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## THE EDENDERRY ECHO

Welcome to the summer edition of the Edenderry Echo, our school digital newsletter!

### EDENDERRY BOOK FAIR

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May

In partnership with Travelling Books and Scholastic, Edenderry will be hosting our own Pop-up Book Fair from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

The Edenderry Book Fair will be open for viewings and purchases in our assembly hall each day during the following times:

Mornings:	8.40am - 9.10am
Afternoons:	2.00pm - 2.20pm 3.00pm - 3.20pm

Please note payments will be taken in cash only.

If you and your child would like to view a sample of some of the many great books available in advance and consider what might be of interest, please visit the following link...

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via their very generous reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure.

On average, around half the value of our total sales have been returned and made available to the school as rewards. Every book bought from our Book Fair will help to make a difference, supporting literacy in our school and going towards helping restock our school libraries and classrooms.

Our whole school community will really benefit over the long term from your support and engagement with this event. Please consider buying a book from us. Think of it a wise investment - in your child, in our pupils, in our school and in all our futures.



## SCHOOL WEBSITE REFRESH

We are currently working on a significant refresh and update with our school website designers. We hope that this will result in a new, less-complicated layout and the introduction of our new school logo. Please bear with us if over the next few weeks, news items, etc. appear to slow down slightly. This may be due to the technical challenges for the designers when transferring some information onto a new site. The revamped website will contain an exciting new section which will be of real interest to all of our former pupils, but we will advise you further in the weeks ahead.

## NSPCC WORKSHOPS

We are pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. Programme* this term. *Speak out. Stay safe* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children aged 6-7 and 9-11. Our workshops will be in P3, P6 and P7 and we will be writing to the parents of the children in those classes to provide you with further detail in advance of the workshops. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the content of the *Speak out. Stay safe. Programme*, you can visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

## PTE/PTM TESTING

Next week our P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7 children will be completing progress tests in maths and English. These are not tests that the children can revise for. They are annual tests used by the majority of schools to measure each child's individual progress since they were last tested. Please be aware that this is happening next week, try to avoid unnecessary absences and reassure your child that they simply need to give each assessment their best effort.

## NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY

National Numeracy Day is a national campaign that takes place every May, encouraging adults and children to build their confidence and skills with maths. The vision is for everyone in the UK to get on with numbers so they can get on in life., a vision that aligns perfectly with our own new school vision of *Nurturing Minds, Shaping Futures!*

This year National Numeracy Day is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and during that day all of our classes will be engaging in work that is focused on improving how our children understand and work with numbers in day-to-day life – sparking better opportunities and brighter futures.

On National Numeracy Day, where possible, we are encouraging the children to come to school in an item of clothing that includes a number, but please do not think you are expected to go and buy something new. This is just a little bit of extra fun to emphasise the fact that it is a special, numeracy-focused day in Edenderry.



## AT-A-GLANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have a packed schedule over the next number of weeks. Here are some of the key dates for your diary.

<b>29 Apr – 1 May</b>	School Book Fair Visit
<b>29 Apr – 2 May</b>	PTE/PTM Assessments
<b>6 May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>7 – 9 May</b>	P7 Residential to Dublin
<b>22 May</b>	National Numeracy Day
<b>27 May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>28 May</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>4 June</b>	Provisional P1 – P3 sports day
<b>6 and 7 June</b>	P3, P6 and P7 NSPCC Workshops
<b>11 June</b>	Provisional P4 – P7 sports day
<b>21 June</b>	PTA Fun Morning
<b>25 June</b>	P7 Parents Coffee Morning
<b>27 June</b>	P7 leavers' assembly
<b>27 June</b>	P7 children finish at 12:10
<b>28 June</b>	Final day of term (early finish)
<b>28 June</b>	Uniform Exchange Shop (1pm – 2pm)

## P7 LEAVERS

It is hard to believe it, but our P7s time as Edenderry pupils is nearing an end. As they enter their final two months here, we have a number of things planned to celebrate their contribution to life in the school and the progress they have made. Some of these events are outlined below.

## P7 RESIDENTIAL TO DUBLIN

Our P7s will head off on their annual residential to Dublin from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Obviously, the travelling party are very excited about visiting the city and spending time with their friends. A significant amount of residential information has gone home today, so please spend time considering this with your child. A huge thank you to the staff who will give up so much of their personal time to ensure our P7 children have this very special opportunity. Keep an eye out for our posts on the school website during the residential.

## PTA SUMMER FUN MORNING

The PTA is currently busy planning for a special end of term fun morning for all of the children. This will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. If all goes as planned, the fun stations on that day will include, bouncy castles, an assault course, art and craft tables, a disco and more! Our kitchen staff will also be providing a party box lunch that day for any child who wishes to round the morning off in that way.

Tickets for this event will go on sale in June. They are limited to £3 per child; this is simply to cover costs. It is important to note that having just been reformed, the PTA are focusing more specifically on building community links rather than fundraising.

## P7 PARENTS COFFEE MORNING

We appreciate that it is also a big deal for P7 parents when their child reaches the end of their time in primary school. For this reason, we have decided to host a farewell coffee morning for our P7 parents from 10am to 11am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This event will give parents the opportunity to meet with other P7 parents, with our staff, and possibly with some of the school governors, to reminisce about their child's time in Edenderry. We appreciate that this may not suit everyone, but all P7 parents are warmly invited to come along and mark the end of your child's time with us also.

## LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Our annual leavers assembly will run from 9.30am to 11am on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. During this special assembly, the P7 children will perform and a number of awards will be presented. Unfortunately, due to the very limited space available in the hall, we would request that this event is attended by P7 parents only. Thank you.