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We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Mon 20th March 2017

AFTERSCHOOOLS CLUBS: WEEK 6 OF 6 – Last week	
Mon 20 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 swimming as usual Y4 Set dancing £1 per child. Y3 <i>Get Fit Club</i> 3-4pm; Y6 <i>Homework Club</i> 3-4pm
Tues 21 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY – We're wearing odd socks to show our support! Gaelic Football for Y6&7 in school with Mr McIver Y1&2 <i>Multiskills</i> 2-3pm; Y3 & 4 <i>iPad Club</i> 3-4pm; Y6&7 <i>Badminton</i> 3-4pm First Confession 7pm St Patrick's Church
Wed 22 nd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4&5 <i>Golf</i> (will continue until 29th March); Y6&7 <i>Drama</i> 3-4pm
Thur 23 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will NOT close for industrial action – normal school day with afterschools Gaelic Football for Y4&5 in school with Mr McIver Y2 <i>Literacy is fun</i> 2-3pm; Y5-7 <i>iCode Badge</i> 3-4pm
Fri 24 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 assembly 9.30am – all parents, family and friends of Y5 welcome. Over by 10am
Sat 25 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bellaghy Church Island 5K (12 noon – registration from 10.30am)
Wed 29 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ulster Ladies Gaelic Football Finals (we are representing Derry as County Champions)
Fri 31 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closed (Staff Development Day)
Fri 7 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closed at 12.45pm (Staff Training-Autism Awareness)

- The BIG PEDAL begins tomorrow! See overleaf for an important message from our Eco Council.
- Don't forget – tomorrow is World Down Syndrome Day and we are showing our support by wearing odd socks.
- Y4 First Confession reminder: tomorrow evening (Tues) at 7pm. Children should be in their seats by 6.50pm and should wear full school uniform.
- Travelling Book Fair: thanks to everyone who supported the book fair. We hope you found it a useful way to promote interest in reading at home. Ordered books will be delivered later this week.
- Lenten Charity Campaign continues – Copper collections in class. Your support is appreciated.
- Congratulations to everyone for an excellent St Patrick's Day Assembly. Every child in NR was involved in performing for a large crowd of family and friends. Thanks to everyone for all their efforts in school and at home to make sure the children were well-prepared. What a talented school we are!
- Many thanks to Cathy Bradley & Frances Craig for their coaching assistance with our weekly Camogie & Hurling sessions for all classes Y4-7. Every child participated in a 6-week block. We hope this can be repeated later in the year to help develop skills, promote interest in camogie and hurling and strengthen links with St Malachy's GAC & CC. This is important as we aim to promote community links.
- Thanks to local pharmacist Sarah McKenna (Bellaghy Pharmacy) for visiting classes last week and today to talk about headlice. *Please follow this up at home* to make sure any visitors do not stay longer on heads than they should, or do not spread to others in the class!
- Friends of New Row: Easter Draw. Please see overleaf for more information. This is a great annual fundraiser and already we are delighted with the prizes on offer!

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in **The Big Pedal 2017**, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The challenge runs from 20th to 31st March. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved.

The details

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. Our best 5 days will determine our final position in the challenge. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

Why we're taking part

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

What's next?

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too!

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Enjoy the ride!

Miss Walls & Mr Mc Iver – Eco School Coordinators



FRIENDS OF NEW ROW

Easter Draw

After our very successful draws in previous years, we are running this again. The funds raised will help buy resources for all the classes. Already we have a number of hampers and gift vouchers as prizes.

The prizes will be displayed at the front office and tickets bought in school also.

Every child will be given a book later in the week, with a max of two books per family. Many thanks to *Bedrooms and Beds* for sponsoring the tickets. Once sold, the completed stubs and money should be returned to the office. Also, additional books are available from the office. The raffle will be held on **Wednesday 12th April** at a special assembly at 1pm. Many thanks again for your continued support. Already we are seeing the benefits of our efforts and it's great that our children are the real winners.

Mrs Sinead Campbell (Chairperson)



Tuesday 21st March

New Row will show our support by wearing odd socks

New Row Runners



CONGRATULATIONS! The end is in sight! On Saturday *New Row Runners* will take part in their first event (collectively). For some, it will be their first 5K and for others it will be an opportunity to show that the extra training has paid off. Whatever the motive, well done to each and every participant, most especially the Y6&7 pupils who took part in our Wednesday evening sessions. Thanks to Mrs McElroy for her organisation, enthusiasm and motivational messages!

If you would like to join us on Saturday, registration opens at 10.30am and all support for NI Hospice is appreciated.