

# LISBURN CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT

Friday Newsletter 25-03-22

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*Dear Parents*

*We have only two weeks until our Easter holidays. The good weather has arrived and children have been able to play outside on the grass and enjoy more outdoor learning experiences this week.*

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## Outdoor Play

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*We are currently working on developing our outdoor play resources. We have recently purchased some larger pieces of outdoor furniture including a mud kitchen, a tepee, a climbing frame for the Nursery and a creative easel which we hope to have installed before Easter. We also hope to add more picnic benches, a gardening shed and a musical area very soon.*

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## School Garden

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*Now that the weather has improved we have begun to think about replanting our raised beds with vegetables and developing our Eco Garden further. We have recently received a community grant from the '**Department for Infrastructure Living Places and Spaces Fund**' to spend on developing our school garden and hope to use this to add several more raised beds, an area for wild flowers and another seated area for pupils. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with our garden.*

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## PTF Easter Activities



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*The PTF are currently organising some Easter events in school. These will include a special 'We're all going on a Bunny hunt' for Nursery, P.1 - P.3 and an Easter Egg hunt for P.4 - P.7. These will take place on Thursday 7th April and should be great fun for everyone. There will also be Easter craft activities and lots of fun and games.*

*Easter Holidays: **School will close on Friday 8th April at 12noon and reopen on Monday 25th April.***

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## P.7 Residential Trip

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*Primary Seven pupils are getting very excited about their residential trip taking place next week. If anyone has further questions please contact school. All money must be paid in full by Friday 25th March on School money.*

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## P.6 Transfer Information

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*We have received information this week from Wallace High School in Lisburn that the Board of Governors will accept assessment results from both the GL assessment and/or the AQE assessment for admission in September 2023. This is a change from previous years when they accepted only AQE results. If anyone would like to discuss the implications of this please feel free to contact me.*

*Friends' school, Lisburn will be accepting AQE assessments only as on previous years.*

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## Health and Wellbeing Day

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*Primary 5 - 7 had a health and well being day on Wednesday. This was organised and run by Healthy Kidz and funded by Lisburn and Castlereagh council. The pupils certainly enjoyed the activities.*

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## Butterflies of Hope



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*Butterflies of Hope is a community project for Easter organised by Christ Church, Lisburn. The children in school will be given a butterfly to colour and decorate, and then write the name of someone they are thankful for or who has brought them hope.*

*The butterflies will then be displayed on the railings of the church. A meeting will be held at the bottom gate of Christ church beside the Butterfly display on **Wednesday 13th April at 12 noon** and everyone is welcome to attend to give thanks for all the people mentioned on the Butterflies, thanking God for all those who mean so much to us.*

*The Butterflies will be a lovely, bright and visible sign of Hope in our community,*

*If you do not wish your child to colour a butterfly for Christ church please let us know.*

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## School Council

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*Our school council met yesterday in school and discussed some improvements to our playground. They provided me with a list of resources and ideas to develop outdoor play activities during break and lunch. We look forward to making some of these improvements in the summer term.*

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## Sports

**Activity NI** - Classes have been very beneficial for pupils' physical development and development of skills. These will continue for a further two weeks until Easter.

**Football** - We are trying to get interschool football matches running for boys and girls and there is a meeting next Monday regarding the league.

**Swimming** - swimming lessons will resume again next week for P.5 and P.6.

**Teacher clubs** - Film club, Scripture Union and Football will continue for one more week only.

Finally...

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*If you require any further information I may be contacted at [apoots468@c2kni.net](mailto:apoots468@c2kni.net) or phone the school office at 02892665527 to make an appointment.*

*A.Poots*

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Dates ahead...

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***28th March*** - P.5 Fire Safety talk

***30th March - 1st April*** P.7 Residential Trip

***7th April*** - Easter Egg Hunt

***8th April*** - school closes at 12:00noon for Easter holidays

***25th April*** - summer term begins

***27th April*** - Nursery & P1 Placements notified via EA Portal

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