

April 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our last School Term. Unfortunately for some of you, this may be our last term with you as your children will be, all too soon leaving us, and for others we will hopefully be holding on to you for a while yet.

Well this will certainly be a very busy few weeks. We have squeezed so much into these weeks and we certainly hope that the children will thoroughly enjoy these last weeks with us.

School Show:

We kick off with our Show – Mary Poppins. As you know, the dates for these performances are:

- Tuesday 1th May 7.30pm
- Wednesday 2nd May 10am and 7.30pm

The children have worked so well with Aisling, Mrs Kelly and Emmet in preparing for their performances and we've no doubt that they will 'Shine' in each and every show.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Kelly and Aisling for making this a truly 'magical' experience for every child in Year 7.

Trips:

We have some fantastic trips planned for the Year 7 children this term:

- Tuesday 5th June – GR8 Castleblaney
- Wednesday 13th June – Todd's Leap
- Monday 18th June – Campsie Karting Centre
- Thursday 21st June –Brunswick

Religion

- The pupils will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 22nd of April. They have worked very hard in preparing for this sacrament.
- All the Year 7 children in the Derry Diocese have been invited to Mass in Derry with Bishop Mc Keown on Thursday 7th June. This is a wonderful occasion for the children to join with all the other children who have been confirmed this year to celebrate Mass together.

ICT:

- The pupils will continue to engage in the WYRED Project focusing on their involvement in the digital society.
- The pupils will research the World Cup football tournament.
- Use spreadsheets to record race times for our buggies.
- As always explore how the pupils can stay safe on-line.

Literacy:

We will concentrate on Explanation Writing this term focusing on the significance of connectives and developing an appreciation of the significance of ordered steps.

In Reading the children will:

- Become aware of the various forms of language
- Identify and describe the features and relationships of a fiction text
- Identify the sequence of events in a text
- Identify and describe character's features and relationships
- Recognise similarities and differences in events and/or characters using evidence cited in two or more texts
- To analyse plot structure of a text

We ask you to **continue** to stress the importance of reading in your child's life by encouraging them to read a minimum of 30 minutes each day. A significant number of children have reached their target in Accelerated Reading over the previous 2 terms and we hope that each and every child will strive to reach this target this term.

Numeracy:

In Numeracy we will focus on:

- Understanding and using index notation
- Becoming familiar with the Chinese Tangram
- Using the 4 operations to solve more complex word problems and puzzles involving numbers and measures.
- Research and record statistics and use spreadsheets to perform calculations.

Irish:

Irish classes will continue with Mr. O'Farrell on a Thursday. He is very happy with the progress the children have made in learning the language and we all hope that they will be able to develop these skills further at their next schools.

Music:

Tin Whistle will also continue with Ms. Mc Bride on a Wednesday morning. It is very important that you assist by encouraging your child to come fully prepared with tin whistle and music notes.

The choir will compete in the Feis on Friday 20th April. Good Luck to them and Mrs Kelly who has put so much work into this competition.