



February's Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately due to a run of poor health in the first two weeks of February, I am sending out this newsletter much later than hoped. I thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

It does however, allow me the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Valentines Day.

We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks, including more Shared Education sessions and the P6/7 group will set off on their residential to Castlewellan Forest Park on Wednesday 4th March 2020. However for now I hope you all have a fun-filled mid term break.

Emily McCaffery



Dates for February

Tuesday 4th	C.A.T.C.H.	Friday 14th	12noon Finish
Friday 7th	Shared Education (am)	Friday 14th	1-3pm Shared Education Teacher Training
Monday 10th	PTA Meeting	Mon 17th - Fri 21st	HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 11th	Lifeboat visiting school	Tuesday 25th	C.A.T.C.H.
Tuesday 11th	C.A.T.C.H.	Tuesday 25th	K.E.Y. Chinese Fundraiser
Tuesday 11th	Safer Internet Day	Thursday 27th	Shared Education (am)
		Friday 28th	Shared Education (am)

90 School Days Coin Trail 28th Jan '20 - 25th Jun '20

How much money can we collect?
How far will each class trail go?

All money will help towards purchasing new resources for each class.

Money can be brought in daily and put into class collection pot.



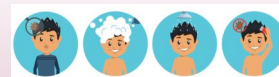
Once a week, take a peek!

Head lice in children of primary school age continues to be a problem. At the moment we are receiving an increasing number of reports of head lice in school.

Head lice are well camouflaged and hide when disturbed by combing. They do not always cause itching, particularly when recently arrived on the head. They may also be few in number and quick inspection is unlikely to detect them.

Head lice cannot fly, jump or swim, but spread by climbing from head to head. Anyone can catch them, but children, who have head to head contact, either at school or during play, are most commonly affected. They are not fussy about hair length or condition. Clean hair is no protection, although regular hair washing and combing sessions offer a good opportunity to detect head lice and arrange treatment if discovered.

Please help to prevent head lice circulating by regular checks. If all cases are identified and treated successfully at the time, there will be fewer opportunities for lice to circulate amongst our children and their families.



Parent Vision & Online Safety

Thank you to all of you who attended our most recent Parent Vision Workshop where we focused on developing awareness of Autistic Spectrum Disorders and keeping our children safe online. There was lots of great discussion and the feedback from the evening was extremely positive.

For anyone who was unable to attend we have now uploaded an Online Safety Information Sheet for Parents on the school website www.kirkinriolaps.co.uk and you can also access lots of useful information using the websites below:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.childnet.com/

www.internetmatters.org/

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day 2020. The whole school were treated to an excellent class assembly by Miss Kernohan's class. The pupils considered how we can stay safe online and we all now know how to be SMART online.



Saturday 21st March 2020

Please save the date for our Spring Fayre. It would be great to see all of you there.

If you would like any further information regarding the Spring Fayre or PTA meetings, please contact Brian McCarroll, PTA Chairperson on 07763853780. to pledge your support.

All parents are also asked to come and help on Friday 20th March at 2pm to help set up the classrooms for the Spring Fayre. Please come along if you can.



Ballymena Festival
MUSIC • SPEECH • DANCE

Ballymena Festival

This year children in Primary 1-4 are taking part in Ballymena Festival on Tuesday 3rd March at the Braid Arts Centre.

The pupils will form a Shared Education Choir alongside pupils from our partner school, St Paul's P.S. Ahoghill and Longstone P.S.

Parents/ Grandparents are welcome to come along and support their children.

The class entered is due to start at 10.30am. However it might start earlier, so if you do intend to come we would advise that you be there 15 minutes earlier.

P7 Miniature Heroes

Congratulations to all the P7 pupils who received their transfer test results at the end of January. They all worked extremely hard in preparing for the tests and should be very proud of the results they achieved.

We could not be prouder of the mature, responsible young people that all of our P7s have grown into.



ECO SCHOOL TOP TIP

This month's top tip comes from Mrs McCaffery.

Recycle your plastic bags from bananas, toilets rolls, nappies and bread by collecting them inside an old carrier bag and taking them to your local supermarket plastic bag recycling unit.



A Look Ahead

Dates for March

Monday 2nd World Book Day
Tuesday 3rd P1-4 Ballymena Festival
Tues 3rd-5th P6/7 Residential
Mon 9th Sport Relief Week
Tues 10th P5-7 Shared Ed Trip
Wed 11th Sign Language W'shops

Mon 16th—17th
Wed 18th
Thursday 19th
Friday 20th
Saturday 21st
Sunday 22nd

School Closed
Pupil Progress Meetings
Pupil Progress Meetings
Spring Fayre set up @ 2pm
Spring Fayre
Mother's Day



Remember for any updates on events throughout the month or to view event photos you should visit our school website, kirkinriolaps.co.uk