



# MERCY NEWSLETTER

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### October - Settling in!

Dear Parents and pupils,  
October already. What a busy month we have had. Our digital webpage newsletter has gone out to those of you who subscribed to our email. This will give you lots of information on our school events last month. It also has upcoming dates of interest.

We have lots to do and we are getting ready for our Halloween Woodland Wonder. If you can help at all come along to our PTA meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 am in the parent room.

We continue to need parent help for school events this year: Our Halloween Woodland Wonder is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, we also need Christmas Fundraiser ideas and parent volunteers to run our parent room coffee mornings or parent classes. Come along to our **PTA meetings on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am and 2.15 pm in the parent room.**



### Our Macmillan Coffee

**Morning** - raised a total of **£493.70**. Thank you for your generosity, for all your baking and for turning up to buy our buns and cakes. Well done P6 & P7 for organising a great day! Left over treats went to the hostel.



Roots of Empathy  
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### Roots of Empathy

Our Roots of Empathy Programme starts this month with our new teacher baby Mia coming to school to help teach Primary 4 all about empathy and emotions.

We are really looking forward to our family visits.



### Shared Education

This year we will begin our Shared Education Programme with Edenbrooke Primary. Our P4-P7 classes will be learning and practicing Mindfulness with the Paws-b programme from Aware. We hope these sessions will help the girls to gain skills which will support managing academic stresses, their resilience and positive Mental Health throughout their lives.

### Shared Education

Shared Education Week is celebrated this week and our P4 pupils will be heading to Girtwood Community Hub to launch Shared Education with our friends from Edenbrooke Primary School.

### Library week

As part of library Week NI some of our classes will be going to visit Ardoyne Library. Reminder that the library also has AR Books available for pupils to get some more Star Points!

### Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum meetings have been a great success this year. Thank you to all those parents who attended.

### Parent Teacher Interviews:

Our 1-1 parent interviews have been organised for the afternoons of **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

They will take place in the school hall and 10 minutes has been allocated for each child. Times given are a guide and parents will have a queue system in place.

To facilitate these meetings pupils will finish at 12.30 both days. NI Parent Week runs this week.

School Lunches and buses will be provided. School will be closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**Early closing Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Thur 25<sup>th</sup> school will be closed on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October for Staff Training.**

**Our Families Connect Programme** is beginning this month and P2 parents will be invited in to take part in this fabulous programme from Save the Children. Come along to our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **After Schools Clubs**

Gymnastics, cycling and many of our afterschool clubs have begun but watch out for art, sports and parent fitness classes starting after the Halloween break. Information will be sent home soon.

#### **Parent Volunteers Needed:**

If you can spare a half hour on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to help decorate the hall for our Woodland Wonder and fancy dress parade we would be really delighted! If you are available from 10.30-11.30 we would love you to help join in the fun!

#### **Hallow'een Celebration**

Our annual Halloween fancy dress and Woodland Wonder will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, children are asked to come to school in fancy dress for a morning of fun and excitement! **School will finish at 12.30pm**



#### **First Communion**

Primary 4 parents First Holy Communion will be on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The dates of the Do This in Memory of Me Programme have been given out and the enrolment mass is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Book Fair** Our Book People Book Fair takes place from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>-October. There will be an opportunity to buy books before and after school. Parents are welcome for a browse from Tuesday at 9am, 2pm and 3pm each day.



#### **Nut Free Zone**

Parents, we are a nut free zone. This means that birthday treats are restricted. We **cannot give out birthday cake** in school. If you desire, only 'Haribo' sweets may be sent in to share. We thank you

for your understanding in this matter as it is lifesaving.

#### **School Council**

Our School council members have been nominated and will be working hard this year to help create healthy and active pupils! Our Head Girl and Deputy Head Girls have also been chosen.

**Our Head Girl is Grace McCafferty!**

**Deputy Head Girl is Carly Brady.**

Congratulations girls we look forward to your roles this year.

Our updated Dinner Menu is available online.

#### **Theatre Fun**

**On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - we will be having a visit from the Midland Theatre Show performing Arabian Adventure We ask for a contribution of **£2** from each child. P1& P2 pupils will finish at 2.30pm to enable them to enjoy the show.

#### **Our Christmas Panto**

This year we are heading to the Waterfront to see Beauty and the Beast our Christmas Pantomime. We will begin collecting a deposit in the next weeks to help spread the cost over 3 months.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** - Book Fair

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** -Arabian Adventure, Theatre Show. £2 & P7's visit to Trinity College.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Ditch the stabilisers

**25<sup>th</sup> October** - Flu Vaccine given in school

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> October** -Parent teacher Interviews pupils finish at 12.30

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** - School Closed

#### **Mid-Term Holidays**

School closed for a week  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**School Re-Opens -Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**12<sup>th</sup> November** Anti Bullying Week

**30<sup>th</sup> November** - Christmas Breakfast 8am-10am. To be confirmed.

**12<sup>th</sup> December** - Pantomime Waterfront