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School Weeks Thur 23rd Feb & Mon 27th Feb 2017

Thurs 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School reopens for all pupils. Full school day (including afterschools) NO CLUBS Piloxing begins again for 8 weeks at 7.30pm
Friday 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 assembly 9.30am. All parents & family of Y7 welcome to attend. Over by 10am
Sun 26 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation in Bellaghy celebrated by Msgr Dolan. 2pm.
Mon 27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Shared Education Lesson in Castledawson PS (back for lunch) No Y7 swimming or Y4 Set Dancing Parent/Teacher interviews. School will close at 1.15pm. Afterschools as usual – must be booked in before 10am (NO CLUBS THIS WEEK)
Tues 28 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 'BEE SAFE' community event in M'felt – leaving 9.10am <i>sharp</i>. Back for lunch. Y6 outdoor adventure day with Castledawson PS visiting Woodhall (Back for 3pm) No hurling/camogie for Y6&7 P/T interviews. School closes 1.15pm. Afterschools as usual –book before 10am
Wed 1 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday (children will receive ashes during school day) Y4 Fit for Life starts again £2 for bus & warm clothes. Ulster GAA for Y1-3 as usual Girls' Football County Finals (indoor). GOOD LUCK! P/T interviews. School closes 1.15pm. Afterschools as usual –book before 10am
Thur 2 nd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WORLD BOOK DAY. Normal school day. Afterschools as usual. (NO CLUBS THIS WEEK) No hurling/camogie for Y4&5
Sun 5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Bridge Mass 4: St Patrick's Church, 9AM
Tue 7 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Bridge Meeting M'felt 7.30pm. Repeat meeting held 14th March.
Wed 8 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book fair arrives in school
Fri 10 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly mass 9.45am School celebration of WORLD MATHS DAY (Sun 12th March) Number activities all day

- Parent/Teacher interviews. If you have not received confirmation of your time, please contact the office immediately. School closes at 1.15pm on Mon-Wed. A/school Club will run as normal to 4pm. Children should be booked in by 10am. Cost is £3 until 3pm, £5 until 4pm. There is *no supervision* of children when parents are at their meeting so please make arrangements.
 - Some parents have forgotten to pay February break (£5). Please do so ASAP – before March is due!
- Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal



Helping your child with maths at home

Last week we sent home information about how you can support your child's maths at home.

Missed it? We have repeated it again overleaf.

Please complete the short parent survey and return to the office.

All returned surveys (regardless of responses!) will be entered in a draw for a small prize.

Improving my child's recall of number facts

Children develop accuracy and speed in quick recall of number facts through teaching alongside lots and lots of practice. This is a great opportunity for you to help your child. If children can recall number facts quickly, they are more confident in other areas of maths, which in turn helps their performance.

What should my child be introduced to and when? Here are a few targets for the end of each year....

Y1	Add 1 to any number within 10. What's the number before _? ...after _? ...in between _ and _?	
Y2	Doubles within 10 (1+1 up to 5+5) Add 2 to any number within 10	All other addition facts within 10
Y3	Revision of number facts to 10 +/- 1 and 2 to/from any number within 20	Doubles (and subtraction e.g. 14-7) Add 10 to /Subtract 10 from any number
Y4	Add 9 to any number Near doubles within 20 (e.g. 1+2, 3+4 up to 9+10)	All remaining + and - facts within 20 begin multiplication facts x 1, 10, 2, 5, 4, 3
Y5	Revision of all number facts to 20 Addition of 3 digits (e.g. 3+4+5) +/- subtraction of 10, 9 and 11 to/from any number within 100	+/- of any 2 numbers (total within 100) X: revision of Y4 and division facts linked to Y4 x facts: x9, x6, 7, 8 – building speed
Y6	Add 4 single digits Add two 2-digit numbers with a total over 100 (e.g. 85 + 43)	Division facts linked to Y5 new tables Practice of all multiplication/division facts up to 10x10
Y7	Subtract a 2-digit multiple of 10 from a 3 digit multiple of 10 without bridging the 100 (e.g. 380-70) Extension of multiplication and division facts to 12 x 12 (and beyond)	



Hints & Tips

Remember to reverse the sum (e.g. 4 + 1 and 1 + 4)

Some games in Education City also help.

Keep it fun! Use a dice or playing cards to pick numbers

Some written practice is good – but best to keep it as mental maths

Research says it takes 2 ½ years to develop 'tip of the tongue' recall of facts – that's a lot of practicing!

Useful Apps

Y1-4 Maths		Y5-7 Maths	
Bugs & Buttons	Maths aged 4-6	Operation math	Jungle time
Bugs & Numbers	Numberjacks	Times tables	Squeebles times tables
Jungle coins	Math bingo	Pizza fractions	Mystery math town
Maths aged 3-5	Math Splat		

Coding apps: BeeBot Lego Fix the Factory Kodable Lightbot Jr Scratch Jr Daisy the Dinosaur

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Survey: Number facts information for parents February 2017		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	I think this information is useful and easy to understand				
2	It helps my understanding of what my child should be learning				
3	This information will help me help my child				
4	I have used some of the information already				
5	I will use some of the information in the future				
6	Getting info like this on the back of the weekly note is useful				

Please add any relevant comments (and sign) – attach an additional note if preferred

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