

January/February 2017 Newsletter

Let us start the new term and New Year by reflecting on what was a very busy and productive first term. May we take a moment to congratulate ourselves on its success. Our faith and hope in each other made this possible. Let us continue to work together throughout 2017 and achieve even greater things for our young people and the whole community in Castlederg and beyond. Not everyone can do great things but everyone can do small things with love. The cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we can ever imagine.

This term Michelle Young from Ink Wink School of Writing will co-ordinate a new project at Key Stage 2 (Years 5, 6 and 7) entitled Shakespeare Shenanigans. The ten week project will culminate with a Sneaky Peek for parents on Friday 31st March 2017. What's wonderful about Shakespeare is that it's full of very different, new and unusual words and as children don't have any fear of new words and new language the result will be the development of their language as well as their knowledge of Shakespeare.

Dates for your diary are as follows:-

Friday 6th January	Years 5, 6 and 7 trip to Grand Opera House – Cinderella
Wednesday 11th January	Miss Roke and Miss Baxter - Helping Hands Training
	Closing date for Year 1 and Nursery Admissions 12 noon
	Miss Douglas – Health Co-ordinator Training
Thursday 12th January	Miss Roke and Miss Baxter – Helping Hands Training
Monday 16th January	Years 6 and 7 talk from Omagh Academy 1.30 pm
Wednesday 18th January	Clubs commence for 6 weeks duration
Friday 20th January	Year 6 Grandparent and Grand-friend day 11 am
Wednesday 25th January	Year 7 swimming commences
	Health Visitor from Western Trust in Nursery
Thursday 26th January	Health Visitor from Western Trust in Nursery
Friday 27th January	Year 4 Mrs Walsh Class Assembly
	Mrs Mckeown – Literacy Training
	Year 7 Big School Day at Castlederg High School
Saturday 28th January	AQE results
Friday 3rd February	Mrs Walsh – World Around Us Training
Tuesday 7th February	Parent Interviews 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Thursday 9th February	Parent Interviews 6.30 – 9 pm

SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 13TH UNTIL FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY (DATES INCLUSIVE).

Extra-curricular activities will commence on Wednesday 18th January and run for 6 weeks. Activities this term will include cookery, gardening, badminton, knitting, art, craft and Spanish. Activities will run from 3.15 until 4.15 pm and are open to pupils in Years 4, 5, 6 and 7. Mr Andrew Crawford will coach football after school on Tuesdays.

Have a beautiful new year 2017.

Be extraordinary.

E C Robinson
Principal