Mrs McMenamín's classes

Primary 5

Numeracy

Number: Language of multiplication and division. Multiplying work/activities (by 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10)

Topic: Position, movement and angles (children will be able to read grid references, co-ordinates and compass points).

Mental Maths: Multiplication of tables. Language of multiplication and division.

- Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation
- Learn **rule** for finding coordinates 'Over the hall and up the stairs'
- Learn **rule** for compass points – 'Naughty elephants squirt water' (N, E, S, W)

Literacy

Novel: Complete 'Charlotte's Web' novel and related activities. Complete book review.

Grammar work: Past tense work and revision of work covered to date. Proof reading exercises.

Writing: Narrative writing - Retelling a story in their own words and creating an advertisement

- We will complete spellings from Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme and Christmas spelling words
- Weekly spelling test preparation

World Around Us

Topic work on Enniskillen – Learning about the history of St. Michael's Church and the Convent of Mercy, look at all the bridges in Enniskillen. STEM activities (building bridges).

Other Information.

- Sign diary when checking homework activities – *Week 1 (Literacy), Week 2 (Numeracy), Week 3 (World Around Us), Week 4 (Religion, P.D.M.U). Spellings/tables/reading and M/A to be completed every night*
- 10 minutes Accelerated reading every night- 2 quizzes per week (Children can go to library/computer suite in morning from 8.30 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. to get/change books and complete quizzes. They need to choose one big book and one smaller one on their level. Quizzes can be completed on books read every week.
- Bring **instrument** into school every Wednesday (Keep safe at home please) – Use of '**Charanga Music Programme**' at home (Passwords given to all children)
- **Highlight important information** or signs in **Mental Arithmetic work**. Complete corrections
- **Please return all reading and AR books by Friday 13th December. Thank you**

Primary 6

Maths Number- Pupils will be able to solve problems involving addition and subtraction. They will know their 2-12 times tables (group appropriate) using these to solve simple problems.

Topic:

- Symmetry continued (Christmas symmetry)

- Pupils will know the 8 points of a compass and follow instructions involving these points (half turns, quarter turns etc.)
- Pupils will know that angles turn in multiples of 45 degrees (compass) and multiples of 30 degrees (clock).

English Pupils will:

- understand the use of speech marks and use them appropriately.
- understand the difference between direct and reported speech.
- know the key elements of a 'Recount' and be able to write one.
- recount 'The Nativity' story.

Topic/World Around Us Pupils will:

- complete Space power points.
- know the planets in our system.
- will know what a constellation is and be aware of the legends connected with them.

Homework: We encourage the P6s to keep doing AR reading as part of their daily homework. Each pupil should take at least one AR test per week (more if on green and orange level)

- **AR Books** can be changed in the library between 8.30 and 8.50.
- **ICT suite** is also available at these times to complete AR tests.

The P6 pupils will have a trip to the Armagh Planetarium in January. More information will follow.

Primary 7

Numeracy

- In Number we will be extending our understanding of place value. We will be working on problem solving tasks
- For topic work we will be covering co-ordinates
- Times tables from 1-12

Literacy

- Children will read and complete work on 'A Christmas Carol'
- Children will begin looking at different types of poetry

World Around Us

- We will complete the Famine topic.

Date to remember: Sunday 8th December: Confirmation enrolment mass at 10:30am in St Michaels, Enniskillen.



Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

