

New Close News

Friday 26th May, 2017

Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown
Deputy Head - Mrs Sharon White



Muscle Power!!

Many thanks to all of the parents who responded to our SOS text for muscle power to help fill a skip with unwanted furniture. I'm sorry that it was so 'last minute' and fully understand that people were unable to help due to prior commitments, but your response was heart-warming. I'd like to say a special thank you to Mr Menmuir, Miss Conduit and Mrs Williams who were able to help and earned a Headteacher's sticker!! Thank you very much.

Future help

In the 'garden' area of our school grounds we have a very old pond which has a concrete lining. For many, many years the pond has slowly leaked water, meaning that by the Summer Term it dries out. I am hoping that in the Autumn Term we will be able to form a working party to tidy the pond and its surroundings so please keep your eyes open for notification of this if it is something that you would be interested in helping with.



Cooked Lunches

It is always a shame to see how much food is wasted and thrown away by children. Whilst this is sometimes due to lack of appetite or eagerness to get outside to play, some children tell us that they don't like the chosen meal. Could I encourage you to chat with your child when ordering their meal to make sure that they really like what is chosen.



Dementia awareness sessions

Next term, each class will have a one off session with a representative from Alzheimers' Support. For the younger children the sessions will focus on a story and a memory box and for the older children there will also be a chat about how Dementia shapes our self-awareness and how we perceive others. Naturally the topic will be handled very sensitively and will be of a generalised nature.



Academisation Meeting

On Thursday 15th June at 6pm, Mrs Edwards from Kingdown will be holding a meeting at New Close to explain the academisation process and meet with our parents. If you are able to attend could you kindly let the Office know so that we have some idea of the expected numbers.



Reading Eggs

We have recently purchased a programme to help children develop their reading and comprehension skills; it is called Reading Eggs. Children have been exposed to it in school and it is receiving very positive feedback from them. Your child will be bringing home a letter which explains a little about it and also contains their unique log in details so they can access it from home.

Outdoor area for Reception Class

Ideally we want a fenced off outdoor area for our Reception children but in lieu of this Mrs White has marked the area with tape. Could you please prevent younger children from playing in there or from walking through it as this creates additional work for the staff who then need to set it up again for the next day. Many thanks for your understanding and help with this.

We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing holiday!!

STARS OF THE WEEK



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| Bryan | Malachy |
| George | Aidan |
| Louise | Oscar |

FREE and SUBSIDISED COOL MILK

A reminder to all parents/guardians that school is able to provide free milk each day to all children under five and to those children entitled to statutory free school meals. Milk can also be provided to children aged five or over at a subsidised cost.

For further information please visit www.coolmilk.com or ask in the school Office.

CHARITY DAY

On Friday 16th June, Emerald House will be having their charity day. This year they have chosen the World Wildlife Fund as their charity.

The whole school are being invited to dress up as an animal, wear an animal mask, have faces painted as an animal or bring in an animal soft toy, as well as a donation for the charity.

We hope to have fun, while raising awareness of the work that the WWF does to improve animal welfare around the world.

Office Hours

Please be aware that the School Office is staffed between 8.45am and 3.15pm.

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