



Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.
March 2020



World Book Day

We are very excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5 March. Pupils and staff will be dressing up as their favourite character. Look out for pictures on Facebook, there is also a door decorating competition going on!

Important Dates

- Thursday 5 March – world book day. Dress up as your favourite book/TV character. We can't wait to see everyone's creativity!
- **Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March school is closed for pupils.**

Charities

The pupils had a wear red day on Valentine's Day for Children's Heartbeat Trust and raised £96.45. There was also a Valentine's disco in the afternoon – great fun was had by all!

Staff held a coffee event for Autonomie raising £125.02

Shared Education

This month classes are busy with our Shared Education Programme.

In the post primary department the Panthers and Falcons are enjoying their programme with Inverary Fold.

The Primary pupils are looking forward to their upcoming play sessions with St Joseph's Primary School.

This month the Shared School Council representatives are going to Stormont for a tour and finishing with lunch together. They are looking forward to seeing where all the important business is discussed and maybe get to meet some politicians on their tour!

Assembly

We had some very special visitors into assembly last month. The Gideons came to present Bibles to the Kestrels. They told us a bit about the work they do.

Trevor from the Irish Disabled Golf Association came to present Rory with his Irish Cap – what an achievement for Rory. We all love to hear about Rory's golfing achievements.

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Ulster Wildlife

Toucans and Robins were very excited about their workshop with the Ulster Wildlife Trust – they had great fun learning about our local animals.

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 was sent home this week 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.

Sing Out

Weekly from 11th March, you will no doubt hear the news, if not hear the actual practicing, of the Starlings & Sparrows as they prepare to present 'Jack & the Beanstalk' with the School of Music!

However, as the weeks progress, you may well hear the songs at home! This concentrated, but enjoyable preparation, will continue until the dress rehearsals in May and final Show at Fleming Fulton School to be confirmed for the first week in June.

As usual the Starlings & Sparrows will enjoy the event with Fleming, Glenveagh & Harberton schools.

Sickness

You will be aware of the current Covid-19 Coronavirus situation. We are taking our advice from the Education Authority and the Public Health Agency.

At present the advice is 'business as usual' for us however this is an ever changing situation.

In line with the current advice we are reminding staff and pupils of the importance of good hand hygiene.

You will appreciate that this is an ever changing situation and we will keep you up to date with further developments.

If you are concerned in any way feel free to call school and have a chat. You may find it helpful to read the advice from the Public Health Agency <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus> This is updated regularly as the situation progresses.

Fire Engine

Massive thank you to George Best Belfast City Airport for sending one of their fire appliances to school. Everyone really enjoyed learning more about what the fire fighters do at the airport and getting to test out the equipment was a highlight!

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