



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 13th May 2022



“A day without laughter is a day wasted.” ~ Charlie Chaplin

1. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

- **At Cregagh Primary School** - A day of celebrations is being planned for all pupils to enjoy on Tuesday 31st May. On this day, children will be encouraged to come to school dressed up as kings, queens, princes, and princesses or come dressed for 'Tea with the Queen'. We will be enjoying tea parties, games, and Jubilee-themed fun activities. School will also be unveiling a special commemorative plaque in our school's reception area, as well as planting a tree in school grounds.
- **In the wider community** – there's also a whole host of fun celebratory events planned for Saturday 4th June. Younger children are being encouraged to dress up as kings & queens for a 'Royal Parade' around the estate accompanied by a band at the start of the day. Then, children of current P7 age are invited to help with a pensioners' tea party that is being arranged in the grounds of Cregagh Community Centre. Then in the evening between 8-9pm, there's a special event being held on the Cregagh field that will see children take part in a display in which they will be given torches, organised into groups and spaced to spell out a special Jubilee message for HRM, Queen Elizabeth II. It is hoped that this final event will be captured by drone photography. **Look out for more details on these activities being posted in local shop windows or speak to Gwen Ferguson directly.**

2. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember to book your child into Clubs every week (not just at the start of term). We need to know which children are attending each day. If you experience any technical difficulties doing this, contact Miss Murphy in the school office on 90 401246 for help. Thanks!

3. ATTENDANCE PRIZES 2021-22

After careful thought, a decision has been taken to base award attendance prizes on children's attendance during the summer term only. This will reflect the improving Covid situation in schools from Easter onwards and disregard the very difficult first two terms of the 2021-22 school year.

4. INTRODUCING OUR NEW BUILDING: "FAMILY RESOURCE HUB @ CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL"

The finishing touches are being made to our new building that will accommodate all the different work we do with support agencies such as Barnardos, NSPCC, Family Support Hub, Women's Aid, East Belfast Family Connections, local Church partnerships and East Belfast Sure Start (to name just a few!) Once the builders are finally off-site, parents will get a chance to see the new accommodation for themselves.

5. PARENTS' PROGRAMMES

We have a new parent-engagement worker called Lois Corbett. Lois will be with us here at Cregagh PS on Fridays until the end of June at least. Lois and I are keen to provide parents with opportunities to mingle together, chat and enjoy a cuppa together. Everything is 'low-key', relaxed and focussed on providing parents with a little 'down time'.

- **Chit-Chat-Walkers** – every Friday at 9am. Next session: Friday 20th May.
Get those steps up with a gentle stroll around Cregagh with other parents. Gather in the school assembly hall (please enter from back playground/yellow gate)
- **Parentivity** – every Friday 1-2pm; finishing in time for early Friday finish. Starts Friday 20th May. Location TBC.
Our new parent group that embraces positivity, creativity, activity & inclusivity. **Parentivity** offers the opportunity for parents to relax, connect with others and explore fun ways in which we can look after our well-being.

6. FRIENDS OF CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A family BBQ & Games evening is being organised for school families in the summer term, probably during June. Once a date has been agreed, more details will be shared. All pupils will be able to attend along with their parents
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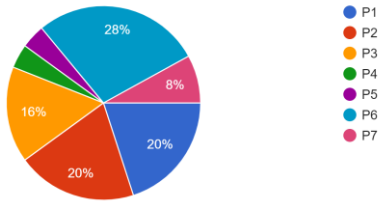
7. PARENTS' SURVEY

Thank you to all the families who completed our survey about our last round of Parent-Teacher Consultations. The survey is now closed. Twenty-eight families responded. Thank you for all your positive responses and comments this time round: the teachers, assistants and myself appreciate the encouragement!

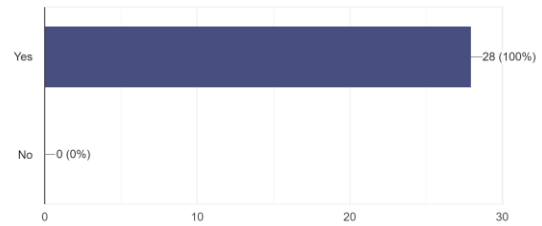
The full results have been shared on the next page.

PARENTS' SURVEY RESULTS (April 2022 Parent-Teacher Consultations)

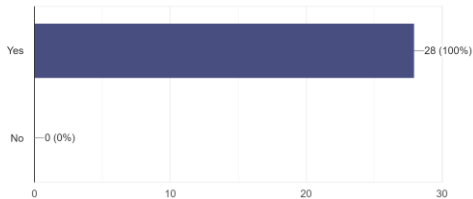
What class is your child in?
25 responses



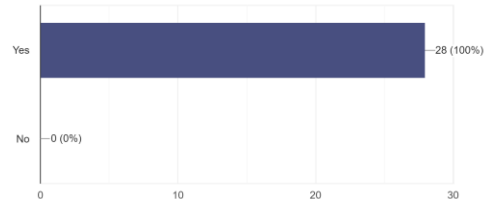
Were you able to arrange a suitable day and time for April 2022's consultation meeting with your child's teacher okay?
28 responses



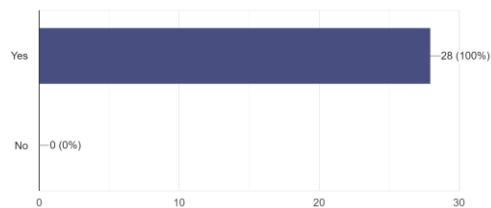
Did you find the discussion with the teacher(s) generally useful?
28 responses



