



Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.
March 2018



Easter Holidays

Pupils will finish school at 12.30pm on Tuesday 27 March. We will have our whole school Easter Assembly in the morning. Lunch will be available for pupils who normally have school meals. School reopens on Monday 9 April (normal day).

Charities

Staff had a coffee morning in February to raise money for 'For Life'. We raised £160.50 'For Life' exists to bring life and lasting change to disabled children in Thailand. They work with a partner local Thai charity 'Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities' (CCD) in Thailand to transform the lives of disabled children, many of whom are abandoned by their families and stigmatised because of their

Huge Thank you

Many thanks to Friends of Mitchell House who have very kindly funded a new piece of equipment for the Physio Department – the Thera Trainer.

It is a very popular piece of equipment so thank you for helping to make physio fun! We greatly appreciate the generosity and support given to us by Friends of Mitchell House.

Important Dates

- Friday 9 March – World Book Day, dress up as your favourite book character.
- Monday 12 March – Thursday 22 March – Annual Review Meetings
- Tuesday 27 March – school closes at 12.30pm for Easter (lunch available).

Welcome Back

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Watson back from maternity leave in February. Mrs Watson is teaching in Class 1, Monday to Wednesday.

In March we are looking forward to welcoming Miss Ryan and Miss Allen back from maternity leave.

Miss Ryan will be in the Nursery on a Monday and with the Hawks on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Allen will be Form teacher for the Wildcats and teaching in Post Primary Monday to Friday.

We will be sad to say goodbye to Miss McKeown and Miss Connor who have been covering. We will see them back in school soon no doubt!

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Update from Nursery

Here are some of the things the Nursery have been up to:

- Nursery has had a lovely half term with lots of visitors coming in to teach us about our People Who Help Us topic.
- Our school nurse Maeve showed us how she can bandage us if we fall and how she gives medicine using a syringe.
- Police officer Christine showed us her police car and equipment. Christine and Michael came from Road Safety to talk to us about how to cross the road safely and to be sure to wear our seat belts. We have been learning songs about this topic too.
- Another popular visitor is Dave from Live Active NI who has been taking us for PE lessons each week and we have had great fun learning.
- It's always busy in Nursery and in March we are looking forward to crafts and activities for Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter as well as exploring farm animals and setting up a small farm complete with barn, toy chickens and eggs to collect and count in our role play corner.

Look out for us on our school Facebook page and see just how much fun we have!

70's and 80's night

A massive thank you to Tracey for organising this very success night. It raised £1130 and will be used on summer outings for the pupils.

Wing Walk

Thank you – we have raised nearly £2,000 so far!

We are very grateful to one of our parents (Mr Mayne) for volunteering to do a Wing Walk, at his own expense, on Sunday 13 May to raise money for our school. We are trying to raise a massive £6000 to purchase a specialised bicycle for our pupils. We are aiming high and if we manage to raise more than £6000 we have a list of additional equipment we would love to purchase.

Friends of Mitchell House have set up a 'Just Giving Page' to collect the sponsor money. This can be accessed via our Facebook page or the school website.

Please share this fundraising venture with your family, friends and local businesses – the value of specialised equipment for our pupils is tremendous.

Do you have a contact in a local business who we could send some information to about our fundraising event? If you do

please email mdonnan748@c2kni.net with the contact name and address of the business. Thank you!



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