

## MARCH NEWSLETTER

1st March 2024

Dear Parents,

### **1. World Book Day**

World Book Day falls on **Thursday 6th March** this year, however, we will be celebrating it on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We have given your child a book token which can be redeemed when spending £2.99 or more, or can be redeemed against any one of the books specially commissioned for World Book Day. The offer is valid 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 in any bookshop participating in the initiative.

To celebrate World Book Day on Friday 7th March, Years 1-7 can come to school as their favourite book character, in their pyjamas/onesie or comfortable clothes that they would like to read in. [www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up](http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up) and [www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up](http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up) have dressing up guides if you need some ideas.

### **2. Holidays**

School will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April for Easter. Please note that there will be no school dinners and pupils will need collected from school at this time.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

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| Mon 17/3/25 – Tues 18/03/24      | St. Patrick's Holidays  |
| Thurs 17/4/25 – Fri 25/4/25      | Easter holidays   |
| Mon 28/4/25                      | Summer term begins  |
| Mon 5/5/25                       | May Day – holiday   |
| Mon 26/5/25 – Wed 28/5/25        | School closures/Staff Training  |
| Mon 30/6/25                      | Y7 leavers assembly, Summer holidays begin – school closes at 12 noon |
| <b>3. Dinner money for March</b> | £49.40 (19 days @ £2.60)  |
| <b>Milk money for March</b>      | £3.80 (19 days @ 20p)   |
| <b>Sponsorship</b>               | 25p a week (if you wish).   |

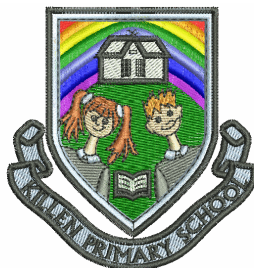
### **4. PTA Fundraising**

- There will be a 'Break the Rules Day' in school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We have attached an information sheet regarding this to this letter.
- Our Bingo family evening is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Doors will open at 7pm. The cost is £5 per adult book and £2.50 per child book (1/2 book). Light refreshments will be served. More details to follow closer to the time.

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5. Justin Logue will continue with 'Move to the Beat' sessions with pupils in Mrs Galbraith's and Mr Sproule's class throughout March.
  
6. Taking the Next Step Programme  
Year 7 pupils will be participating in a new Y7 Transition Programme 'Taking the next Step'. This fully funded programme has been designed to support rural young people as they transition to secondary education, equipping them with essential life skills. The workshops cover a wide range of important topics, including risk-taking behaviours, emotional intelligence, resilience, effective communication, self regulation, health management, identity formation and principles of peace and reconciliation. We will be working with St. Caireall's in this project.  
  
The children in Y7 will participate in workshops in Castlederg Leisure Centre on 6/3/25 and 12/3/25 as well as completing workshops in school. There is a proposed trip to Londonderry on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to the Verbal Arts and New Gate.
  
7. Shared Education  
Year 7 children will participate in Shared Education focusing on IZAK 9 cubes and problem solving in Castlederg High School on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.
  
8. Big Walk and Wheel  
We will be carrying out our Big Walk and Wheel week from 31/3/25 to 4/4/25. This encourages children to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school helping to improve air quality and benefit their community. We hope the weather will be kind.

Yours sincerely

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