Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.
February 2018

Half Term

Pupils will finish school (normal time) on Friday 9 February and return to school on Monday 19 February (also normal time). Have a lovely week off and keep safe!

Charities

Staff had a coffee morning to raise money for Actions Not Words and raised £143.

Important Dates

- Valentines Disco – 6 February bring £1 – organised by Titans
- Toothbrush challenge – 21 February for Classes 4, 5 & Dolphins
- Easter holidays – pupils finish at 12.30 (food is available for pupils who normally have school meals) on Tuesday 27 March.

Sickness

Could I please remind all parents and guardians that if you feel your child has a high temperature, sore throat, viral illness or diarrhoea – with or without vomiting that they must be kept off school until they are completely well again. This is not only for your own child's comfort but also for the protection of other vulnerable children in school. Children who arrive at school with a high temperature or who report being sick the previous night will be sent home immediately. If you are unsure about whether to send your child to school or not, feel free to contact me and I am happy to advise at any time. Regards, Maeve Kelly School Nurse.

Thank you

Titans would like to say a big thank you to George Best City Airport for supplying them with the funding last year to buy the treated timber which will allow the senior school to manufacture bird houses within Technology and Design with Mr Kennedy.

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Update from Dolphins

Here are some of the things the Dolphins have been up to:

- Enjoying their African drumming led by Thomas from Ghana. We attend Ashfield Boys High School and perform with students from St Joseph's and Ashfield boys under the Shared Education programme. This is a ten week project ending with a performance (more details to follow).
- Completing the SHINE project. This is a personal growth project which is known as the All Stars project in America. This is also a ten week project and it is keeping us very busy. Parents are involved too and each student selects four future aims to work towards throughout their term. Each and every activity is then focused on meeting these aims. Most selected being helpful, happy, independent and successful. They do not want to be nasty to others, selfish, ill or lonely.
- The theme for this term in class is Kings, Queen's and Castles. Each area of our timetable will have some element of Kings, Queens and Castles.
- Dolphins were very grateful to receive their individual iPads and are looking forward to exploring their potential.
- We enjoyed a visit from the PSNI to talk about E - Safety. We talk a lot in class about staying safe while online, or while we are on our phones and when we are out of school.

Wing Walk

We are very grateful to one of our parents (Mr Mayne) for volunteering to do a Wing Walk, at his own expense, on Sunday 13 May to raise money for our school. We are trying to raise a massive £6000 to purchase a specialised bicycle for our pupils. We are aiming high and if we manage to raise more than £6000 we have a list of additional equipment we would love to purchase.

Friends of Mitchell House have set up a Just Giving Page to collect the sponsor money. This can be accessed via our Facebook page or the school website.

Please share this fundraising venture with your family, friends and local businesses – the value of specialised equipment for our pupils is tremendous!

70's and 80's night

All Tickets have now been sold for the upcoming fundraising night. If you have a ballot prize to donate, please send it into school.