



MONDAY NOTE

LONG TOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

CONTACTING THE OFFICE

Now that clubs have started back again, we would ask parents to ensure they inform their children in the morning as to who is picking them up after school each day and whether they are attending clubs. Each day Noeleen receives many calls asking for messages to be relayed to children; the office is very busy and as Noeleen is our only secretary, relaying these messages takes up a lot of her time. We would appreciate your cooperation in this.

NOTICES

Sacramental talk for Primary 4 will take place on Wednesday 26th September at 5.30pm in Nazareth House P.S

Children in Crossfire volunteers will visit the school on Tuesday morning to talk to the children about their work in Tanzania.

THE SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY AWARD

Congratulations to all our staff and pupils for being the first school in Derry to receive the School of Sanctuary award. The award was granted for the school's work in welcoming all newcomers, people of other faiths and nationalities to our school. Staff and pupils attended an award ceremony at the City Hall in Belfast on Friday 21st September. Well done to everyone!

THE SELFISH GIANT BY OSCAR WILDE

We are delighted to have Image Musical Theatre perform 'The Selfish Giant' at our school on Tuesday 25th September at 1.00pm. Prior to the show the group will hold an interactive workshop for all the children. The cost of the show is £1.00 per pupil.

ECO THE GREEN FLAG

An Eco-Schools Green Flag Assessment will take place on Thursday 27th September. The eco-committee, school pupils and the wider school community have been working hard over the last few years towards achieving this award - the time has finally come! Please ensure children are coming to school with reusable water bottles and reusable lunch containers. Encourage your child to practise our Eco Code song at home and discuss how our school has become more eco-friendly - the assessor may ask children in different classes questions about being an eco-school. We very much appreciate your support in this matter.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PATTERNS IN NUMERACY

Last week our primary one pupils were working hard on following and creating PATTERNS in their numeracy lessons. Why is developing patterns in young children important? Recent research has found that young children's ability to spot mathematical patterns can predict later mathematical achievement more than other abilities such as counting. When young children explore and learn about pattern we help them build important foundations for later number work. So if and when an opportunity arises related to patterns at home, draw your child's attention to it and have a conversation about it! This is a simple way in which you can help your child's mathematical learning!

HEALTHY PROMOTING HOMES PROGRAMME

Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum are offering parents from our school a 9-week programme based on Health and Wellbeing. The programme is a mix of personal development, physical activity (suitable to personal ability) and healthy cooking on a budget. The course will be held at Long Tower Youth Club and starts on **Wednesday 19th September from 1pm to 3pm and on Friday 21st from 10 am to 12 noon.** Transport can be provided to Long Tower Youth Club. Lunch is available and a crèche is available if needed. If interested give your name to Mrs Hutchison as soon as possible.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are seeking to appoint a new parent governor to the school's Board of Governors. In order to be considered for this voluntary position, you must be a parent/guardian of a pupil presently attending our school. You must also be prepared to remain on the Board of Governors for one term (4 years.)

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, you need to collect a nomination form from the school office and get two other parents to nominate you. In the event of two or more candidates being nominated, then an election will take place among all the parents to decide who the new parent governor will be. All nomination forms will be returned to the school office by Friday 5th October 2018.

VOLUNTEER GARDENERS WANTED

Would you be interested in doing a bit of gardening in the school? We are looking for parents to help with renewing our window boxes and flower beds.

Our flower beds in the play park are in need a bit of weeding, any help to brighten up the school grounds would be much appreciated. Contact Mrs Hutchison

PRIMARY FOUR CHILDREN AND PARENTS SACRAMENTAL TALK

There will be an information meeting in Nazareth House Primary School on **Wednesday 26th September at 5.30pm** for all parents of primary four children who are making their First Communion this year. Primary Four children are encouraged to attend the meeting also.

SAFETY IN THE CARPARK

It is imperative that parents do not drive into the car park or walk their children through the car park on the way to and from school. I appreciate that this is an inconvenience but our children's safety is paramount. We would ask that parents do not use the school car park and that they use the pedestrian gate at the front of the school to enter the school.

Once again, I would really appreciate your cooperation in this.

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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