



# NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## 'Rapunzel' at the Waterfront



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November we will be visiting the Waterfront Hall to see the pantomime Rapunzel. **Pupils should arrive in school for 8:40 am as the bus leaves at 8:45am.** Pupils should bring break and a drink with them. All drinks should have a pop-up lid.

We will return to school for 1pm. Please collect your child at this time as no dinners or lunches will be served. There will be no Activity Clubs running that afternoon.

## PTA Emoji Quiz

The PTA have organised an Emoji Quiz. Quizzes will be sent home with each family on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to sell/complete. Each quiz costs £1. All entries should be returned by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## Intergenerational Project

The Intergenerational Project alongside LLTCA's Tuesday Club members has been a wonderful learning experience for our P6/7 pupils. They have enjoyed both art and music lessons and had the fantastic opportunity to interact with the Tuesday Club members. Two dates remain for this project - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Industrial Action

A further morning of Industrial Action has been called by the teachers' Unions. On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November school doors will open at 12 noon, with teaching starting at 12:15pm. School dinners will be served, and clubs will run as usual.

## Daily Mile Santa Run

Pupils will be taking part in the Daily Mile Santa Run on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. For this event pupils may wear a Santa/Winter Hat/hair accessory.

## Banbridge High School

P7 will attend Banbridge High School Activity Morning on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils will be back in school for lunch.

## Milk

Milk for Term 2 (8<sup>th</sup> January - 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024) should be ordered by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Milk costs £10.71 for this term.

## Christmas Cards

Our school post boxes will be out from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December for pupils who would like to send Christmas Cards. Cards will be distributed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



## Open Day

Our Open Day will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30-3:30 pm. Please encourage any families you know to come and have a look around the school. If you can leave flyers in the community contact school and we will send them home with your child. Also please share our poster on Facebook.



**On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Clubs 1 and 2 will be free of charge. Some pupils will remain in class, rather than attending club, during our Open Day.** Full school uniform should be worn.

## Eco Workshop

A representative from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful will be hosting an Eco Workshop on

Fast Fashion with P6/7 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### PTA Winter Warmer

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December the PTA will run a hot drink and snack stall at 8:30am and at 2:45pm. Each



morning and afternoon tea/coffee with shortbread/mince pie will be available for £2. Hot chocolate (with marshmallows!) will be available for children each afternoon for £1. Reindeer food will also be on sale for £1.50. Please plan to support and enjoy this event!

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We will make this occasion as festive as possible for the pupils. This will be a non-uniform day; pupils may wear a Christmas/Winter jumper, Christmas hat/hair accessory.



**Christmas Dinner should be ordered by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. It is the normal price of £2.60 for paying families.**

### Homework

All homework will finish on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and repeated on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

To ensure there is enough space in our Assembly Hall for all parents and friends, could parents whose oldest child is in P1-4 attend on Tuesday and parents whose oldest child is in P5-7 attend on Wednesday. Contact school if this does not suit you. Pupils will go home with their parents on Wednesday after the Service. For families attending on Tuesday, please collect your child on Wednesday at 11:30am. There will be no school meals or clubs on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Raffle

The PTA are having a Christmas Raffle. Tickets cost £1 each. There will be the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets as you arrive for the Carol Service. The raffle will be drawn for a hamper each day after the service.



### Secret Santa

Each class will operate a "Secret Santa". If you would like your child to take part, bring one Christmas gift suitable for someone of their age, costing no more than £5. Girls should bring a gift for a girl (marked with the letter 'G'), and boys, a gift for a boy (marked with the letter 'B'). Please have all gifts into school for **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** as they will be distributed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### PTA Christmas Disco

The PTA are running a Christmas Disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 1:45-2:45pm for P1-7. Entry to the disco costs £2 and a snack will be provided.



P1-3 will remain in school until 2:45pm. This will be a non-uniform day. Pupils not wishing to attend the disco should be collected at 1:45pm. No clubs will run that afternoon.

### Non-uniform Days

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be non-uniform days.

### Activity Clubs 1 and 2

Afterschool activities and homework supervision take place each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Each Friday Activity Club has a theme.

Themes for December are:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas/Winter Craft  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas/Winter Craft  
Clubs should be booked each Monday for the week ahead to ensure adequate resources for activities are available for each pupil. Each session costs £2.50.

**Bee Active**

Bee Active will continue each Thursday with Multisport for P1-3 from 1:45-2:45pm and P4-7 from 2:45-3:45pm.

Remaining sessions for this block take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December.



**Milltown House Activity**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December pupils will participate in a special activity in their Houses: Lenaderg, Huntly and Bellfield. Pupils can look forward to an enjoyable morning!

**School Council Treat Day**

Our School Council will run a Treat Day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Snack will be provided, with no money required.

**PTA Clothing Stall**

Keep all your Christmas jumpers, costumes, and party clothes! In the New Year the PTA will be running a clothing stall where these items can be exchanged. Further details to follow.



**Christmas Holidays**

School will close on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. P1-3 pupils and siblings should be collected at 11:50am and P4-7 at 12 noon. School will reopen on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

I would like to wish you all a blessed and enjoyable Christmas.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Wright

