



## January 2026

Welcome to our latest school newsletter and a Happy New Year to you and all your family. I have decided to report the previous month in newsletters going forward. For example, we will share December's news in January; January's news in February and so on.

### Pupils of the Month

#### **November**

Reception-P3 Star: Zoey McGoldrick

P4-P7 Stars – Jessica Willis and Lexie Carson

#### **December**

Reception-P3 Stars – Luke Kelly, Isobelle Ovens

P4-P7 Stars – Samuel McGrath



### **School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**

We had a brilliant day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December celebrating our annual Christmas Dinner and Christmas Dress Up Day. Everyone looked festive and we all enjoyed a scrumptious dinner. We wish to thank the EA Kitchens team led by Leanne O'Connor for all their hard work throughout the school year.



## Competition Winners

Congratulations to Jessica in P7, who won the Dulrush Lodge Christmas Card Competition. The design will be used on Dulrush Lodge Christmas Cards next year. Also, Jacob Allingham was one of the three winners of the Belleek and Garrison Credit Union colouring competition.



## Santa Visit

We wish to thank Garrison Community Group for making special arrangements with Santa and Mrs Claus. They came to visit us on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.



## Christmas Carol Service

We held our bi-annual carol service on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The church was filled with music and carols as all our families and friends gathered to celebrate the birth of Jesus together. We were incredibly proud of each and every pupil's effort and enthusiasm. We also want to thank Belleek Community Choir for coming along and enhancing our service. It really was a lovely night. We collected £682.33 and 45 Euros through our church collection and by running our Christmas Raffle. We congratulate Kathleen McGowan our raffle winner. A donation of £80 was made to Belleek Parish Church for hosting this event out of the above proceeds. All other proceeds have gone into our school funds to benefit the children's education.





## Christmas Tree Festival

Belleek Parish Church invited our school to participate in their Christmas Tree Festival held in early December. Our school is always delighted to support local events, and every pupil made a wooden bauble to hang on the tree. We also had a lovely morning out of school visiting the Christmas Tree Festival. When we were in the village the younger pupils had the opportunity of posting their Santa letters as well. It was lovely to see the local community coming together and raising money for the church and charity work.



## Shoe Box Appeal

The school box appeal remains a worthy cause at Christmas Time and thank you to all our families who contributed a shoe box.

Your continued support for children in less fortunate countries is greatly appreciated by our school.



## Clubs

Enniskillen Hockey Club sent us a hockey coach, Rebekah for 6 weeks to work with our P4-P7 pupils every Tuesday afternoon. This was completely free, and we wish to thank Enniskillen Hockey Club for including us in their coaching programme.



Core Kids ran an afterschool club on Thursdays during November and December. I was pleased with the uptake of children who attended the club. The pupils appeared to greatly enjoy the sports and Lego club. This was part of our wrap around services, and we hope to continue to run a club on a Thursday after school as often as we can.

### **Digital Phone Line**

Our telephones are moving to digital on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. BT will be carrying out this updating work and unfortunately our phone lines will be down at stages (2-hour spells) during the day. I would also like to inform everyone that the phone lines will then work solely through our Broadband Service. Unfortunately, when the Broadband is down at school for any given reason, we will not have a phone line in school until the Internet Service is resumed. The old phone line is being removed.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Breakfast Club: Commences Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January from 8.30am-9am held daily in the hall throughout the Spring Term (up to the Easter Holidays)

Homework Club: Open to P1-P7 pupils every Thursday from 3pm-4.30pm up to half term break

Swimming: Every Friday morning for P4-P7 pupils (10 weeks)

Winter Birds Workshop: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January for P4-P7 pupils

P7 Devenish College Day: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Spring Half Term Break: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Friday-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February inclusive.