

Newsletter

16th March 2022



Transformation Ballot

We received the outcome of the Transformation Ballot yesterday evening. **69%** of our parents returned a voting form before 5p.m. on Monday 14th March. We are so grateful to you and VERY grateful to your children, who we expect pestered many to get their ballot forms returned. A whopping **98.7%** of those returning their ballot voted YES. This is a resounding endorsement of our parents' desire for their children to be educated in a cross community setting.



Today we are CELEBRATING

THANK YOU



Transformation Process

The process to achieve official 'integrated' status continues. A Case for Change document now needs to be compiled and submitted to the EA, who will scrutinise and forward to the Department of Education (DE). The DE will publish our proposal for Transformation, for public consultation, before it will be submitted to the Minister for Education to sign it off. So we are still months away from achieving the entitlement to use the 'Integrated' officially, and we will need more input from parents along the journey.

See <https://www.integratemyschool.com/> for more information.

NONE of this process could have been embarked upon, without your endorsement through the public ballot. SO THANK YOU ALL



Dates for Your Diary

St. Patrick's weekend	Thursday 17 th – Monday 21 st (inclusive)
Confirmation – St Theresa's Church	Saturday 9 th April at 2.00p.m.
Half Day for Easter Holidays	Thursday 14 th April



Boxing Training for P6/7McG

John and Jude from Two Castles Amateur Boxing Club have been sharing their skills and expertise with the boys and girls in P6/7McG as part of their PE provision. We were able to access this input through Jill McCormack, RAPID and supported by your local General Practice Social Work Service, funded in partnership with the Derry GP Federation and WHSCT. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and their teachers noted the high level of concentration, self-discipline as well as skilled movement required to execute the boxing skills.



Sensory Walk

Schools received some funding from the Department of Education for Health and Wellbeing during the 2021-22 year. Through this we are installing some indoor Sensory Walks. These have been proven to help people to self-regulate when emotions are heightened. Pictured is the first of two that will be available to the children. The walls are also used. The spiral is a finger tracing activity to aid concentration while calming the user and another section has handprints for using pressure to regulate.



1st



2nd



Under the Hawthorn Tree P6/7C

P6/7C are enjoying having Miss Wilson, a student teacher from Stranmillis University College, Belfast, on Teaching Practice. As part of their World Around Us Famine topic, they are reading 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' by Marita Conlon McKenna in class. One of their follow-up activities was to plan and construct an Irish cottage with the *hawthorn* tree in the garden. They pupils worked in pairs and the finished models were all very impressive. The judges had a difficult task choosing winners. Pictured are the winning models.

Joint 3rd

