



Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.
January 2019



Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2019. We have lots of exciting activities planned over the coming months. Watch this space for more information.

Charities

Christmas Jumper Day raised £117 for NI Children's Hospice. Many of our pupils avail of the services at the Hospice so it was lovely to have Michael Nugent along to assembly to receive the cheque.

NI Piping and Drumming

- We are delighted to be hosting a series of workshops with the NI Piping and Drumming Association. They are coming in to work with two of our classes on a weekly basis beginning at the end of January.

SEN Course

We have been made aware of this course being run at Stranmillis. It is open to anyone to attend, you can go to all or some of the sessions. See link below for more details.

<https://eshop.stran.ac.uk/cpd022-sen-first---an-introduction-to-special-educational-needs-1611-p.asp>

Important Dates

- Toothbrush Challenge – 23 January for Starlings, Sparrows and Kestrels.
- Half term – school closes (at normal time) on Friday 15 February and reopens on Monday 25 February (normal day)

Christmas

Thank you to Solid Bond Scooter Club for donating Christmas gifts, we were able to give every pupil in school a Christmas Present.

Santa made a very special appearance in school to deliver these gifts, thanks for taking time out of your busy schedule!

The Rotary Club provided a Christmas party for the Ducklings, Robins, Toucans and Swans. Magic George and Santa made an appearance!

Our very own 'elf on the shelf' caused great excitement around school – if you were following us on Facebook you will have seen some of his antics!

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Goodbye

- We said goodbye to Mrs Boyd who is off on Maternity leave until June. She has had a baby boy this week so huge congratulations to her.
- Christine Hanson, our Primary Counsellor will be leaving for maternity leave at the end of January. We wish her all the best over the next few months.
- We are saying goodbye to Mr Connolly at the end of January, he is heading off to travel for a year. We want to wish him all the best in his travels and look forward to seeing him back with us next January.

Welcome

We give a warm welcome to Miss Lowry who will be covering Mrs Boyd's maternity leave.

We also welcome Kylie Baker who will be our new Primary Counsellor during Christine's maternity leave. She will be in school on Friday mornings.

Did you know?

You can make a referral for your son/daughter to:

- Counselling – we have a counsellor in Primary (Kylie) and Post Primary (Claire) who will do lots of practical activities to address a wide range of issues for example: friendships, sibling rivalry, acceptance of disability, anxiety.
- Music Therapy – Conor our music therapist is with us weekly and can help to address a wide range of issues particularly using music to give a method of expression.

Speak to Miss Donnan to make a referral.

Shared Education

We have a range of exciting activities happening over the coming months with our partner schools: Ashfield Boys' High School, St Joseph's Primary and St Joseph's College.

Sickness

Please remember that if your son/daughter is ill don't send them into school. We have a number of very vulnerable pupils and it is dangerous if they catch one of the nasty bugs going around.

Changes to contact details

It is important that we have up-to-date contact details for you and your son/daughter other contacts.

Contact details include your address and telephone number.

This is vital in the case of an emergency, early school closure or sickness.

Please contact the office on 028 9076 0292 or write a note in your son/daughter's homework diary.



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