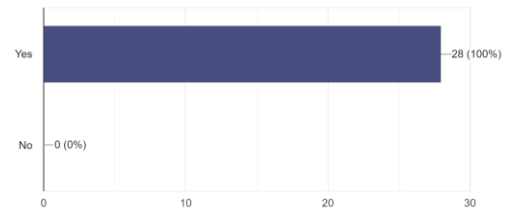
Do you feel you learned an adequate amount about how your child is doing in school at present?
28 responses



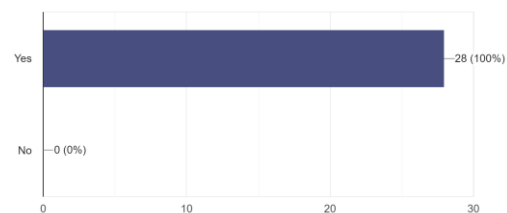
Were you given opportunity to ask the teacher(s) questions about your child's learning?
28 responses



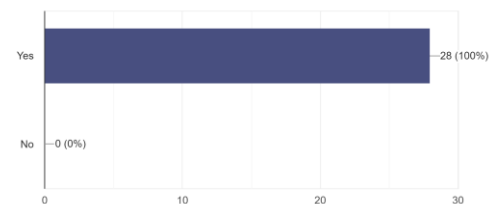
This was the third opportunity this term to interact directly with your child's teacher (Meet the Teacher in September was the first, October's Int...meetings, spread over the school year are enough)?
28 responses



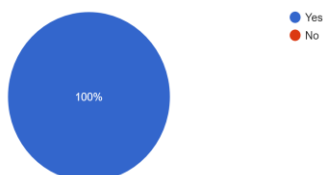
Were you given any ideas by the teacher(s) on how you can help your child's learning?
28 responses



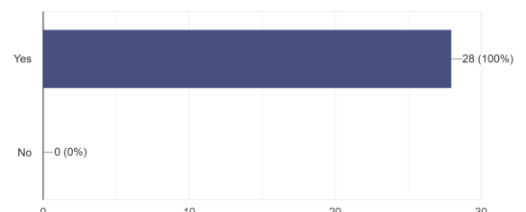
In general, do you as a parent feel the staff at Cregagh Primary School are easy to talk to when you need to?
28 responses



Bearing in mind the disruption of the last 2+ years due to the Covid pandemic, have you been satisfied (overall) with the levels of contact and ...to your child and family by Cregagh Primary School?
28 responses



Lastly, would you recommend Cregagh Primary School to a friend or neighbour?
28 responses



Do you have any further general comments about our school that you would like to share with us?

(12 responses)

- 🌟 I just believe Cregagh PS is a brilliant school and happy my daughter is a student there. Also I know the teachers are brilliant and caring.
- 🌟 No comments
- 🌟 Very good school
- 🌟 I find the school communication levels are excellent there are several platforms used so it's almost impossible to miss important information and also with the added direct communication to my child's teacher through seesaw.

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- Well done to all of you, I have no doubt that you've truly given 110%
- The support received by Mrs Lyons has been fantastic. I am always well informed of how my child is doing and how I can encourage learning at home.
- Great school - love it!!
- No
- Mrs Lyons is an excellent teacher, very involved and understanding
- Miss Shaw is very understanding and patient
- It was so lovely to go through all the work that [REDACTED] has done and hearing great things about him and tips on speeding him up with time limits and having a place in the Tuesday after school club thanks to his teacher, he loves it so much, thank you
- Keep up the great work. My daughter absolutely loves going to school and it's all thanks to the wonderful staff at CPS!

8. WHEN WILL I FIND OUT MY P7 CHILD'S YEAR 8 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENT?

Key messages for Parents on Notification Day

An email will be issued to parents on the morning of Saturday, 21 May 2022 notifying them of the outcome of their child's application.

Parents do not need to log in to the online portal on Sat 21 May to find out the outcome of their application.

Contacting EA: Our Admissions Helpdesk is open from 9am to 12 noon on Saturday 21 May via

Telephone: 028 9598 5595
Email: postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

Staff will be available to provide support and guidance to parents. Lines are expected to be very busy. We do understand that it can be a very distressing time for children and families when the placement news is not what has been hoped for. While we will try to assist everyone, it is important for parents to remember that decisions on admissions are made by individual schools rather than EA.

Many parental queries can be answered via our detailed website information: www.eani.org.uk/admissions

From Saturday, 21 May information will be accessible on:

- Making further preferences if a child has not yet been allocated a post- primary place;
- Appealing the decision of a Board of Governors not to admit a child;
- Changing preference to an:
 - Oversubscribed School
 - Undersubscribed School;
- Making a new application where a parent has not previously applied for a post-primary place.

Accessing the EA Post-Primary Application

The option to log in to the online portal will be available should parents wish to view their application, its outcome, nominate further preferences or lodge an appeal.

Access via <https://admissions.eani.org.uk/postprimary> using a registered email address and password. All users will be emailed prior to the notification date so that if they need to they can reset passwords in advance.

Remember parents do not have to log in to view application outcomes as their email will give this information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21 st May	P7 secondary school placements emailed to parents (see above ↑)
Friday 27 th May	Sports Day (Wednesday 1 st June is reserve date in case of bad weather)
Tuesday 31 st May	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Thursday 2 nd June	Spring Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 3 rd June	Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday (school closed)
Thursday 23 rd June	P7 Prize Day & Final Assembly
Friday 24 th June	Foundation 1 & 2 (P1 & P2) Prize Morning
Friday 24 th June	Pupil reports sent home
Tuesday 28 th June	P7s last day
Thursday 30 th June	Last day of summer term; 12 noon finish for all pupils