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Dates For The Diary

Mon 6th Feb - Fri 10th Feb - Nursery to P7 parent/teacher interview week.

School finishes at the following times:

Nursery to P3 - 1pm; P4-P7 - 1.15pm

Tuesday 7th Feb - Safer Internet Day (more details below)

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb - School closed for mid-term break.

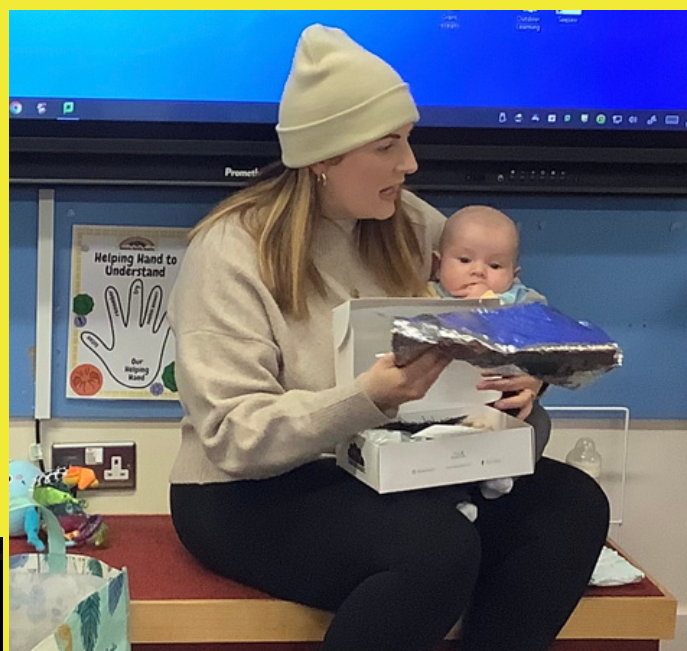
Punctual & Prepared

Please ensure that your child is in school each day between 8:45am and 8:55am. If your child is late, regardless of age, he/she **MUST** be brought to the school door by an adult. You will have received correspondence from the school council regarding the importance of not being late to school. From February, we are introducing the School Council initiative of 'On Time, Down Time' where the class from P.1 to P. 4, and P.5 to P.7, will get 'On Time Down Time' for being consistently on time.

**BE IN BEFORE 9:00
EVERYDAY 😊**

Special Baby

In P1, one of our topics is 'Special Baby.' We were very lucky to have Mrs Carruthers, a teacher from our school, come in with her baby George. Mrs Carruthers spoke to us about what a baby needs and the P1's asked her some brilliant questions. Even though he is only 3 months, we learned about how much George has changed since he was born. We really enjoyed seeing Mrs Carruthers and George and learning about babies.





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Wild About Wellbeing in P7G



We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with local artist Carly Wright as part of the Mid & East Antrim Borough Council's Project, 'Wild about Wellbeing'. This project aims to improve mental health and well-being amongst young people whilst also inspiring confidence and self-worth through art.

Carly uses her art to help her express her emotions about the situations she has been in and her journey through them. She wants to share why she paints with the children and help them to find their creative voice.

We will be taking part in workshops to create artwork which will be ultimately exhibited alongside Carly's at The Braid Arts Centre.

Outdoor Learning

This term in P5LM we have enjoyed learning outside. We made Christmas pictures using natural resources and 2D shapes. During the snowy weather we used our knowledge of measures to compare the heights of our snowmen.



Amazing Jesus

Eve Lowry from SUNI is in P5 this term delivering the 'Amazing Jesus' programme. We have enjoyed learning all about the life of Jesus and the miracles He performed in the gospel of Mark.





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Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day is taking place this year on Tuesday 7th February, and the theme is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.' Online Safety is such an important topic for our children to learn about in today's modern world. During this week, staff will be doing a variety of Online Safety lessons with the P1-P7 children, to help them understand how they can use the internet wisely and safely. To reinforce what is being taught in school, please chat with your children about this important topic. As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child stay safe online at home.

The link below is from the Safer Internet Day website and is specifically for parents and carers - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>. Further information about Safer Internet Day will be sent out by class teachers nearer the time. Add a little bit of body text

Nursery & Primary School Applications



Applications for Nursery & Primary school applications closed on Friday 27 Jan 2023 at 12 noon. Documents relating to applications made can still be uploaded before 4pm on Tues 31 Jan. Notifications of outcomes will be on Thur 27 April 2023.