

**Parent Information Sheet**

Friday 2nd February 2018

**House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS for this week are...**

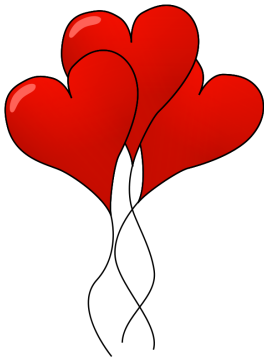
Eagles - 65 points

Hawks - 67 points

**Owls - 69 points**

Falcons - 63 points

**Well done Owls! You did it this week. Phew that was close!**



**PTA Valentine Cake Sale**

This afternoon the PTA held their cake sale and coffee afternoon. Earlier in the day the judging took place of the fabulous cake boxes. It never ceases to amaze us how creative some of the children (and parents) can be!! The PTA would like to thank everyone who sent in cakes and traybakes for the event; everyone who came along and supported the event on the day and of course to everyone for taking the time to decorate the boxes to make the sale a feast of colour.

**Cultural Connections**

Thank you to the parents who have already touched base to say that they would like to be involved in our Cultural Connections Day at the start of March. The event is to celebrate the diversity within our school community that sometimes may go unrecognised. If you would be interested in helping to create a small celebratory display that could include photographs, artifacts, food, costume or crafts then please get in touch with either Mr Spillane or Mrs McKirgan.

**Sacrament Dates**

For families of those children taking part in the various sacraments this year these are the key dates that you might like to pop in your diary.

<b>Service of light</b>	12th March 2018 at 7pm (for those being confirmed and parents)
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Confession)</b>	14th March 2018 at 12:30pm
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>	30th April 2018 at 4pm
<b>First Holy Communion</b>	19th May 2018 at 10:00am

**Nearly New Uniform Shop**

Mrs White will have the rails of uniform out again on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** if you are in need of a few extra bits of uniform.

**Shared Education Project**

The Governors and staff at Holywood PS and Glencraig IPS have been successful in having a Shared Education Partnership approved by the Education Authority. Both schools are excited and enthusiastic at the prospect of working together more collaboratively for the good of our community. Initially the project will be targeted at our respective P7 classes but the hope is that if successful the project will extend to some of the other classes. Through working on curriculum based topics together it is hoped children will come to appreciate that their similarities far outweigh their differences. We hope that the project will help our children to further develop self-knowledge, self-confidence, communication skills and the ability to interact with others. The project will also allow us to share good practice in key curriculum areas including activities on problem solving in maths and science investigations.

The funding allows us to access experienced facilitators, bring the children together in each of our schools, as well as in offsite centres such as the Ulster University.

The project kicks off next week and we look forward to hearing how the P7s get on.

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00PM FOR ALL THE CHILDREN NEXT FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**



**Dates to put in your diary...**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri.16th Feb**

Half Term Holiday

**Friday 23rd Feb**

PTA Fruity FRiday for P4 & P6

**Friday 2nd March**

Family Culture Event

**Week Beg, 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Integrated Education Week

**Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> & Thur. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar**

10.45am KS1 Production of “Pirates & Mermaids!”

**Mon 19th March**

St. Patrick’s Day holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)

**Wed. 21st - Fri 23rd Mar**

P6 Trip to Ganaway

**Wed. 28th Mar - Mon 9th April** EASTER HOLIDAYS

(Inclusive)