

## February and March 2025 Newsletter

We hope you enjoy our latest school newsletter. Please keep this newsletter handy as it contains all the dates that we have for February and March. We will also send a copy to you on Google Classroom so you will have a digital copy to refer to.

An incredible **£4400** has been deposited in the school account from **Barker's Christmas Eve Car Wash**.

A huge thank you to McClintock parent Alastair Barker, his family and army of helpers that made the fundraising event a terrific success. The school is very appreciative of the school community and public supporting the event which also remembered Ivor Barker.



**The hard working car wash volunteers**

We are delighted to announce that we have now reached the total to pay off the final outstanding amount for the refurbished Soft Play Area.

The **Parent Support Group** will now be concentrating their efforts for the remainder of the year in paying for additional PC's in the ICT Suite for the benefit of all the P1-7 pupils. Thank you to Diane McDonald from the PSG for completing a successful application to get additional iPads for the school!

**Made for More NI Resilience P1-7 Workshops** were paid for from a successful grant submitted by Mrs Forbes. During the workshops pupils learned how to talk to people they trusted if they had a problem, how to deal with anxiety and dealing with their emotions. See our Facebook Page for photos of the activities each class did.



McClintock Primary School would like to thank Linda Blackledge (Ella-Rose and Alfie's Nana), for raising much appreciated and generous donation of £200 through the "Take a book, leave a donation" scheme through Fivemiletown's Co-Operative Community Store.

This money will be used to purchase Special Educational Needs resources for our Calm Area and to support special needs learning in the school.

Thank you, Mrs Blackledge, for thinking of us!

We have arranged an **Ulster-Scots Hooley on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** as a fundraiser for the school at 7.30pm in Seskinore Presbyterian Church Hall. Parents and the community are invited to take part in Ulster-Scots Dancing, listen to Mark Carmichael playing a medley of tunes and watch the McClintock Highland Dance group perform. More details to follow but please keep this date free!

Mrs Thompson has been trained in the global educationally proven **Roots of Empathy** programme and has been using it with P7 pupils. The programme develops empathy with children, resilience in dealing with challenges and encouraging coping strategies. We are grateful to former pupil, Stephanie Mills nee Allen who has brought her baby, Joey, in for the programme.

**Lunchtime P4-7 Choir** taken by Miss Condry was very well attended. The pupils will get a chance to perform in front of the rest of the school at a whole school assembly on 26<sup>th</sup> February.



**P4-7 Choir**

**The P5 Paired Reading** project will finish on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. It has been proven to improve reading fluency. A celebration event will be planned along with the pupils.



**Our After school Spanish pupils**

**After School Spanish for P6-7** has been very popular. Miss Hutchins led this after school club which is also preparing the pupils for transition to post-primary. At their next school all pupils will have the opportunity to learn another language.

It is hoped that we will have **After school Rugby** coaching later in February and March in preparation for the Annual Blitz in April.

**P2-7 Athletics Reminder** – Pupils need to score 1000 points to get a certificate. Get 5 certificates to get to the next level. Get to the next level by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February to gain extra playtime! Pupils need to aim to score 1000 points per week. Certificates can be achieved between 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> February. Certificates do not need to be achieved on consecutive weeks. Good luck!

**Brass tuition** is continuing until June for P4-7 pupils with Mr Stephen Crooks, EA Tutor. This term P4 pupils will be assessed for their suitability for a brass instrument.



**Our After School Guitar (Elizabeth missing from photo)**

**Guitar tuition** for P4-7 also continues until the end of June with Mr Mark Carmichael. Parents of guitar pupils keep free **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** for a **Guitar Showcase** in the school hall, 2.15-3.15pm. All parents and family members are welcome to attend.

**Please note No Guitar Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

**P6-7 Swimming lessons** finish on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

We are arranging a **Mandarin Showcase for Parents and the Community**. Details to follow later this month.

The pupils **Eco Council** and **School Council** regularly meet to discuss issues what are important to them. Already this year we have taken onboard many pupil suggestions such as the Christmas Carousel Morning, Art competition themes/prizes and ways to reduce school waste.

This term's **After schools Multi-Sports** with Mr Johnston continues for P1-7 on Mondays and Tuesdays until 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**McClintock Kings and Queens Times Tables** competition for P4-7 takes place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If your child is bored there's no better activity to do than to ask times tables questions to sharpen your child's recall!

**Asda's Cashpot for Schools** realised a very pleasing total of £301 for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported the school when out shopping!



**Making Snowmen and friends!**

Our website [www.mcclintockps.co.uk](http://www.mcclintockps.co.uk) has a copy of the latest school dinner menu, digital absence form and the latest information on what's happening at McClintock Primary School.



**Our Christmas Production – Straw & Order that went down very well with the audiences.**

We use **Google Classroom** to get messages out quickly to parents and **Facebook** mainly for publicity.



**Our P1 pupils who loved dressing up for the Little Teapots Tea Party**

## Dates for your diary

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** After school P6-7 Spanish 3.15-4.15pm  
**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** After school Multi-Sports P1-2 2.15-3.15pm, P3-5 3.15-4.15pm  
**Tues 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** P6-7 Swimming Lessons  
**After school Multi-Sports P6-7 3.15-4.15pm**  
Pupils School Council Meeting 3.00pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Feb** **P4-7 Lunchtime Choir 12.50-1.20pm**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** P1-7 Mental Maths Mayhem at McClintock  
Pupils Eco Council Meeting 3.00pm
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** After school P4 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** Shared Ed P6-7 Internet Safety Workshop at McClintock PS 9.30-11.00am  
P7 Road Safety Quiz 10-12 Noon
- Thur 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** After school P5 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm  
**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** After school P6/7 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** Girls Hockey Tournament 12.15-2.15pm  
Fintona Credit Union Quiz 7.00pm at Golf Club
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** **SCHOOL CLOSED – HALF TERM BREAK**
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb** P7 Post-primary interviews  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** P7 Post-primary interviews  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** Shared Ed P6-7 Drugs Awareness Workshop at St Colmcille's PS 9.30-11.00am  
Rev. Bobby Whole School Assembly 11.15pm
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** **McClintock Ulster-Scots Hooley for Parents & Community 7.30pm PLEASE KEEP FREE!**
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** P4-5 Shared Ed Trip to Armagh County Museum 10.30-12.30pm  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** **Guitar Showcase 2.15-3.15pm**
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**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** P6-7 attend Strule Arts Centre to watch Omagh Academy Spring Concert 2.00-3.10pm  
**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** After school P6-7 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm  
**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March** Rev. Colin Whole School Assembly 11.15am  
**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> March** P4-7 attend Annie the Musical at Omagh High School 10.30-12.45pm Packed Lunches  
CEF Whole School Assembly 11.15am
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March** **SCHOOL CLOSED – SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March** **SCHOOL CLOSED – ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** Rev. Bobby Whole School Assembly 11.15am  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March** Shared Ed P3 Maths Trail 10am @ St.Colmcille's PS 10.00-11.30am



**Our School Council Art Winners**