



25th October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to this celebratory edition of my newsletter. At the end of each half term, we celebrate a range of pupil achievements coordinated by Miss Kelly, our Head of Celebration. Here are some of our winners which included those who have had 100% Attendance in this half term:



Year 12 Parent Teacher Meeting – Tuesday 5th November (4.00-6.15pm)

We look forward to welcoming our Yr. 12 pupils and their parents/guardians to the Year 12 Parent Teacher Meeting on Tuesday 5th November. The start time is 4.00pm and finish time is 6.15pm.

Inspection Surveys



Parents/guardians were issued with a survey on Wednesday this week to complete via the School App. There was also a survey for your child to complete. The deadline for the completion of surveys is 11.59pm on Wednesday 6th November.

Acceptable use of Mobile phone

The college is currently consulting on its Acceptable Use of Mobile phone policy. The policy is in the 'Documents' section on the School App and is available on the website. If you would like to share your views then please do so by 12.00pm on Thursday 7th November by emailing info@spbcollege.claudy.ni.sch.uk. A link has been sent to parents/guardians to a 'live' 45mins session on the use of mobile phones. This will take place at 12.00pm on Wednesday 20th November at 3.30pm. If you are interested in this and would like access, please email or call the school office by 12.00pm on Thursday 7th November.

Fire Safety

We were pleased to have Brian McCaul in school this week talking to Yr. 11 and Yr. 12 pupils this week on firework and sparkly safety, fancy dress safety and how to remain safe over the Halloween break.



Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

We are fortunate to have received significant funding from TESCO as part of their 'Stronger Starts Fruit & Veg for Schools initiative'. The pupils have been enjoying the fruit this week! Many thanks TESCO!



Book Week NI

This week we have been celebrating NI Book Week. We were also fortunate to have writer and poet Grainne McCool in school facilitating a creative writing workshop.



Santa's Workshop
Saturday 30th November 2024

Write and post a letter to Santa
Make your own Xmas decoration
Take an Elfie photo
Storytime with Mrs Claus
Have a visit from Santa and get a nice treat!

SESSIONS:
Session 1 12.00 - 12.45 p.m (6 places) for children with additional needs
Session 2 1.00 - 1.45 p.m. (15 places)
Session 3 2.00 - 2.45 p.m. (15 places)
Session 4 3.00 - 3.45 p.m. (15 places)

The cost per child is £10.00
Places must be booked in advance.
Please contact Orla Donaghy on 71338317 or alternatively email odonaghy90@c2kni.net

Craft Fair & Santa Experience

Save the Date: We will be having a Craft Fair & Santa Experience here at the college from 12.00 - 4.00pm on **Saturday 30th November**. Please come and support what will be a lovely event to get you in the festive spirit.

Reflection Morning

Reflection took place this morning and we were delighted Fr. O' Kane could join us. Thank you to the pupils and staff members who attended this before school on a Friday each week during the month of October.

Rugby

Congratulation to Year 11 pupils Liam who played for Ulster North Regional Development Squad last week and Darragh who played for Ulster U.17 Clubs this week in a victory over Ballymena Academy.



Key Dates

W/b Monday 28th October

Tuesday 5th November

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Thursday 7th November

W/b Monday 11th November

Wednesday 20th November

Saturday 30th November

Half term Break

Year 12 Parent Teacher Meeting 4.00 p.m.- 6.15 p.m.

Reflection liturgy for Form Captains & Vice Captains during Period 1

GMEX Event at the Diamond Centre

ETI Inspection begins

Online session for parents/guardians on use of Mobile phones (3.30pm)

Craft Fair & Santa Experience (12.00-4.00pm)

Final prayer

Tuesday was the feast of JP II and here is a prayer to him:

St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing!

Bless the church that you loved and served and guided,
courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus.

Bless the young, who were your great passion.

Help them dream again,

help them look up high again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

Amen.

Have a lovely Half term break.

Yours sincerely,



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