

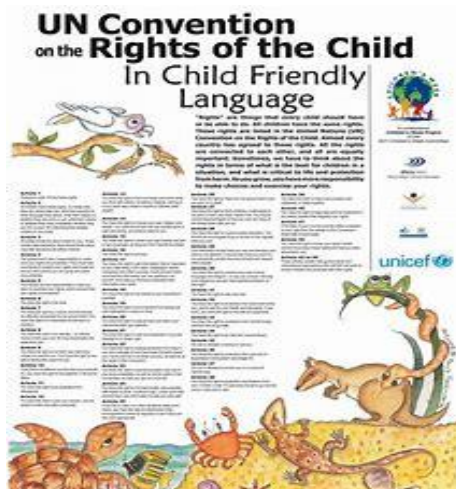


25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Assessment** In May we will begin end of year assessments. Parents will be informed of arrangements (e.g. homework) via seesaw. Each class will carry out assessments in various areas of literacy and numeracy online over the course of a week and the results are reported back to parents in our annual pupil reports.

### Rights Respecting Bronze Award

We are delighted to have received our Bronze Award as a school committed to recognising the rights of the child. In PDMU and throughout the school our ethos is about ensuring we respect each other's rights by exploring the various articles in UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. We have been exploring articles 3, 12 and 31.



### PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA who kindly donated £500 towards purchasing books. Along with our Readathon money books have been ordered and are now arriving in school. Over £1200 was also donated towards purchasing 4 new ipads. Books and ipads will make a huge difference to our children and their learning as these materials are used on a daily basis and are expenses no longer provided for by our Education Authority or Dept of Education due to the continuing financial constraints.

**Bronze Active Travel Award** Thank you for supporting our Feet First Event on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April which saw a lot of pupils and parents walking, scooting or cycling to school. Photos are on Facebook and on our website. A huge thank you to Ditty's and Lawrence's Bakery as well as JC Stewarts and Tesco for sponsoring the delicious food for our breakfast. Thank you so much for the kind donation.

### Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey. The results and actions stemming from your feedback will follow soon. Pupils have also been providing feedback through surveys, class council and also through pupil consultations on various areas of school life which will impact our School Development Plan and future actions.

### Attendance & Punctuality

As part of our duty of care to our pupils within our safeguarding and pastoral provision, we are obligated to monitor regularly and keep parents informed on pupil attendance and punctuality. Both are recorded on our SIMS system in school. Please refer to our school's *Attendance Policy* (available to view on the school website) where it informs you of the various steps we as a school take to bring to your attention any concerns we may have about your child's attendance. When your child's attendance falls below 90%, the class teacher will inform you via Seesaw or by telephone call. If attendance continues to fall, a letter of invitation will follow to provide the opportunity to come and discuss your child's attendance with us and should there be any issues we will work together in an effort to resolve them.

### Playground

As a matter of safety could parents ensure that when they are picking up at 2.00 and 3.00pm please that children are not climbing on railings, walls or anything else that could cause an injury.



Castledawson Primary School

# Newsletter

## Dates for the Diary

30<sup>th</sup> April – Big Pedal and Travel challenge continues for all classes

Room 4 – visit to Mid-Ulster Recycling Centre

7<sup>th</sup> May – Athletics Week

Bank Holiday School Closed

8<sup>th</sup> May – Room 1 trip to Streamvale Farm

10<sup>th</sup> May – SEBD Afternoon in School - please see details attached

17<sup>th</sup> May – Room 4 trip to Ulster American Folk Park

18<sup>th</sup> May – Walking Bus

21<sup>st</sup> May – Assessment Week Room 2

28<sup>th</sup> May – Assessment Week Room 5

Bank Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> June – Assessment Week Room 4

1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day weather permitting

8<sup>th</sup> June – Barn Dance

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June Induction

27<sup>th</sup> June – Prize Day at 11.00am

28<sup>th</sup> June – Leavers Assembly at 1.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> June – school finishes at 12.30pm