

Clare Primary School

February Newsletter 2019



Dear parents/guardians,

Thank you for taking time to read the February Newsletter.

Dates for diary

- Parent talk NSPCC – 4th February at 2.15pm in Miss Lindsay's room.
- Northern Ireland Children's Commissioner visit – 12th February.
- Half Term holiday begins Friday 15th February, normal finish times apply.
- School reopens after half term Thursday 21st February.
- NO After School activities week beginning Monday 18th February, due to half term holidays.
- School photos – Friday 1st March.
- Primary 1 – 6 Parent / Teacher meetings, week beginning 4th March.

January Test Week

Thank you for the time and effort you gave your children in preparation for their January tests. Parental support has an unmeasurable impact on children's education and especially in the consolidation of their learning. Tests will be discussed at the Primary 1 – 6 Parent / Teacher meetings, week beginning 4th March.

Star Pupils

Congratulations to Samuel (P7) who represented Clare P.S. in the Flahavan's School Cross Country Ulster Final, having qualified in 2nd place from all of the schools in the Southern Area races.

On Friday 18th January our Eco Council thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the MANMADE event. The children got invaluable insights into the devastation of plastic in our oceans. They took part in an environmental tour, an Eco art workshop and an interactive recycling workshop with our local council. Driven by the guidelines set out in the NI Curriculum for the arts, the children had great fun at this highly stimulating and engaging programme that encouraged their development of creative skills. We hope to raise awareness in our school about the impact on the oceans and marine life and also the effect of waste on our planet and how we are able to make changes to our everyday life.

Children have been learning about Fair Trade through their involvement in the Fair Aware Award. We have been learning about Fair Trade and how it impacts upon the lives of farmers and their families across the world to ensure that producers get what they deserve. Children have been learning about bananas, chocolate and much more through this project which links to our ongoing work on Global Learning and Eco Schools.

Four of our Primary Seven pupils represented our school in the NI Primary Road Safety Quiz 2019. They participated in the local heat for the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area. The Quiz consisted of seven rounds with questions relating to road safety and general knowledge. Our team from Clare Primary School won the heat and received a cup, individual trophies and certificates.

They will now compete in the Northern Ireland final which will be held in March in Belfast. Congratulations to the team for this great result and for all the hard work in preparing for the quiz. We would like to also thank Jack, a pupil in Primary Seven, who also worked hard and was ready to step in as a substitute. We wish you all the best for the final. Please see our school Facebook page or website for photographs.

After Schools

We are delighted that 102 of our children are attending our after school activities! Please send any outstanding money for after school activities to Mrs Turkington as soon as possible. Please label ALL CLOTHING – when children change independently it makes their job easier if ALL items are clearly labelled, especially shirts.

Staff

Mrs Reid will be on maternity leave from today, 1st February and we wish her well. Mrs Reid is a valued member of our team at Clare and co-ordinates many areas within the school, these will be covered by other members of staff in her absence. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs White to our staff, who will be teaching P3/4 for the duration of Mrs Reid's maternity leave.

Shona Lindsay
Principal