



Castledawson Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 7th March 2017

SustransNI

As an active travel school, many of our P6 and 7 children were participating in the National Standards Cycling training. So far they have completed Level 1 successfully and then will progress to Levels 2 & 3 on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Cycling Proficiency will also be available later in the term for other children. Also in relation to Active Travel, like last year we are celebrating the Big Pedal. This will take place in Castledawson PS week beginning 27th March. The whole school will make a concentrated effort to scoot or cycle to school for the whole week. This can be quite a challenge however so at the least, each class has a designated day that they should endeavour to come to school scooting or cycling. Those days are as follows:

Monday: Room 5

Tuesday: Room 4

Wednesday: Room 2

Thursday: Room 1

On the Friday we have a superhero day and so children should all come to school dressed as a superhero! We will also have a 'Walking Bus' on the Friday similar to the last one, meeting at the entrance to Riverside at 8.30am sharp. Parents are welcome to attend and walk with us. Children will be provided with high-vis vests and we will walk to school. Any further details specific to each class will be provided on SeeSaw.

For more information visit
www.bigpedal.org.uk



We are aware that this is also Coleraine Festival Week so in the event your child is performing on the Superhero day, they should bring with them a school uniform. *Please remember any participation in the festival at all should involve children wearing full school uniform, thank you.*

World Book Day:

The children really enjoyed World Book Day! Please visit each class section of the school website for more photos.

World Maths Day

World Maths Day is on Sunday 12th March but we are celebrating it on Friday 9th March. Each class will take part in various fun maths activities and will participate in a maths trail whether in the school grounds or around the village.

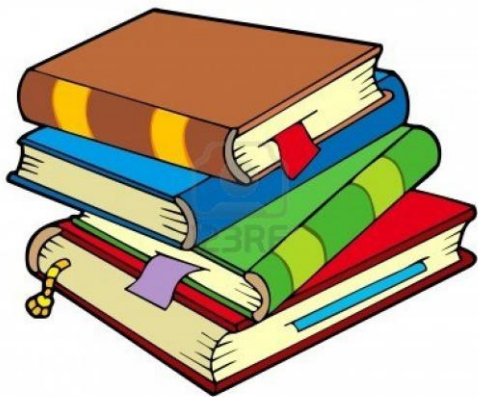
Communication:

We endeavour to keep our parents

well informed through our newsletter, website, Seesaw and also social media. Should you wish for your child's photo not to appear on social media, please inform the school in writing. We respect your wishes whatever you decide. Please be assured we exercise care in all photos published on social media and also on our website.

Book Fair

The book fair will be visiting school on 8th – 15th March. There will be opportunities for children to visit the book fair during school and each class will have a designated time slot and so can purchase items then or alternatively, can visit with parents during the times of 8.40 – 9.00, 2.00 – 2.20, 3.00 – 3.20pm. The book fair will be in the hall.



Bushmills

Our trip on 20 – 23rd March is fast approaching. Children have been issued with Health forms which need to be returned as soon as possible please. Children and accompanying teachers will also have a meeting where information regarding what they should bring will be given out. Please contact Mrs McCusker if you have any questions. Please also

contact Mrs McCusker if your child receives medication.

After School Clubs

We appreciate the support of our parents and the great attendance at after school clubs. After Easter a new range of clubs will be on offer. Gymnastics has now finished. The coach felt the children were tired and attendance had diminished. We know this is one of our more popular clubs so it will be on offer again after Easter. HOP is still available on Wednesday with the focus being Story & Song. Details will follow soon about an opportunity for parents to attend a club to see what their child has learned during the course of that club. This is most likely to be the last session but we will keep you informed.

Surveys

A general survey will go out shortly to gain parents perspective on what you feel Castledawson PS does well and what we need to improve. We appreciate your honest opinions and would like to hear, even as members of our community, what is the perception of our school. We always want to improve and move forward so this feedback is important to us. Our new Behaviour Policy will be available soon along with results of the survey carried out with pupils and parents.



Dates for the Diary

- 3rd, 6th, 7th March** National Standards Cycle Training – Sustrans for P6
- 9th March** World Maths Day on 12th – we will celebrate on 9th!
- 13th March** Mrs Nelson returns to Room 5
- 20th – 31st March** Big Pedal Sustrans
- 20th – 23rd March** Bushmills Trip
- 30th March** Birthday Bash Party night hosted by PTA – details to follow
- 27th – 31st March** Big Pedal
Coleraine Festival (exact dates to be confirmed)
- 31st March** After School Clubs finish for Easter
- 7th April** School closes at 12.30pm for the holidays
- 23rd April** School opens after the holidays. Breakfast Club and HOP will be on.
- 30th April** New after schools clubs will be on offer

Please note the planned iPad night at the Inn on 9th March is postponed until a later date.