



# Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.  
March 2019



## Welcome

We are looking forward to Mr Shanks starting this month. He is our new Vice Principal and will replace Mr Connolly while he is on his Career Break. Mr Shanks will be teaching a variety of classes across the school.

## Charities

The pupils had a wear yellow day to raise money for SHINE. On the same day staff held a coffee morning and we are delighted that the total amount raised is over £250!

One of our Ducklings, Kaidence Stewart, was our top fundraiser of the day – well done Kaidence!

## Eco School and School Council

- The Eco and School councils met with Lucy from the NI Assembly to find out about how the Assembly works, what MLA's are, and what they do.
- This was a very interesting afternoon where our pupils got to hear about the democratic process and how they can replicate that in their roles in school.

## Important Dates

- Thursday 7 March – world book day. Dress up as your favourite book/TV character. We can't wait to see everyone's creativity!
- Tuesday 15 March – Red Nose Day (more details to follow)

## Shared Education

This month classes are busy with our Shared Education Programme.

In the post primary department the Kestrels continue to enjoy sessions with Ashfield Boys' High School and YMCA.

The Colts are starting a four week block of sports with Ashfield Boys' and St Joseph's College.

In the primary department the Sparrows and the Swans are meeting up and doing practical activities with their partner class in St Josephs' Primary School.

We are also delighted to welcome a number of students from St Joseph's College to Mitchell House to do shared reading with some of our pupils.

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## Ulster Wildlife

Toucans and Robins are very excited about their upcoming workshop with the Ulster Wildlife Trust - making fairy doors and looking at frogs in the sensory garden.

## Annual Reviews

The Annual Review meetings will be taking place later this month. Letters confirming the date and time of the meeting for your child were posted home at the start of February.

A copy of your child's Annual Review document will be sent home this week (Tuesday or Wednesday) so please look out for it in their school bag!

A reminder note of the date and time of the meeting will also be enclosed. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## SD Bells

The Kestrels are very excited about their project with SD Bells. They are a local tea/coffee company and have given the Kestrels an opportunity to experience what it is like to package tea.

They are really enjoying setting up a production line, packing the tea and of course making sure there is a quality control check!

Later this month they will visit the café to see for themselves where the tea is sold from. There might just be a cup of tea included in this trip!

Mr Bell will be coming in to give a presentation to them about the origin of tea, where they buy it from and how it ends up in Northern Ireland.

## The Falcons

The Falcons are starting a new Princes Trust unit 'undertaking an enterprise project'.

The class have decided to run a couple of activities for the primary school on the last day of term - 12<sup>th</sup> April.

As part of this process they will be doing market research and planning and advertising in addition to the big day itself!

## Friends of Mitchell House

Friends of Mitchell House, our charity, own a property, the Boathouse, just outside of Millisle. They are planning on a general tidy and refresh of the property in the next few weeks. Could you lend a hand painting or tidying the grounds? Or know someone else who could?

Contact Miss Donnan for more information  
[mdonnan748@c2kni.net](mailto:mdonnan748@c2kni.net).

## World Book Day

Don't forget World Book Day on Thursday 7 March!

We are looking forward to seeing creative costumes from pupils and staff. Look out on Facebook for some pictures!

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