



NEWSLETTER

11th February 2022

MID-TERM BREAK



Dates for Your Diary	
Play In A Day (P3)	Tuesday 22 nd
February Mid-term	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th
Transformation Information session	Wednesday 23 rd at 7.30p.m. on Zoom
Parental Ballot Opens	Wednesday 23 rd
Drop-in session Andrew Norrie IEF	Tuesday 8 th March 1.30 – 3.30p.m.
Parental Ballot Closes	Wednesday 14 th March
St. Patrick's weekend	Thursday 17 th – Monday 21 st (inclusive)

Hand-writer of the Month	
January	
P1S	Jake Patton
P1 SpLU	Cormac O'Kane
P2H	Laylah Stewart
P2C	Mia Millar
P3C	Adam Craig
P4L	Dillon Boyle
P5K	Riley McNamee
P6/7C	Sarah Finlay
P6/7McG	Neve Crawford



Transformation Information Session

Last night's Information Session was very well attended and proved to be both informative and positive. The speakers, Andrew Norrie (IEF) and Sean Pettis (NICIE) presented a clear overview of the process and were happy to answer any queries. **The session will be repeated on the Zoom platform on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30p.m.** for those who were unable to secure a place. (Being mindful of the current health situation it was impossible to encourage a full audience, yet it is important that all parents have an opportunity to hear the messages and have their questions answered.) In addition, Andrew and a colleague will facilitate a **Drop-in session on Tuesday 8th March from 1.30 – 3.30p.m.** at the school whereby anyone can call in and discuss questions that may have come up as a result of meetings or general discussion.

NEXT STEP – THE BALLOT From 21st February each person with parental responsibility – mother, father, step-parent, foster carer, can expect a letter from CIVICA (consultancy company who will facilitate our **impartial** ballot) with a question regarding transformation. We will hope for a YES vote, but everyone is entitled to their choice. To enable us move on with the process we will need as many people as possible to use their vote and 50% +1 of these votes need to be in favour of transformation for us to proceed. It is **VITAL** that both parents/step-parent/carer return the vote by post to CIVICA. You can expect reminders!!

Movie Night - By all accounts the children enjoyed their Night at the Movies. Thank you to IEF and the staff who facilitated this to allow parents engage with our Information Session.

NSPCC Number Day

A fantastic way to end Maths Week. A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated. Such wonderful outfits and the super sum of **£186** was raised for the NSPCC. I hope you were able to view the wonderful array of pictures on the Facebook page. Watch the local press too.



Mathletics

To add to our 'feel good' Maths atmosphere the following people have recently achieved a **GOLD** in Mathletics; **Grace Williamson** and **Alex Mitchell**, both P2, **Daniel O'Loughlin** P4, and **Max Mitchell**, **Tyler Britton** and **Conor McFarlane**, all P7s. Well done to you all and to our very many bronze and silver winners.

Cinema ticket winners for February are: **Amber Patterson P1S**, **Grace Williamson P2H**, **Alex Mitchell P2C**, **Noah Spratt P3C**, **Ollie French P4L**, **Tom Hyndman P5K**, **Michaela McCanny P7C** and **Conn Kelly P7McG**.



Robbie Burns Event P5 – P7

Thank you to the Cultural Quarter Good Relations who fund visitors to schools for various information sessions. On Wednesday we had the 'Not So Serious Burns' group who entertained and informed the pupils from P5, P6 & P7 about Robbie Burns in the form of poetry, song, dance and drama. Sadly, due to Covid they are unable to bring along some haggis for us to sample, nowadays.

One of Robert Burns's best-known poems is the mock-heroic "Tam o' Shanter," published in 1791. He is also well known for his contribution to over three hundred songs that celebrate love, friendship, work, including the well-known "Auld Lang Syne."

Rights Respecting Schools Award



Our ambassadors, pictured below, are doing a great job reminding us of our Rights Respecting Schools Award journey. We know we have already achieved the Bronze Award and are now making great headway towards achieving Silver. Each month the ambassadors go round classes to inform them of the Right that has a focus for that month.

For February it is **Article 14 – "You have the right to follow your own religion and beliefs."**



CASH FOR CLOBBER FUNDRAISER



The Nature Ninjas have lots of new ideas for projects in our school. Some of these will need funds. You can help us by collecting all types of clothes, bags and shoes, hats and belts, towels, curtains and bed linen. These will be collected by the 'Cash for Clobber' company and recycled. Last year we raised £200, let's see if we can do as well this year.

Bring your items into school in a **black bag** and leave outside the Youth-Wing door. Last day for collection is **Friday 25th February**.

Thank you for your support

The Nature Ninjas

Accepted items	Rejected items
Clean clothes	Soiled Items
Paired footwear	Single footwear (tie laces together)
Curtains	
Bed Linen	No actual duvets or pillows
Towels	
Belts	
Handbags	