



MONDAY NOTE

LONG TOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT: CHILD PROTECTION GUILDLINES FOR PARENTS ENTERING THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Parents **must not** wait in the school corridors from 9.00am to 3.00pm, during school hours. During the school day, children use the corridors to access the school toilets and to move to other areas of the school. If adults enter the school and stand near classroom doors and close to school toilets this compromises the safety of our children. Again, I ask parents to refrain from this practice. When parents wait in the corridors it also makes it difficult for classes to move freely along the corridors and for teachers to ensure that all children are properly supervised.

We appreciate that some parents may arrive early to collect their children from school and with this in mind we have made the canteen available for parents to stand in from the rain or cold.

Primary One and Two children who wish to attend after school club until 3pm must remain at the club until 3pm. Children will then be taken out to the playground by our staff and parents can collect them there.

MATHLETICS

Mathletics is an online numeracy programme which covers a range of mathematical concepts for Primary one to Primary 7 pupils. Your child will have a username and password to be able to access the programme at home. Please encourage your child to avail of this resource which will help in his/her mathematical development. If you need any more information or you are having difficulty in accessing the programme please contact Mrs Kelly, Numeracy Coordinator.

NOTICES

Thursday 17th October, Mrs Lynch's P3 class will have their assembly at 9.30am in the assembly hall. All welcome.

On Monday 14th October, staff from Bishop Street Community Centre will run an Anti-Bullying workshop for P6 children.

On Wednesday 9th October, our P5 children will take part in the Busy Bodies Programme, organised by the BBHF.

Primary 5 children will continue to work with staff from the Verbal Arts Reading Rooms on social stories.

On Thursday 17th October, children, who have signed permission, will receive the flu vaccination.

Primary 7 children will take part in the Alpha programme on Thursday 17th October.

BOOK WEEK NI 14TH - 20TH OCTOBER

This week is Book Week NI, where schools all across Northern Ireland will participate in events to display their love of reading. This year schools are encouraging pupils to read from a range of books for fifteen minutes each day/night. To promote the reading habit among children, young and old, the library service is providing a reading card for P2-P7 pupils to enable them to record their daily reading.

We would ask all pupils to take time to complete this card for discussion in class.

Enjoy completing your child's card next week and happy reading. Remember, we have Accelerated Reader for all pupils from P3-P7 each morning and after school.

DANCEATHON

There will be a Danceathon for all children on Friday 18th October 2019. The Danceathon will be led by our experienced dance teacher, Mr Stephen Carlin. Join in the fun, practice your dance moves and keep fit! Please return sponsor sheets as soon as possible please. Remember children can wear their PE gear on Friday. Parents are welcome to join in the fun from 9.15 until 10 o'clock.

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Some big congratulations to all the cross country runners from P5, 6 and 7 who took part in the first round of the Northern Ireland Athletics Primary School's cross country league last Friday in Thornhill College. We are very proud of the children who took part. Thanks to all of the parents who came along to support their children. Your support is always appreciated.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Halloween disco will take place in the school assembly hall on the morning of Wednesday the 30th October. Children can wear fancy dress to school on that day and will go home after lunch at 12.30. Children will be off school for the Halloween holidays from Thursday 31st October and will return on Tuesday 5th November.

SBOOKY POETRY COMPETITION

Children from Primary 4-7 will enter the SBooky Poetry Competition this week. The theme of this year's competition is 'Wonderland'. Winning poems will receive Foyleside Vouchers and have their poems displayed in the shopping centre.

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

The top three classes last week were:

1st- Miss Kelly (P2)

2nd- Miss Guy (P2)

3rd- Miss Doherty (P3)

The attendance league table will be published on Monday on our social media pages.

Congratulations to Grace Pierse who won the Brunswick Moviebowl ticket for 100% attendance. Remember, you have to be in to win!

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

Article 29- The right to an education that helps to develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people-The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

PATHS QUOTE

In PATHS®, we practice saying positive words to each other by giving compliments. A compliment feels as good to give as it does to receive. Today, remember to give compliments to your friends, teachers and adults in your life.

NURSERY CHILDREN OF THE WEEK

SOPHIE MCLERY, CILLIAN DORAN AND SKYLER KENNEDY

We congratulate Sophie McLery, Cillian Doran and Skyler Kennedy on being this week's nursery stars. They have been great helpers at tidy up time. Well done Sophie, Skyler and Cillian.

PEANUT AND NUTFREE CLASSROOM

At present, we have children in the school who have nut allergies, therefore, it is vitally important that you do not send any food with your child to school that contains nuts. Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed in school.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR REQUESTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND THESE INTO SCHOOLS IN A LETTER WITH YOUR

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