

## February and March 2026 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 that you will have an electronic copy to refer to.

The **Parent Support Group** will now be concentrating their efforts for the remainder of the year in improving the outdoor environment. They have arranged a **Fitness Freddie** Sponsored Sheet event on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. More information to follow.

Thank you to Diane McDonald from the PSG for completing a successful application to get sports equipment. We were also very grateful to parents who donated from their businesses. Stephen and Jill Holmes for financial donations to buy outdoor toys and to Wendy Kerr for purchasing goal posts.



Well done to Mrs Jones' & Ms Devlin's **P6 class** who were rated as Outstanding in the **Global Mandarin Singing Competition**. The catchy song received well over 3000 views on our Facebook Page and attracted coverage from the local press and radio!

On 17<sup>th</sup> February P6 pupil, Charlie Fyffe will attend the City Hall in Belfast for a special event recognising all the winners!

Along with his family he will watch entertainment from China and sample some authentic Chinese cuisine.

We are very grateful to our Mandarin tutor, Xia for all her help with the video and teaching our P1-7 pupils.

**McClintock PS Being Featured on the Front Page of the Tyrone Constitution**

The **P5 Paired Reading** project will begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. It has been proven to improve reading fluency. A celebration event will be planned in consultation with the pupils who successfully complete the project.

On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Seskinore Rural Community Group** are having a **Table Quiz** in Fintona Golf Club at 8pm. Proceeds will be split evenly between McClintock and Sacred Heart Primary Schools. We hope to have as many teams of four as possible there to raise money for the school. If you haven't got a team of 4 please come anyway and we'll get you into a team on the night!

We will have **After school P6-7 Rugby** coaching later in March in preparation for the **Annual Blitz** in April.

**UEFA Disney Playmakers** is a European football initiative with Disney, using popular characters and storytelling to introduce **P2-4 Girls** to football in a fun, creative way, building confidence, physical literacy, and teamwork through play-based learning, not traditional drills, aiming to inspire a lifelong love for the sport. This is an 8 week programme, beginning on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

An Irish Football Association (IFA) coach, will be teaching **P2-4 Boys** for important nutrition and healthy habits through the **On the Ball – Healthy Know How for Active Kids** programme. "On the Ball" teaches children the importance of eating more fruit, vegetables, and healthy snacks, while choosing water or milk over sugary drinks. This is an 8-week programme, beginning on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**World Book Day is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.** Pupils may come into school as a book as a book character or non-uniform and bring in their favourite book. All pupils have received book vouchers.

**P2-7 Mathletics 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 27<sup>th</sup> March to gain extra playtime! Pupils need to aim to score 1000 points per week. Certificates can be achieved between 19<sup>th</sup> January and 27<sup>th</sup> March. Certificates do not need to be achieved on consecutive weeks. Good luck!

**Brass tuition** is continuing until June for P5-7 pupils with Mr Stephen Crooks, EA Tutor. Later this term P4 pupils will be assessed for their suitability for a brass instrument.

**Guitar tuition** for P4-7 also continues until the end of June with Mr Mark Carmichael. Parents of guitar pupils keep free **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** for a **Guitar Showcase** in the school hall, 2.00-2.45pm. All parents and family members are welcome to attend.

**P6-7 Swimming lessons** finish on week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March.

This term's **After schools Multi-Sports** with Mr Johnston continues for P1-7 on Mondays and Tuesdays until 31<sup>st</sup> March.



**McClintock Times Tables Rock Star Winners!**



**McClintock Ulster-Scots Highland Dancers who performed at Burns Night events at Omagh Library & Omagh RBL**

**McClintock Kings and Queens Times Tables** competition for P4-7 takes place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 5<sup>th</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! For P4-7 pupils Times Tables Rock Stars is an excellent way to learn and practise the tables.

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.

Find a copy of our latest **School Dinner Menu** with this Newsletter.

See our Facebook Page **Friends of McClintock Primary School** for many more photographs and see what is happening each week!

