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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 **(Pupils who participated in last Tournament)**

The next football tournament is planned for 14th 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 9 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.

COMING UP
NEXT...

Term 2

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| 7th Jan | P4-P7 Swimming (10 weeks) |
| 14th Jan | Tri County Football Tournament |
| 5th Feb | P5-P7 Visit to Tailored Images |
| 6th Feb | P.T.A. Pupil Quiz |
| 10th - 14th Feb | School Closed |
| 18th Feb | P6 Parents Meeting - SEAG |
| 25th Feb | Parent Interviews |
| 11th March | P.T.A. Meeting |
| 14th March | Sponsored Walk |
| 17th March | School Closed |
| 9th April | Break the Rules Day |
| 14th - 25th April | School Closed |

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews will take place on Tuesday 25th February from 1p.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 25th February. Individual interview times will be issued in due course.

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SEAG - P6 Parents

Tuesday 18th February @ 7 p.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.

P5-P7 Fun Football Morning

A fun football morning, with pupils from Donaghmore Primary School, has been arranged for Friday 24th January at the Torrent Complex Donaghmore. The bus will collect pupils at 9.40 a.m. Pupils will return in time for school dinners. Pupils should wear indoor trainers and normal school uniform. Please pack a water bottle.

Gentle Reminder* Earrings are not permitted during P.E. lessons*****

P6/P7 Residential Trip

A two night residential trip to the BB owned Ganaway Activity Centre in Millisle, Co Down has been organised for P6/P7 pupils in conjunction with Donaghmore Primary School. Participating pupils will leave school on Wednesday 4th June and return on Friday 6th June (afternoon). If you are interested in your child attending this residential, please return the attached permission slip. A pre-trip meeting will be held in early May. Information in relation to cost and dates for payment to follow over next few weeks.

Board of Governors

We are delighted to announce that following the recent call for nominations, Mr Denver Willis has been appointed as our Parent Governor.

Mr Willis has previously served as a valued member of the Governing Body, contributing significantly to our school's development with his dedication and insight. We are thrilled to welcome him back and look forward to his continued support and commitment to enhancing the educational experience of our pupils.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Adele Stewart to our Board of Governors. Mrs Stewart brings a fresh perspective that will undoubtedly enrich our discussions and decisions. We are excited to work alongside her and look forward to her input in shaping the future of our school.

Returning Members:

Rev M Lindsay

Mr A Boyd

Mr I Irwin

Mr W Buchanan

Mrs McKeown (Teacher Representative)

QE II PS Quiz Night

We're thrilled to announce an exciting event inspired by our pupils! During a meeting between the PTA and a focus groups of pupils, a fantastic idea was suggested - a Quiz Night just for pupils!

After sharing the idea with the School Council, the response was overwhelmingly positive. They even added some brilliant suggestions, including introducing spot prizes to make the evening extra fun!

Thursday 6th February

6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

@ Pomeroy Forest Building

Admission: £2

How We Will Make Our School Even Better This Year.....

CORE FOCUS AREAS

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| Digital Skills: | Curriculum for All: | Learner Participation: |
| Update our I.C.T. programmes and planning to enhance your learning experiences | To create and share a clear, up-to-date statement about the school's core values that everyone understands. | Work with the School Council to ensure that everyone's voice is heard |
| We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train staff on C2K Newsdesk and Just2Easy Plan I.C.T. tasks that use a range of I.C.T. skills | We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to you, staff, parents and governors about the school's most important values Make sure the school's values are part of everyday life at the school | We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a School Council Ask you opinions about things in our school Involve you in decision making |

CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT

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| Curriculum for All: Outdoor Play (F & KS1) | Curriculum for All: World Around Us (KS2) | Environment, society & economy: | Collaborative Networks: |
| Improve the school's outdoor spaces to give pupils lots of chances to play, learn, and stay healthy. | Decide on new W.A.U. topics | Plan to link with two businesses to provide 'Work Place Windows' projects for KS2 pupils | Continue to build upon our relationship with Donaghmore Primary School & St. Marys P.S. |
| We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review outdoor learning activities Identify areas in playground for improvement Plan outdoor activities for your school day | We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan activities that give you a wide range of interesting things to learn about Connect I.C.T. skill learning to the new topics | We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise visits to workplaces and workshops in school to help you understand how your learning connects to real life Plan activities that help you learn in a way that connects different subjects together in a meaningful way | We will: <p>(QE II P.S. & D.P.S)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of opportunities to learn and play together with pupils from D.P.S. Provide opportunities for staff to learn together (QE II P.S. & St Marys P.S.) Use Pomeroy Forest for Shared Education lessons Organise a community event where both schools perform |

Each year, we work together to make a School Development Plan. You may be interested to read through our plans for the 2024/2025 school year to see how we have been working to improve our school. This is an 'at a glance' version for parent information.

Reply Slips

Tri County Football

(P5-P7 - Pupils who attended the last Tournament)

I give permission for _____ to attend the Tri County Football Tournament on 14th January.

Signed: _____

P5-P7 Fun Football Morning

I give permission for _____ to take part in the Fun Football Morning planned for Friday 24th January at the Torrent Complex, Donaghmore.

P6/P7 Residential Trip

Expression of interest

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

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

Names of children attending:

To ensure the quiz reflects the pupils' interests, we are asking parents to suggest 5 topic areas that your child would be most excited to see included. These could range from hobbies, favourite books or films, sports, animals, or anything else they are interested about. Please state these below.

