



# DROMORE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL MARCH NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe that we're approaching the St. Patrick's Day break already! It has been a busy term, with lots of events and trips taking place. To keep you updated the website is amended regularly and we would encourage you to download our school app if you have not already done so.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was celebrated in style, with a range of fabulous costumes being donned by the pupils and teachers. Thank you to everyone who also designed a book cover or took a picture of themselves reading in an interesting place. All the entries demonstrated great creativity and certainly look brilliant on display around the school. What a talented bunch of children we have at Dromore Road!

Thank you also to everyone for their generosity as part of our sponsored 'Readathon'. This year we wanted to encourage the children to 'read for good' in order to raise money to buy books for our local children's hospitals. We were delighted to raise £375 for this worthy cause.



### GOLF SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

A big thank you to Warrenpoint Golf Club for facilitating two golf sessions on 26<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March with our KS2 pupils. These sessions aim to encourage pupils to try a new sport and the pupils all enjoyed learning new skills. Hopefully we have a budding Rory McIlroy in the making!

### Health Update

In response to the recent coronavirus concerns, the school has been proactively following advice from the Public Health Agency, DE and the EA. As a school, we have been encouraging the children to practice good hygiene when coughing and sneezing and to regularly wash their hands. Please continue to reinforce this at home. As you can imagine at the moment, advice is changing on a daily basis and we will keep you updated if guidance changes through our school text service and website.

### **School Closure – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Please note school will be closed on Monday and Tuesday for the St. Patrick's Day break. Have a lovely weekend!

## Shared Education

This term, P6/7 have been involved in a collective memory project as part of their Shared classes with St. Bronagh's. We have received a preview, from the AMMA centre, of the interviews that were conducted as part of the project and they look fantastic. A big thank you to Maria's and Ashley's relatives for taking part in the project - we look forward to being able to share the final version with you!

This term, Y4/5's focus for their shared lessons is the history of the park. So far they have been treated to a Punch and Judy show in the park, as well as a very informative visit to Bagenal's Castle to look at local artefacts from the past. A big thank you to Newry, Mourne and Down Council for facilitating this project.



## Eco Council

Mrs McKee, our Eco co-ordinator, has been working with our Eco Council on a number of different Eco strands. As part of our Healthy Living focus all the pupils took part in an additional hour's exercise this week and enjoyed demonstrating their proficiency at skipping. Lots of photographs are on the website! We are also delighted to have secured an 'Award for All' grant of £10000 to enable the school to purchase a Recobox to promote outdoor learning.



## Balanceability

We are delighted to have Mrs Cumming working with our P1 pupils as part of the Balanceability Programme. This is a 6 week programme which aims to develop confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance and the skills to ride a bicycle without stabilisers. The children have enjoyed using balance bikes and other equipment during the sessions which are constructed around games and new experiences.

