



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 10th May 2024



**“There is no power for change greater than a community
Discovering what it cares about.” ~ Margaret J. Wheatley (Author)**

1. Cregagh Primary wins new award

At the end of April, we heard the wonderful news that due to all the hard work by teachers, support staff and children over many years, Cregagh Primary has been awarded the Daily Mile Children Fit for Life Award in recognition of the consistent work we do to try to promote healthy living to our pupils: everything from daily exercise, regular PE, Healthy Break Snacks Monday to Thursday and our water-only drinks policy helped us achieve this milestone. Parents too deserve some of the credit – for supporting us by following school policy on snacks and drinks: thank you everybody! Lovely to add this to our growing collection of awards.



2. Eco News from the Green Team



There's an old-fashioned saying that goes, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!” – well, our Eco-Counsellors have worked very hard this last school year under the direction of Mrs Standley. So hard in fact, that after being successful in having our school's Green Flag status renewed for a further 2 years, all staff agreed they were deserving of a special treat. A short walk to The Dairy Ice-Cream Shop at Rosetta proved very popular indeed with all sorts of ice-cream flavour combinations being enjoyed ©

3. Staffing for 2024-2025

Next year there will be a few changes in our school teaching staff structure. This is common practice in all schools and is important for staff and whole-school development. Every teacher is qualified to teach every year group. In a small single-year-entry school like ours, a change in teaching structure usually means some children having the same teacher twice within their seven years of school – this is not a bad thing, as relationships that have already been established can be built on from the very start of the new year).

YEAR GROUP	TEACHER
Foundation 1 (P1)	Miss McKendry
Foundation 2 (P2)	Mrs Lyons
P3	Mr Irwin
P4	Mrs Butt
P5	Mr Higginson
P6	Mrs Standley
P7	Mr Larmour
DU 1	Miss Christie
DU 2	Mrs Pearson

4. Parent Questionnaire for school's 2024-27 development plan

We regularly ask staff, pupils and parents for their views on things. Viewpoints are taken onboard but obviously some suggestions can't be enacted: such as one pupil's desire to see a swimming pool built in the playground! So far, only about 25% of parents have responded. For extra encouragement: all parents who complete the survey will have their names put into a draw for a bottle of bubbles and a box of chocolates! 😊

5. Parent Governors 2024-2028

Next week I'll be sending out some information about our need to elect (or re-elect) two parent governors to join the Board of Governors of Cregagh Primary School.

6. Bank Holiday & School Closure

Cregagh PS is closed on Monday 27th May for the second May Public Holiday & Tuesday 28th School for Development Day No.5. School will reopen and run as normal on Wednesday 29th May.

7. School Office

As previously explained, our school secretary Miss Murphy, is off work right now following a close family bereavement. There is no such thing as 'Relief Secretaries' or 'Sub Secretaries' for schools to employ in the short-term and primary schools don't have staff who have free periods or who are off timetable for an hour here and there. Consequently, we just have to pull together and do the best we can in these situations that (sadly) arise from time-to-time. Thank you for your patience as we continue to rely on our automated telephone answering system more than usual. Remember, SeeSaw is also a great way to contact your child's teacher during school hours. Thanks again everybody.



***** IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR *****

Monday 13th May	P1 Health Appraisals (Changed from Tuesday 7 th May & Wednesday 8 th May)
Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th May	P7 3-day residential trip to Castlewellan Castle & Outdoor Pursuits Centre
Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th May	CPS closed for May Public Holiday & School Development Day No.5
Thursday 30th May	PSA Summer Fiesta BBQ & Fun, 5-7pm
Friday 31st May	Sports Day (7 th June is our reserve date should the 31 st be wet)
Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th June	School Musical: <i>Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies</i>
Thursday 20th June	Final Assembly & Prize Distribution
Friday 21st June	Foundation Stage (P1 & P2) Prize Morning
Tuesday 25th June	P7 final day of school (normal 3pm finish)
Wednesday 26th June	P7 Awards Evening at Mount Merrion Parish Church
Friday 28th June	Final day of school. Uniform-free day. 12 noon finish



REMEMBER – SUNSCREEN ON HOT SUNNY DAYS !