



Principal's Award Recipients

Congratulations to our Principal's Award winners for the month of November. They loved their hot chocolate & cookies!

P1L	Summer Sangan Ashrafull Chowdhury	P1G	Rebecca McConnell Sarah Bailie
P2Ra	Reuben Hamilton Lydia Lappin	P2R	Corey Shaw Aaliyah Kelly
P3McC/M	Callum McKendry Molly Lochhead	P3B/F	Robin Murdoch Inda Tate
P4C	Emily Grant Archie Lappin	P4W	Coist McNarry Jasmine Smith
P5S	Calvin Cassells Wajeaha Zaman	P5L/U	Rezuan Chowdhury Amy Mills
P6My	Bonnie Maxwell Matthew Sloan	P6McC	Katie Brown Charlie Elliott Kenzie Shaw
P7S	Eva McKeown Sharline Morton	P7T/McC	Bailey Stanfield Rachel Clark



Christmas Musical Spirit

Congratulations to Rebekah Green and Taevon James who have been selected to play in the EA Music Service Christmas Concert in the Ulster Hall next week. Good luck to them both!

Dates for your Diary in December

Nativities (10th & 11th December) Primary 1 parents on 10th & Primary 2 parents on 11th Dec

SCHOOL CLOSED on Thursday 12th December as we are a polling station for the UK PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

Monday 16th December will be a full-day rehearsal for all of the choir and instrumentalists involved in the Carol Service. Parents should bring their children to **St. Mark's for 9.30am** with their instrument (if applicable), music and a packed lunch. Pupils should be **picked up again at 2.30pm** (in order to facilitate any sibling pickups)

Tuesday 17th December (instruments & music will be required), participating pupils should arrive at **6.30pm** that evening and the actual service starts in **St. Mark's at 7.00pm** - **We look forward to seeing you there!**

Festive Fitness Fundraiser in aid of PTA funds (18th December)

School Cinema Trip (19th December)

Christmas Jumper/ Festive Non-Uniform Day. Pupils may wear a Christmas jumper, Christmas accessories or something with 'Christmassy' colours of red or green! (20th December)

The Autumn Term concludes on Friday 20th December at 12.15 p.m. (P1 will be released at 12.10p.m to help ease congestion)

School will begin again on Monday 6th January 2020 at the normal time of 8.45 a.m

Jolly Hockey Sticks

Three fabulous P7 hockey teams took part in a post AQE hockey tournament today. They finished the tournament, all with rosy cheeks and huge smiles, after having an amazing morning. Two teams came away with medals and many came away with having experienced and greatly enjoyed new positions and roles - well done to all three groups!

Parent-Teacher Association



Christmas fun at the Newtownards Model



3rd December - Open night for prospective parents

6th & 13th December - Festive Fridays (more details to follow)

10th & 11th December - Nativity plays for P1 and P2 children

18th December - Fitness Freddy (more details to follow)

There will also be ballots available to buy for your chance to win a Christmas hamper or kids Christmas box. Both of these will be filled with lovely goodies to get you started for the Christmas holidays.

Name the Elf - There will be a cheeky elf around the school over the month of December. Take your chance to guess his name and you might be lucky enough to take him home if you guess correctly.



Festive Fridays

Friday 6th and 13th December

Come along to the school playground (opposite the activity centre at P1&P2 door) to buy some festive hot chocolate with mini mallows.

There will be shortbread available to purchase to give you a little extra treat.

Keep your eyes open as SANTA will be paying a visit also.



This will take place at 2pm and 3pm following class dismissal.

Hope to see you all there to enjoy some Christmas festivities.



Hot chocolate will be available for purchase at £1.00 (shortbread 25p)

We also will be having our famous 'Washing Line' with fabulous prizes to be won. Including:

- A night off written homework!
- An opportunity to wear your slippers in class for the day!
- A treat bag!
- Someone will even win extra play-time for their whole class!!!

SWAP Club

From Monday 9th December, those **attending SWAP Club** will be dismissed from the **front door of the school at 2.55pm.**

Dealing with Parental Concerns

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone of the correct means for raising a concern in our school.

- If it relates to an issue in the classroom, please discuss it with the classroom teacher in the first instance. An appointment can be made via the School Office.
- If your concern is of a more serious nature, you may wish to make contact with one of our Key Stage Leaders. Mrs Langley in Foundation Stage, Mr Watson in Key Stage 1 or Mrs Simpson in Key Stage 2. Again, as these members of staff have a full-time teaching commitment, please make contact via the School Office.
- If you are anxious about a matter involving the well-being of our pupils, our Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Simpson. Our Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Langley.
- If the concern relates to other serious matters in school, these concerns should be directed to myself as Principal.

More information on our policy for dealing with concerns can be found on our school website.

Health & Safety

Anyone wishing to speak to a member of our staff MUST do it through our school office. For safeguarding reasons, we must insist that this is adhered to by everyone.

No-one should attempt to gain access through any other door.

Due to the on-going concern we are having with cars parking in a way which jeopardises the safety of pedestrians we are currently reviewing our procedures in and around school.

After consultation with the PSNI and some of our local residents we have modified our procedures.

Please take time to read these new procedures carefully as it will help reduce the prospect of anyone being seriously hurt or worse! As I have said before, **our children come first!**

Best wishes,



G Bennett
Principal

PLEASE READ BELOW FOR NEW PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

New Parking Arrangements Inside Newtownards Model Primary School

As stated in previous Parent Newsletters, we have a genuine concern for our pupils and staff at the school due to unsafe parking practices from those picking up pupils.

A new barrier has been set up to restrict access to the STAFF CAR PARK.

There are TWO DISABLED CAR PARKING BAYS, **once these are full please park legally on Scrabo Road or in the car park adjacent to the cinema/ McDonalds.**

The third bay is available for visitors to use.



In the interests of respect, if you are parked in one of our disabled bays, then **your DISABLED PERMIT should be displayed clearly on the dashboard of your vehicle.**

Please note that 'Blue Badges' must only be displayed if the holder is travelling in the vehicle as a driver or passenger and making use of this parking concession.

If there are no bays available, then **NO-ONE IS PERMITTED TO PARK ON THE RED AREA**
(shown in the photo above)

This blocks access for emergency response vehicles in the event of critical incident.

Staff will be monitoring the situation and if the new procedures are not followed then do not be offended when you are politely asked to move your vehicle.

