

Tuesday 17 December 2019

Dear Parents/ Guardian,

A busy term and we are all ready for a rest! We received a very generous donation from a patron that enabled us to purchase the system which allows us to run a 'cashless' canteen. There are lots of benefits- no more free dinner tickets as well as shorter queues. This system also means that you can top up your child's account online. In the New Year you will be able to download an app which will mean you can view what has been bought in the canteen...the advances of technology.

Show My Homework

I hope that you have downloaded the app and are keeping an eye on all homework; a suggested time to be spent on completing each piece of homework is a very useful feature of the app. This will give you, and your child, an indication of how much time is needed to get the best outcomes from the set homework.

Beyond the classroom

Congratulations to Mrs Mc Farland, Mrs Lyttle and Mr Wilkinson who worked so hard to enable us to be the first post primary forest school in Northern Ireland. To encourage our young people to appreciate the beautiful world we live in is one of the best things we can do! We also have twinned our playing pitch with Flanders Peace field in Belgium. This is a symbolic twinning which will encourage pupils to learn about the First World War and the importance of respect for people of different opinion/beliefs- both on and off the pitch.

Our cluster application for funding to connect six local schools with schools in Kenya has been successful. We have been linked to Ushirika Secondary school which is in the Kenyan capital city of Nairobi in the sprawling Dandora slums. Pupils from both schools will be finding out about environmental issues that affect us all.

Year 12

Pupils have GCSE modules early in January; it is really important that pupils taking these exams give themselves the best chance of achieving their highest mark. All these exams are in the morning; pupils should be in the hall and ready to start at 9:00am. Please encourage them to complete all the revision materials that have been sent home....revising while their phone stays in another room would make best use of their time.

Monday	13 th January	Maths
Tuesday	14 th January	English
Wednesday	15 th January	Maths
Thursday	16 th January	English

Parental Involvement

The best outcome for your child will be achieved when school and home work together. We all want the same thing- please keep in contact and let us know if you have any concerns about your child's progress or happiness in school. Your support is not only appreciated, but it is essential.

Please phone in advance to make an appointment.

Reports and Starting back

Reports will be posted home in January and the new school term begins for all pupils on Monday 6th January.

And finally

On behalf of all the staff and governors we wish that your home is filled with the joy of the Christmas season. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Angela Passmore