



Our Monthly Update

25/10/18

From the Principal

We are very much enjoying opportunities to get outside in this lovely Autumn weather, although it looks like we might need our thermals for half term.

Thank you, once again, for your tremendous support at Parent/Teacher Consultations, we really do value the opportunity to work together with you and we appreciate the high level of attendance.

On to Christmas planning already, concert dates for your information:

**P1-P4 performances— 9.30 am Tuesday 11 December &
7.00 pm Wednesday 12 December**

P5 - 7 performance— 7.00 pm Tuesday 11 December

There are various Parent Meetings taking place regarding provision of primary school places in the South Belfast and Carryduff areas, some of which are in the Ivanhoe, an additional 2 have been added for Tues 6 Nov. I would encourage our parents to make your views heard on the link below. There is more information regarding this 'Community Conversation' on our website.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SouthBelfastCommunityConversation>

After serving 4 years in office, the Board of Governors' term has come to an end. We want to thank Mrs Brown for serving 2 terms as Teacher Governor and Mr Milne for serving 1 term as Parent Governor. We particularly want to thank Mr Maurice Patterson who is stepping down from Chair after dedicating 25 years to the Governors and holding the position of Chair for at least the last 12 years. I have really valued his sound judgement and balanced outlook on all school matters and wish him lots of sunny, golf-filled days ahead.

I hope you all have plenty of treats (and not too many tricks) over the half term break.

Maths Week 2018

Our numeracy co-ordinator, Mrs Magill, planned some special events for national Maths Week last week.

P1—P4 enjoyed a Maths Fair in the assembly hall; weighing, measuring, printing patterns and creating shapes were amongst some of the activities.

P5 –P7 had to break out of a special Escape Room by solving problems in order to acquire the digits to the padlock.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Service was very well attended once again this year, The children really enjoyed performing to an audience and were wonderful, as always.

Your generous donations of food will be used by the Salvation Army at their hostels and food banks in Belfast. They have reported a marked increase in recent years in the number of people requiring support. We are delighted to be able to help.

PTA Halloween Disco

Thursday 25 Oct
6.30—7.45pm
£3.00 per pupil

**National
Anti-Bullying
Week**

12 - 16 November



P2 pupils enjoyed using non-standard units to measure how far the car travelled at our recent Maths Fair

School News

Our October Walking Bus was the longest one yet. Thanks to everyone who made the effort to join us for the walk and for breakfast afterwards.

P4 and P6 both had special trips out for Maths Week. P4 enjoyed the Bubble Maths show at Stranmillis University College, whilst P6 travelled to W5 for a Magic Maths presentation.

Our P5 pupils have been receiving basketball coaching over recent weeks and went to Lough Moss today for a mini NBA tournament with other local schools.

The P5 class has been busy as they have also been participating in a weekly Shared Education project on resilience building with St Joseph's primary school, running for 8 weeks this term.

Well done to Emilee Edgar and Eva Hand who represented the school at the recent Ulster Swim Championships, Emilee brought home a silver medal for 50m Butterfly.

PTA News

Thanks very much to the outgoing committee members and post holders from 2017/18, in particular our Chairs Gillian Brown and Nicola McCafferty and treasurer Joanne Kelly.

Last year the PTA raised an amazing **£5000** and donated the following to the school:

£572 for Spanish tuition
£1300 for Lion King Production
£290 for Theatre Show
£400 for class resources
£585 to subsidise school trips (£3 per child)
£2916 for P2 ActivPanel

They also bought and sold school uniform stock.

The PTA looks forward to your support at their first venture this year; the spooktacular **Halloween Disco** tonight **Thursday 25 October** 6.30—7.45pm. P1 - P5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Diary Dates

Half Term	29 Oct—2 Nov (inclusive)
Anti-Bullying Week	12 - 16 Nov
Flu Vaccines	21 Nov
PTA Christmas Fair	22 Nov
Concerts P5-7	11 Dec
P1-4	11 & 12 Dec
Last day of term	21 Dec (12 noon)



Our biggest ever Walking Bus

DIY Work Party

**Saturday 27 October &
Saturday 3 November**

9.30—11.30 am

Thanks for all offers of help

Bring your paint brushes, tools & gardening equipment; there is plenty to do



Important Information

Remember—Please do not send nuts to school as we have several children with severe allergies to them

Thank you for your co-operation in reporting to the school office on all visits to school, whether leaving in a forgotten lunch box or collecting your child for an appointment. For child protection reasons it is essential that we monitor all adults on school premises.

If, due to family circumstances, you require school information to be distributed to you, as a parent or guardian who is not resident at the same address as your child, please contact the office to arrange this.

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