



We have finally made it to February! If you haven't stopped by our Facebook page recently, be sure take a look at what we all have been experiencing throughout January.

Here are just some examples of what has been going on... P7 have been developing their tag rugby skills with Budge Pitney of Regent House and travelling back in time to the Victorian Era @ Sentry Hill... We've opened our doors to those considering joining our school community in September... Miniversity, Dance, Football, Multi-Sports & Scripture Union have all begun after school... Our pilot programme, Jigsaw Counselling, has started engaging with some of our pupils and parents... Learning Support teachers have been reviewing and updating pupil progress and meeting with parents... One of our P4, P5 & P6 classes has been meeting up with their St Finian's & Londonderry Primary friends to visit the local airfield, to create with clay or even learn how to limbo!!

It's wonderful to see so much going on!!

Meet the Parents

Our Primary 7 parents have just finished meeting with their child's teacher and I to discuss where they wish to transfer to next year after they leave us. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting this cohort of parents and view it as our privilege to help them during this period. This can be a challenging time for some of our families, as they strive to consider their options and make informed decisions about the future. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Clubs in Full Flow

I have been really pleased with the uptake of clubs this term so far. It is lovely to see your children leaving our school chatting openly about how much they have enjoyed their time taking part; many have left tired and red-faced after being active too!

There are still some spaces available in the 3-4pm sessions of football, dance and multi-sports. If you are interested, please contact our school office.

Parent-Teacher Association

Following our recent PTA Meeting last month, we have decided to spend some of the funds into purchasing a new water tray for our Primary 2 classes to use in their play-based learning; a school mobile phone so staff can share what your children are enjoying whilst on school trips more readily; and to develop, furnish and equip a sensory space within the school. More details about these expenditures, including photographs, will be posted on our school Facebook page over the coming weeks.

Remember... your support, whether it be financial or even by giving us your time to help, is invaluable in helping us fulfil our wish list and enhancing your children's experiences.

IMPORTANT SWAP Club Announcement IMPORTANT

As you will know SWAP Club has been extended to accommodate P4 to P7 pupils from 3.00 to 4.00pm for the last 3 weeks. This was our school response to your desire communicated in our recent parent questionnaire (67% voted in favour). **Sadly, I have had to take the decision to discontinue the 3.00pm - 4.00pm slot as of next week.** Our school budget cannot meet the running costs due to poor pupil numbers using the facility. I apologise for any inconvenience caused, however, this 4-week trial has operated at a financial loss.

SWAP WILL STILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM 2.00pm TO 3.00pm each day.

Dates for your Diary

17th February to 21st February (inclusive) - Half-Term Holiday

9th March to 13th March - Parent-Teacher Interviews. There will be no afterschool clubs and P1 & P2 children will be released each day of that week at 12.15 pm and all other classes will be released at 1.10 pm.

Best wishes,

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Principal

