

Parent Information Sheet

Friday 16th March 2018

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

Eagles - 68 points Hawks - 49 points Owls - 44 points Falcons - 32 points

Great work Eagles! You have scored top points this week.

Next week we will be looking out for RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Don't forget that school is closed on Monday 19th March for St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy the long weekend and fingers crossed for a Grand Slam win for Ireland!!!



What a show!!

Congratulations to everyone involved in this week's wonderful Spring Show "Pirates Vs Mermaids"! The P1 to P4 children were just brilliant. All that hard work paid off with two super shows on Wednesday and Thursday to entertain families and friends. Thanks are also due to the audiences on both mornings who were so encouraging and supportive in their applause. You guys really bring the shows to life and help make them so special and memorable for the children. To Mrs Calwell and all the staff can I say a huge WELL DONE! Preparing for these productions is no mean task and your commitment to the children and the school is very much appreciated - Great job Team Glencraig!!!

Assembly

This week we held our whole school assembly on Friday so that we could come together and celebrate how each of the children had chosen to express their identity.

The anti bullying ambassadors, helped by Mrs McKirgan, also launched their plans for "Kindness Week" after Easter (16th - 20th April) when the children are encouraged to focus on doing small acts of random kindness. As we look forward to St. Patrick's Day on Saturday the children considered how St. Patrick spent his life trying to be kind to others despite the many hardships that he faced. The ABAs want to know about acts of random kindness that they may have experienced or seen as well as acts of random kindness that the children themselves have done during the coming weeks.

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." Aesop

Express Yourself Day

Today we supported Sport Relief with a non-uniform day themed around the title "Express Yourself". The idea stemmed from NICIE's suggestions for how to celebrate Integrated Education Week and the diversity within our schools. Children were encouraged to come dressed in whatever clothes they felt expressed their identity. We had children dressed in a variety of sports kit, creative attire and club uniforms. Together we raised £202!!

First Confession

Well done and congratulations to the children in P3 who celebrated the sacrament of confession for the very first time in a lovely service held at St. Colmcille's. Father Stephen welcomed our children along with children from several of the local schools as they took this important step in their journey of faith.

PTA Easter Quiz and Raffle

Some of you may have noticed the gorgeous Fortnum and Mason hamper displayed in reception this week. It is full of lovely treats to enjoy over the Easter break. It is up for grabs if you enter our Parent's Easter Quiz. Quiz sheets will go home in school bags next week, entry is £1 and sheets should be returned by **Monday 26th March** at the latest.

We are also holding an Easter raffle in school for the children next week, entry is 50p and there are lots of lovely easter themed prizes to be won.





P5s visit St. Colmcille's

On Wednesday our P5s met up with their partners from Hazelwood IPS to visit St. Colmcille's church in Holywood. The two schools are meeting up again after having initiated a partnership last year when the children met up in each other's schools for the first time. This year the children will be visiting churches of different denominations together to find out more about the traditions, customs and practices of each of the different churches.

"On Wednesday P5 went to St. Colmcille's church to learn about Jesus, God and the symbols. When we first got there we met our buddies from Hazelwood. Our buddies were Felix-Jake and Emilie-Jenna. Jerry and James took us around the church and told us about.... Baptisement, stained glass windows, the cross, the Passover and more. Our favourite thing was the stain glass windows and we hope that P5 and Hazelwood enjoyed the journey."

By Felix and Emilie P5.

Nearly New Uniform Shop

Mrs White will have the rails of uniform out next Friday 23rd and Monday 26th March if you are in need of a few extra bits of uniform including the summer dresses which hopefully will be coming into their own with some better weather after the Easter holidays.

Priory Cup

"On Friday 9th March we headed off to Eddie Irvine's Centre to play in the Priory Cup. We played well in all our matches but unfortunately didn't win. It was a brilliant time. Although we lost it was amazing to get to represent Glencraig football team."

Daniel, Jonny, Rafa and Luke P6

Tag Rugby

"Last Friday 10 pupils from P7 went to Londonderry Park to take part in the Ards and North Down tag rugby blitz. They played against Greyabbey, Londonderry PS and Donaghadee performing really well winning 3 out of 4 games. By far the best part was when Mrs Murray produced a flask of hot chocolate so big thanks to her for that!!"

Luca and Alex P7

P7s get Scientific!

This week was the second week of a STEPS (Science and Technology Experts in Primary Schools) project. The science project involves the P7s working with Dr Patrick Dunlop from the University of Ulster exploring the link between good hygiene and good health and is really relevant to their current topic comparing childhood in Northern Ireland and in rural Uganda/Kenya. This is the sixth year that Dr Dunlop has been coming to Glencraig to work with our children to promote an interest in science. We are delighted and grateful that Dr Dunlop and his team at the University of Ulster will be hosting not only our own children at his labs in the University but also welcoming our Shared Education Partners from Holywood PS next term. He has been so helpful in enriching our curriculum during the workshops in school but also in organising for our children to use the facilities at UUJ. We are very grateful indeed!!

Dates to put in your diary...

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)