

**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER**  
**SPRING INTO EDUCATION**

Dear Parent

As I pen this newsletter I find myself willing the onset of Spring. The season when we watch in amazement as mother nature breathes new life into the natural world. Derek Baker (Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education) breathes new life into Education launching a new initiative entitled:

**GIVE YOUR CHILD A HELPING HAND SUPPORT THEIR EDUCATION.**

He encourages parents, carers and extended family members to support their children's education by giving them, "a Helping Hand." He states "Read to them from an early age; show an interest in their day at school; talk to them about their homework; and help make the decisions now that will shape them into the adults they will become in the future." At Edwards we would encourage everyone in our school community engage in this initiative by giving our pupils HELPING HANDS. Children need their parents and community to actively support them to fulfil their potential and to deliver the best possible outcomes for all of the young people of Northern Ireland.

At Edwards, new opportunities will unfold for our pupils through the events of Music Week 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Events will include Gathering Drums, Londonderry City Council Culture Quarter, Vocal Coach and Omagh Academy Steel Band. Pupils and staff will also be given the opportunity to show case their own musical talents.

**Dates for your diary are as follows:-**

<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>KS2 (Years 6 &amp; 7) Verse Speaking</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>KS2 (Year 5) Verse Speaking</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 1 Class Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Ms Robinson and Mrs Hawkes Special Needs Training Course</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Gathering Drums</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Years 4 &amp; 5 In the Net Drama</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Londonderry City Council Culture Quarter</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Vocal Coach – Katie Patton</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Choir to attend Omagh Academy Spring Concert at the Strule Arts Centre</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Omagh Academy Steel Band</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Miss Baxter STEM Training</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School Talent Show</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March until</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April (dates inclusive)</b>	<b>Year 5 Miss Baxter Class Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Basket Draw</b>
	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
	<b>SCHOOL REOPENS</b>

Congratulations to Jill, Callum, Miya and Rebekah who won the Tyrone & Fermanagh Regional Road Safety Quiz. We wish them every success at the Northern Ireland Primary School Road Safety Quiz 2018 in Belfast on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Further information regarding school life can be accessed from our website [www.edwardsprimary.co.uk](http://www.edwardsprimary.co.uk).

On behalf of everyone in the Edwards School Community may I wish you, your families and friends an Egg-ceptional  
Egg-traordinary  
Easter.

**E C Robinson**  
**Principal**