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## Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017: MATHS WEEK IRELAND

\*\*\*\*Winners of Class of the Week: Year 6\*\*\*\*

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct School closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Group 9.15-11am – everyone welcome!</li> <li>Swimming (Y6). £2 pw &amp; £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag.</li> <li>Restart a Heart Day (Heart start sessions for Y5, 6 &amp; 7)</li> <li>McNicholl School of Dancing classes in school hall, 6pm</li> </ul>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly &amp; awards</li> <li>Shared Education Monitoring Visit by ETI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 shared workshop in CPS leaving 9.40am</li> </ul> </li> <li>Y3 &amp; 4 Hurling with Kevin Hinchey Ulster GAA (afternoon)</li> <li>John Murtagh (Mid Ulster Council) meeting Eco Council 2pm</li> </ul>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1 &amp; 2 PE (am)</li> <li>Violin, Clarinet &amp; Flute lessons continue. Remember your instrument!</li> </ul>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIRST COMMUNION MEETING Church of the Assumption, M'felt 7.30pm: parents only</li> <li>Piloxing continues in school hall at 7.30pm – all welcome</li> </ul>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly &amp; principal's awards</li> <li>Guitar lessons continue. Remember your instrument!</li> <li><b>Friends of New Row Annual Quiz Night</b> in Moyola Golf Club – more info overleaf</li> </ul>

### Dates for the diary

Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ditch the Dark</i> dress-up day. School closes at 1pm. How bright can you be? Prizes in every class. £2 donation from each pupil for school funds.</li> </ul>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Reopens for Term 1B.</li> <li>Remember to bring your Road of Hope Shoebox Appeal Gift! Collection today.</li> </ul>

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 4 & YEAR 7

First Penance (Y4)	First Communion (Y4)	Confirmation (Magherafelt parish)	Confirmation (Bellaghy parish)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March St Patricks Church 7pm	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May St Patrick's Church 11am	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Magherafelt 3pm	No date yet

- We are very sorry on behalf of DENI for the very late notice that our school would close on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. As soon as there was official confirmation, we contacted parents. We understand that many parents were inconvenienced but am sure you appreciate the difficult position the school was in. Did you get a text to say the school was closed? We can run delivery reports and a few numbers are no longer valid. Please let the school know if there is any change to contact numbers.
- We are delighted with the support for our **Friends of NR School Calendar**. If you know anyone who can sponsor an advertisement, contact Carmel Diamond, Madeline Gribbin, Sheena McGuckin or Michael Hughes or call in the office. It's going to be very special!
- Don't miss our **FRIENDS OF NEW ROW QUIZ NIGHT!** See you there on Friday 😊
- Credit union collections have begun again. Visit M&T **Credit Union** on Main St to open an account, then lodge money via school every week. An easy way to encourage your child to save little and often.

Many thanks for your continued support

### Road of Hope Appeal

As you know we have no room to collect Shoeboxes this year. We hope that everyone will instead donate a gift that can be used in a shoebox. **Halloween homework:** why not encourage your child to save a little pocket money and buy one of these items over the mid term break? Bring it in unwrapped on our first Monday back (6<sup>th</sup> Nov) when we have arranged a special collection. Some ideas....

- Playing cards* *Travel games* *Skipping ropes*
- Small dolls/ soft toys* *Small bouncy balls*
- Sewing kits* *First-aid kits* *Sticking plasters*
- Socks all sizes male / female* *Hats/scarves/gloves*

### First Communion: Bridge Programme

Parish of Magherafelt & Castledawson  
 Reminder: There is an initial meeting for all parents of Year 4 First Confession/Communion children in Church of the Assumption, Magherafelt on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm. Fr Gates has asked that we emphasise the importance of full attendance at this meeting. Dates for your diary:  
 Bridge Mass 1: *Enrolment* Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 9am  
 Bridge Mass 2: *Advent* Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am  
 Bridge Mass 3: *New Beginnings* Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 9am  
 Bridge Mass 4: *Lent* Sun 4<sup>th</sup> March 9am  
 Bridge Mass 5: *Concluding mass* Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April 9am

### Friends of New Row



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 @ 8pm

Moyola Golf Club

£5 per person – max 8 per team

Sure to be a good night!

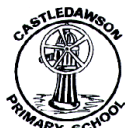
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

### Quiz Night Raffle

Chocolates, bottle or other gift? All donations appreciated.

### Have you returned your *Child Protection & Safeguarding: Parental Awareness Consent Form & receipt?*

A blue sheet was sent home with our Annual Child Protection Summary last week – please complete and return. This is very important for our records and to find out who needs paper copies of polices sent home.



## Shared Education plans for 2017/18



New Row PS and Castledawson PS are now entering our third year of joint learning and shared experiences.

We are very excited about what the year ahead holds, with more classes getting involved in activities specifically designed to improve the children's educational experiences.

As an additional aspect to our joint work, the teachers of CPS & NRPS will be working together to extend the work begun last year around Online Safety. This is a great opportunity for staff to develop their skills and share good practice. Building positive professional relationships can only benefit our children – whilst having a positive impact on the community.

Watch out for more information in our weekly newsletters, Twitter and website. A history of our partnership may also be found on our website under **>Partners>Shared Education**

Definitely #bettertogether :)

#### Term 1

Y4: Shared Numeracy & problem-solving project (8 joint lessons)

Y7: MUST project (Speedwell trust, beginning with a teambuilding day to Parkanaur)

Y6: Visit to Woodhall for outdoor activities

#### Term 2

Y5: All Set programme including a shared music & drama performance

Y6 & 7: Preparation of shared choir to perform at Peace Proms, Odyssey Arena

Y7: Shared Literacy and topic work (Titanic) (8 joint lessons)

#### Term 3

Y3: Shared Outdoor Play sessions (4 joint sessions)

Y6: Fun Sports Day  
 Evaluation of the year and planning for 2018/19