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QUEEN ELIZABETH II PRIMARY SCHOOL

School News

Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mrs Robinson & Mrs McKeown

Child Protection Governor: Mr A Boyd

Tri County Football

The next football tournament is planned for 13th January at Cookstown Leisure Centre. Note that shin guards are essential for taking part. Pupils will be collected by bus from QE II PS at 8.50 a.m. We are not expected to return in time for school dinners. Pupils attending should bring a packed lunch. Pupils will be provided with a school football kit prior to the event.

Please complete the attached permission slip.

The remaining pupils will attend swimming as usual.

Term 2

5th Jan	School Development Day (Pupils not present)
6th Jan	Term 2 begins
	P4-P7 Pupils Swimming lessons begin
	Drumglass High School Visit
7th Jan	Cookstown High School Visit
12th Jan	BOG Meeting at 7pm
13th Jan	Tri County Football Tournament
22nd & 23rd	Healthy Breaks
5th Feb	PTA Pupil Quiz (6.30 -8.30 pm)
9th - 13th Feb	School Closed
18th Feb	KS2 Workplace Windows Visit
24th Feb	Parent Interviews (school closes at 1p.m)
2nd March	P6 Parents SEAG Information Meeting @ 7pm

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent Interviews will take place on Tuesday 24th February from 1 p.m. To facilitate the interviews, school will close from 1p.m.

Dinners will be served as normal. Pupils should be collected at 1 p.m. on Tuesday 24th February. Individual interview times will be issued in due course. (P1-P4 interviews will take place during both a.m. and p.m. on Tuesday 24th Feb.

SEAG - P6 Parents

Monday 2nd March @ 7p.m

This meeting will provide important details about the SEAG application process and offer guidance to help you navigate this important step. We will also discuss factors to consider when deciding if applying for the SEAG test is the right step for your child.

We ask that parents of children hoping to join the after-school transfer club make every effort to attend this meeting.

Creative Writing Day

One of the key priorities in this year's School Development Plan is Literacy, with a particular focus on Creative Writing. To support this, we are excited to announce a whole school Creative Writing Day taking place on Tuesday 20th January.

Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of activities designed to spark imagination and build confidence in their writing. Strong creative writing skills support children's imagination and communication across the curriculum.

Keep an eye on the school website to see what we get up to.



**Please return all
Trophies & Shields
awarded at Prize Day**

**Reminder - A School Dinner
now costs £3.10**

P.T.A. Pupil (P1-P7) Quiz Night

Thursday 5th February
6.30 - 8pm

@Pomeroy Forest Building

Admission: £2 (Parents are not required to stay)





A huge thank you to Steven Sinnamon, David Hall and Denver Willis (and to the pupils) who helped tidy our school polytunnel, create new raised beds, and add bark to the base of our second tunnel. The spaces look fantastic, and all the work completed over the Christmas holidays is very much appreciated.

School Values - Responsibility

Following consultation with pupils, parents, staff and Governors, our school values were identified as Respect, Responsibility, Community and Resilience. These values guide everything we do and help our pupils grow not only as learners, but as people.

For the month of January, our focus value will be Responsibility. Responsibility means taking ownership of our actions, making positive choices and understanding how our behaviour affects ourselves and others. It is an essential life skill that prepares our pupils for the future and supports them in becoming the person they want to be.

Throughout January, our ****Pupil of the Month**** award will recognise pupils who consistently demonstrate responsibility both in school and when representing our school in the wider community. This includes behaviour on the way to and from school, on the bus, and during any school-related activities.

Responsibility can be shown in many ways, such as:

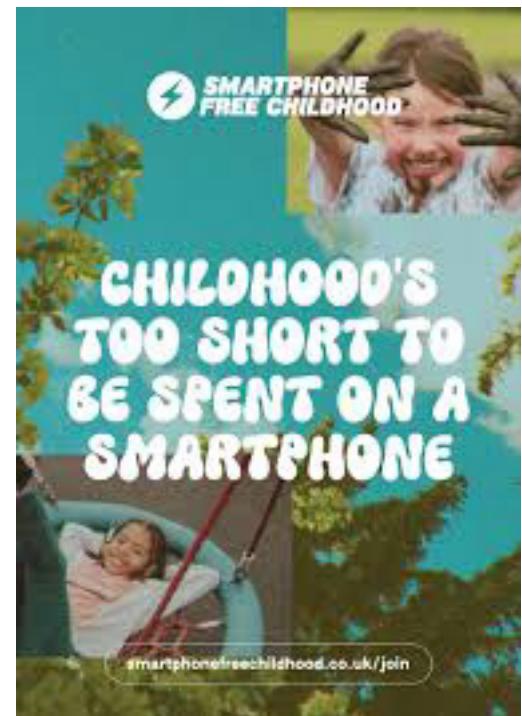
- * Being prepared for school with the correct equipment (glue stick, pencil, homework diary and completed homework)
- * Managing ourselves well by showing maturity and self-control
- * Managing behaviour and emotions positively
- * Representing our school with pride
- * Being kind and showing care towards others

We kindly ask parents and carers to talk with your child about the importance of responsibility, both at home and at school.

Smartphone Free Childhood

The Education Minister has expressed support for the **Smartphone Free Childhood** campaign, which encourages parents to work together to delay giving children access to smartphones. The campaign is a voluntary agreement among parents to wait until a later age before providing their child with a smartphone.

As a school, we are sharing this information with **our parents and carers**. You can find out more at:
<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>



Healthy Breaks

Thursday 22nd January and Friday 23rd Jan
Banana & Toast 50p

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Permission Note

Tri- County Football Tournament

I give permission for _____ (name of child) to attend the Tri - County Football tournament on Tuesday 13th January.

Signed: _____

Date: _____