



## MONDAY NOTE

LONG TOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

### CONGRATULATIONS

We were delighted to hear that Abbey Wilson and Kayla Brown received first prizes in the annual Irish League of Credit Unions Art Competition. Well done also to Megan Harris who received 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

### NOVEMBER SPELLING WIZARD

Congratulations to Aldara Infante Mc Donald for winning the November P3 Spelling Wizard competition; Emer Maguire P4 for winning the P4//5 Spelling Wizard Competition and Zenan Kennedy for winning the P6/7 Spelling Wizard competition. They gave an excellent performance. Well done to all our finalists for their fantastic effort.

### HIGH HOPES CELEBRATION

Our choir will be singing at the High Hopes Celebration at St Columba's Cathedral on Thursday at 7.30pm. This is a cross-community event. Phil Brennan and the Big Mass Choir will also be present. We would be delighted if as many of our parents as possible could attend. All are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets are available for our Christmas draw. Prizes are displayed in the main school.

If anyone has unwanted, unused gifts that you would like to recycle, all donations gratefully accepted.

### SACRAMENTAL DATES

This is a very special year for our Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupils in their journey of faith.

Primary 7

#### NOTICES

P7 children will host our Advent Prayer Service on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

A Maths meeting will be held in the lower school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December for parents of P4 children.

On Wed 5<sup>th</sup> December the Nursery children will continue with their Early Years Art Project with their friends from Fountain PS at the Playhouse.

There will be a Confirmation meeting for Primary 7 pupils and their parents on **Wednesday 28th November** at **5.30pm** in Long Tower PS. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday 10th February 2019** at 3pm in St Columba's Church

#### **Primary 4**

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 25th May 2018 at 11am** in St. Columba's Church

The date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be confirmed in the new year

## **AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

**All clubs will finish for Christmas on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. All clubs will begin again Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

## **OPEN AFTERNOON**

We will hold our Open Day to showcase our school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. All are welcome. Please encourage any of your friends or family who have children ready to start Nursery or Primary One to come along and see our school. All are welcome.

## **BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN**

We strongly encourage children to wear bright and reflective clothing when out walking, cycling etc. as the darker mornings/nights come in. Teachers will be having discussions with pupils about the importance of being seen in the dark; children will have the opportunity to make posters on this topic and display them around the school. Teachers will discuss the benefits of wearing bright clothing, using reflectors and high vis vests etc.

## **OPERATION SNOWBALL**

This year again, local community groups are seeking donations of non-perishable food items for their Annual Secret Santa Hamper Appeal. All food will be collected from the school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm. Any donation would be much appreciated.

## **SCHOOL CHOIR**

A big welcome to all our new choir members and welcome back to our senior members. The choir has a busy schedule in the run up to Christmas. The choir will be singing at:

- Foyleside on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in support of Samaritans.
- St Columba's Cathedral, as part of the High Hopes Celebration on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm
- Walled City Market, Bishop Street on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15 pm.

- Quayside on Wednesday 12 December at 10.30 am for Foyle Hospice

Other dates are to be confirmed.

The Christmas party for the choir is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## ADVENT WORKSHOP

The Derry Youth Community will deliver Advent workshops for children in P2 – P4:

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December P3 @ 9.30am in Assembly Hall
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December P4 - P4 @ 9.30am in the classroom

## NUMERACY MEETING

There will be a meeting for the parents of P4 children regarding the teaching of subtraction and tens and units. At present, your child is learning the concept of Decomposition. Miss Bowe will explain the method we use in school. The meeting will be held in Miss Bowe's room on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm** and will last approx. 30 minutes. Supervision for younger children will be available. We would be delighted to see as many as possible there.

## PEANUT AND NUTFREE CLASSROOM

At present, we have children in the school who have nut allergies, therefore, it is vitally important that you do not send any food with your child to school that contains nuts. **Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed in school.**

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Christmas dinner for the children will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## BIG BOOK READ/ SUPPER WITH SANTA

We continue with our Big Bedtime Read theme. Nursery children and their parents are invited to Supper with Santa on our Open day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4 O' clock. Remember to wear your pajamas.

## NATIVITY PLAY

Nursery Nativity will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am. P1-3 Nativity will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PUPILS OF THE MONTH

Primary One Mrs Connolly	Mikayla Devine
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<b>Primary One Miss Guy</b>	<b>Isaac Collins</b>
<b>Primary Two Mrs Kelly</b>	<b>Maddie Dalton</b>
<b>Primary Two Miss Biddle</b>	<b>Kadie Gilmour</b>
<b>Primary Three Mrs Duncan</b>	<b>Joshua Brown</b>
<b>Primary Three Mrs Lynch</b>	<b>Kaci-Elee Killen</b>
<b>Primary Four Miss Henderson</b>	<b>Katie Duffy</b>
<b>Primary Four Miss Bowe</b>	<b>Aoife Coll</b>
<b>Primary 5 Mrs Mc Crystal</b>	<b>Clodagh Brady</b>
<b>Primary Five Mr Gallagher</b>	<b>Callum Rudd</b>
<b>Primary Six Miss Doherty</b>	<b>Dean Mc Laughlin</b>
<b>Primary Seven Miss Mc Glinchey</b>	<b>Kayla Rowe</b>

## **NURSERY STARS OF THE WEEK**

**AMBER WILSON AND NICOLE MACARI**

We congratulate our nursery stars, **Amber Wilson and Nicole Macari** for being kind and helpful in the Nursery.  
WELL DONE, **Amber and Nicole**.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR REQUESTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND THESE INTO SCHOOLS IN A LETTER WITH YOUR CHILD.

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