



# February Newsletter

## Internet Safety Day

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. It is never too early to speak to your children about the dangers online. There are some useful links on the school website to help you with this. Follow the Curriculum link, then click ICT.

<http://www.glendermott.net/curriculum/ict/>

## Transfer Test

On Saturday Y7 children received their Transfer Test results, we are so proud of all the hard work that they put in. The results are a testament to the high quality teaching from Nursery to Y7, to the hard work at home and to parents working with the school to create an environment where children are encouraged to do the best that they can do. Please remember children that no test will ever measure the amazing contribution that you make to our school community. Your kindness, thoughtfulness, humour, laughter courage and determination cannot be measured by a grade!

## Transfer Forms

Can parents ensure that completed transfer to post primary schools forms are returned by **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** at the latest. Any queries feel free to call in!

## School Uniform Update

55 parents responded to the uniform survey, 39 voted in favour of bringing in the shirt and tie to Y1, with 16 in favour of Y3. Therefore, we are planning on changing to v-neck jumper, white shirt and tie, navy trousers/skirt and black shoes, to be phased in from September 2018, from Y1. We are currently working on a design for a tie. The v-neck jumpers and ties will be available from **Select Kidz. Cost of jumpers remains the same £10.99 up to 7 -8 yrs old and £11.99 up to 10 -11 yrs old.** We are hoping to have the tie designed in the next few weeks.

## Confirmation

Big congratulations to the Year 7 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Bishop McKeown officiated a lovely ceremony. The whole school community take great pride in how they have prepared for this. The school choir under the guidance of Miss McCrystal sang beautifully and many thanks to parents of Y6 children for giving up their time to provide refreshments, your help and support is very much appreciated.



## Shared Education

Y5 children have started their Shared Education project for the year resuming friendships with the children they worked with last year. The focus this year is STEM. Activities include CSI- Fingerprints, Characteristics Chromatography; Solids, Liquids and Gases- Surface Tension, Slime; Marble Run-engineering and Food & Drink Science.

## Road Safety

Please be aware that we are alongside a busy road with a 60 mph speed limit. When you are leaving the school please ensure that you keep your child close and that they don't run onto the road or layby. When getting in and out of your car please try to ensure that children are getting in at the path side of the car.

## Mid-term break

School will be closed from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. We hope the children have a safe and happy break, they have worked so hard this term. Don't forget to keep reading over the break! School reopens **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

*Believe, Achieve, Together*

## January Pupil of the Week

Well done to all the children who won Pupil of the Week certificates in January.

Charley, Callum, Aiden, Grace P, Shea McL, Frayea, Caoimhe B, Eimear McG, Cahir, Ben, Cara C, Aaron, Grace M, James, Eabha, Riley, Shay, Kenzie, Benjamin and Evaigh.

## Homework

Homework is a valuable part of school life. Homework is important for the primary pupil because it provides a means for pupils:

- to consolidate and reinforce what is learnt in the classroom
- to build up basic skills (particularly reading, writing and numeracy)
- to become curious and independent learners
- to develop good study habits
- to prepare for the next stage of education.
- to involve parents and others in their work

Please ensure that children complete homework activities, time spent working with your child is time well spent.

A signature in a homework book allows teachers to know that you have been working with your child.

## Reminders to Parents

Due to children suffering from allergies the school must be **nut free**. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

The cost of school dinner is **£2.60**, £13 for a full week. Please ensure money is in an envelope clearly marked with name, class and amount enclosed.

Please ensure that your child's bus pass is kept topped up (**£9 for 20 journeys**). This will ensure we can continue to provide this service.

Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 **£2 snack** money is due in every week.

We try to promote Healthy Eating here at Glendermott, from Y3 up please ensure you provide a healthy snack, a fruit shop is available each day- costing 30p for a piece of fruit.

## February Birthdays

Many happy returns to all the boys and girls who celebrate their birthdays in February:

Ellabeth in Nursery

Kourtney; Dara; Owen; Sophia in Y1

Lena in Y2

Conor; Eoin in Y3

Tom in Y4

Dearbhla; Aaron in Y7

### 5<sup>th</sup> February

Y7 to Harry Potter Quiz in Waterside Library

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Mid-term break

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Getting Ready to Learn – Meeting for Nursery Parents 9.00-10.30

Y5,6&7 Children to Foyle Arena NI Science Festival 'Science of Dragons'

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Y5 at Drumahoe PS Shared Education Stem workshop

### Further ahead

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery Tea Morning

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

McDonald's Litter pick Y2

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

School closed St Patrick's

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Thursday Easter Holiday begin half day

## Reminders to Students



- P1 PE – Thursday
- P2 PE – Thursday
- P3 PE - Thursday
- P4,5,6 & 7 PE - Friday
- P5,6 & 7 Music on a Thursday
- Credit Union Wednesday