We use **Google Classroom** to get messages out quickly to parents and **Facebook** mainly for publicity. If you are having any difficulty with accessing Google Classroom please contact your child's class teacher.

Watch out soon for the public unveiling of the recording of 97-year-old former pupil, Jim Riddell's visit to McClintock Primary School as part of our 125 year celebrations. Jim was interviewed by P1-7 pupils and spoke in the original classroom he was taught in.



**Our Shared Education Friendship Blanket**

We have also arranged a Drone video of the school to mark the 125th anniversary of the building of McClintock PS. This video will be released in February.

## Dates for your diary

### FEBRUARY

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

After school Multi-Sports P1-2 2.15-3.15pm, P3-5 3.15-4.15pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

Mrs S. Monteith Whole School Assembly 11.15am

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

After school Multi-Sports P6-7 3.15-4.15pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb**

P4-7 Last AR Date

P4-7 PSNI Internet Safety Talk 11.15am

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

After school P4 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

P7 Swimming Lessons

**Thur 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

After school P5 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

P6 Swimming Lessons

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

P3/4 Shared Ed Dancing Games Workshop in Carrickmore Youth Centre

P7 Road Safety Quiz 10-12 Noon

Mr Chris Chittick Whole School Assembly 1.30pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

P6/7 Hockey & Tag Rugby Tournament at Fivemiletown College 9.55-1.00pm

Pupil School Council Meeting 3.00pm

P7 Post-Primary Parent Appointments with Mr Dennison

P6/7 Credit Union Quiz 7.00pm at Golf Club

No Ulster-Scots Highland Dancing

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**

After school P6/7 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> to Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**SCHOOL CLOSED – HALF TERM BREAK**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

P5 Parents Paired Reading Session 3.15 – 4pm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

P7 Post-Primary Parent Appointments with Mr Dennison

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Rev. Graham Hare Whole School Assembly 11.15am

Mr Dennison & P6 Pupil Charlie Fyffe/Parent attending Mandarin Choir Competition Reception in Belfast City Hall

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

P2-P4 IFA Programmes begins 9.30-10.50am (8 Weeks)

Board of Governors Meeting 7.00pm

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

CEF Whole School Assembly 11.15am

**Last Day for P7 Post-Primary Applications – Closes Noon**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

125 Celebration Drone Recording in School Playground

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Rev. Bobby Orr Whole School Assembly 1.20pm

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

P6/7 Shared Ed PSNI Anti-Bullying Talk at McClintock PS 11.15am

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**

P7 Environmental Youth Speak Competition at SW College

### MARCH

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

After school Multi sports P1-2 2:15-3:15pm, P3-5 3:15-4:15pm

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

After school Multi sports P6-7 3.15-4.15pm

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Fitness Freddie – PSG Sponsored Event

Mrs S. Monteith Assembly 11.15am

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

After school P4 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

P7 Swimming Lessons

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

P6 Swimming Lessons

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day – Pupils may dress up as book character/non-uniform & bring Favourite Book

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

After school P5 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

School Council Meeting 3.00pm

Seskinore Rural Community Group Quiz at Fintona Golf Club 8.00pm

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

After school P6-7 Guitar 3.15-4.15pm

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

P7 Bee Safe Programme @ Bawnacre 10.15am –12.00pm

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Rev. Graham Hare Whole School Assembly 11.15am

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March**

P4/5 Shared Ed. Sports Day at Carrickmore Y.C. 10.00-11.00am

CEF Whole School Assembly 11.15am

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**SCHOOL CLOSED – SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**SCHOOL CLOSED – ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Mrs S. Monteith Whole School Assembly 11.15am

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

After school P6/7 Boys & Girls Rugby 3.15-4.15pm

Last date P4-7 Accelerated Reading

Last date P1-7 School Council Art Competition

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

School Photographs P1-P7 (Individual/Family)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Guitar Showcase for Parents & Friends 2.00-2.45pm

Last date P2-7 Athletics

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Rev. Bobby Orr Whole School Assembly 1.20pm

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM (HALF DAY – No School Dinners or Afternoon Buses)**