



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Thank you so much to all families who contributed to our Cash for Clobber Appeal in October. We raised a grand total of £54.00. This enabled us to contribute towards Santa gifts for all pupils.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Poppy Appeal. A grand total of £131.20 was raised.

PUPIL OF THE MONTH AWARD

Friendship – Well Done Everyone!

The Nest – Olivia Rose O’Neill

P1- Alfie McManus

P2 – Joshua Heak

P3 – Robbie Martin

P4 – Danielle McInerney

P5 – Jessica Farrell

P6 – Jamie Lee Toal

P7 – Diana Juske

SWIMMING

Please ensure £3 swimming money is paid each week and continue to encourage your child to attend swimming each week. The final week of swimming for this year will be 9th December. Swimming will recommence on Monday 6th January 2025 for our Sept/Oct group.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner this year will be served on Thursday 12th December in the school canteen. Christmas jumpers and leggings/jeans can be worn on the day and Santa hats if desired.

OPEN DAY

Please remember Nursery and Main School Open Day will take place Thursday 5th December from 9.30am – 11.30am. Please plan to join us on the day and see the pupils at work.



SCHOOL CHOIR

We are incredibly pleased that our school choir have been requested to sing at 4 events over the next month.

1. Saturday 30th December - Twilight Market @ 5pm. The choir will sing a song to kickstart the evening.
2. Wednesday 11th December - St Paul's Church of Ireland Church @ 2pm. Children to be collected from St Pauls at 2.40pm please.
3. Wednesday 11th December - Gilford Primary School Community Carol Service organised by Gilford Presbyterian Church to be held in Gilford Primary School @ 6:30pm.
4. Thursday 19th December - Gilford Primary School Morning of Christmas Cheer @ 10am.

We appreciate that it is a lot to ask of the children and that it may not be possible to attend all four of these events. If you can let Mr Martin know if any you are unable to attend that would be appreciated. We appreciate all your support for our school choir.

PANTO

P5-P7 will be travelling to Belfast to enjoy A Christmas Carol on Friday 13th December. Children will be provided with a snack on the day from class teachers. Packed lunches will be provided by school meals dept for those children claiming free school meals. **Full school uniform to be worn and we plan to be back to school for pickup at approximately 1.45pm. If anyone still owes money for this, please send into school asap.**

CINEMA TRIP

P1-p4 will be attending IMC Banbridge Cinema on Friday 13th December at 10.00am. Snacks will be included. It is hoped we will be back at school by 12 noon and the children should be collected at this time. Those children in receipt of Free School meals will be provided with a packed lunch. Please send in any outstanding money for this trip.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will finish for Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 12 noon, (No uniform required on this day) and school reopens again on Monday 6th January.

NATIVITY PLAY

The Nursery Nativity is on Friday 13th December starting at 10.00am. Tickets are available from the school office priced at £5. This includes refreshments. If you have a child in nursery and in main school one ticket will be usable for both performances. Please note children will be going home after the performance.

MORNING OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

Our morning of Christmas cheer for P1-P7 will take place on Thursday 19th December at 10.00am. Tickets are priced at £5 each and are available from the school office. This price includes refreshments on the day. Please plan to attend and support P1-P7 pupils on the day. Pupils can leave after the performance. **School will finish for all pupils at 12 noon.**

P1/P2 CRAFT CLUB

Miss Herdman has been running a Christmas Craft Club and the children have been making some lovely pieces. The Craft Club finishes on Wednesday 18th December.

BANBRIDGE SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL

A big thank you to all pupils who took part in our recent Speech and Drama Festival. Everyone recited their poems with confidence, and we were really proud of each of them. Thank you to Mr Martin for all your hard work.

TANDRAGEE EXPERIENCE DAY /BANBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

P7 pupils attended Tandragee Experience Day on 8th November and got a taste of life in High School, taking part in P.E, ICT and Technology classes. All pupils came back incredibly positive about 'Moving On' and are looking forward to experience a day out at Banbridge high School on Monday 2nd December.

WRITTEN HOMEWORKS

Written homework finished for all pupils on Wednesday 27th November and will recommence on Monday 6th January. Tables, spellings, and reading will finish for all classes on Thursday 12^h December.

LIBRARY VAN

Next visit of school mobile library van will be Wednesday 11th December.



