



# FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018

We bring you 'Newsletter 4' of the 17/18 school year. We hope that you are now very familiar with ALL the information on our website [www.camphillps.co.uk](http://www.camphillps.co.uk) and know to check this throughout each week.

**Remember to take time to look at our website on a weekly basis as lots of information and dates are on this and only a further text reminder will be sent regarding dates etc... As you know each Monday the website's 'Ticker Tape' (red scrolling line) is updated with the main information needed for the week ahead - so it is very important that you do check this.**

All calendar dates are also on the website so this allows everyone to plan ahead.

**ALWAYS keep a close eye on your child's 'CLASS page' and on the main 'NEWS feed' and if you click on 'Latest News' you will see all posts added!**

Since our last half-termly newsletter we have only been in school for just over 5 weeks and it has been a very busy few weeks with a variety of events and activities in and 'out of school' taking place:- have you looked at the numerous photos and videos on our website?

**Here are some of the Website News Posts - during this last half term!!!! We have just over 125 items of 'NEWS' added to the website since returning this half-term!**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
PTA Easter Quiz prizewinners  
P7 Swimming Congratulations  
IFA Grassroots Coaching Qualification congratulations!  
P1 PE  
P3 French Club  
P4/5 STEM Club  
P6 Numeracy work  
Senior Girls Netball  
P6/7 'GAMES' afternoon  
P2 'Ditch the Stabilisers' parents & pupils photos & videos  
Fun in our Playpark  
P7 selected pupils taking part in a Primary Schools STEM Challenge & KNEX Challenge  
P5 & P6 Action Cancer Talks  
P7 In-o-vate Day at Cullybackey College  
P2 Pirate Day  
Senior Cup Football  
P5 Literacy & Numeracy Work

P6 Science Experiments  
Senior Girls Hockey  
Eco Club  
Jigsaw - 'Festival of Learning'  
P4 Science Experiments  
'FEET FIRST' Friday  
P6AM & P4GM Attendance Cup Winners  
P5 Science Experiments  
FEBRUARY & MARCH VIPs & Tea Parties  
Mrs Rainey's Charity BUN Sale for her trip to ASIA  
School Council - Chairperson & Secretary Appointed  
PEACE PROMS - photos & videos  
P3 & P4 Art Club  
P1 Science Experiments - planting beans!  
P3-P7 'Choral Speaking' Ballymena Festival congratulations  
Ellen, in P7RA our Festival Music star!  
World Book Day & School Book Fair  
Jill, in P7AS our EA TV 'Newsdesk' star!  
P1 'All Dressed Up' Day  
P6/7 'Robotics' Roadshow  
P5 N.I Water Talks  
P7 Visit TITANIC  
E3 Scripture Union Cheque presentation  
P6/7 Pilates  
P4 Football  
P2 & P4 Gymnastics  
P1 & P5 Fitness  
P6/7 Fitness  
KS2 Cricket



## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations!**



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we had a super day celebrating CAMPHILL PS being 50 years old! Finding

out how Camphill got its name, planting bulbs, completing activities about life in 1967 and on the number 50, burying our Time Capsule, planting a Beech Tree along with looking at lots of pictures of the old school building all filled our day! The picnic lunch, cake and a medal were all appreciated too! Our pupils couldn't believe that when the school is 100 years old they will also be over 50 years old ☺ they have promised to call into Camphill and let the Principal know that a 'Time Capsule' from 2018 was buried at the back of the school under our newly planted Beech Tree! Mrs McMaster did explain that she would be too old to call in herself!!! Lots and lots of photos are on

the main 'NEWS' and 'CLASS' pages of the website from the day!

## NEW STAFF

We welcome Mrs Smith, P1 & Miss Rowney, P5 (who will become Mrs Gray after Easter) to our team! *Miss Rowney is having a busy few weeks as she gets married this weekend on Easter Saturday! We wish her all the best on her wedding day and hope she has a wonderful honeymoon!*



P1RS



P5ER

## February & March VIPs

We congratulate our February & March VIPs (Very Important/Impressive Pupils) who were presented with their certificates and their invitations to the Principal's TEA PARTY this half term! **See photos & names on the website.**

## PTA Fundraising

A big thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA fundraiser this half-term! Congratulations to **Jacob in P5JD, Kruz in P1FM & Mya in P5ER** for winning the Easter Eggs & Vouchers! We raised £155.00 by holding the Easter fundraiser! Thank you once again for supporting all the fundraisers to date - with funds this year you may have noticed we have managed to put down new astro turf in all 3 of our outdoor resource areas which is most certainly a luxury we could not have afforded to do without PTA funds! Also the pupils medals and bulbs from our 50<sup>th</sup> day were also paid for out of PTA funds at a cost of approximately £600.00. Again, thank you to the group of parents who make all these fundraisers possible as without these parent volunteers such additional resources just would not be purchased!

## SUMMER FAIR

The annual PTA Summer Fair will be held this year on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June - please plan to come along 😊

**Can you help???** Do you own a business, work for a business/company that would be interested in donating any prizes, gifts, vouchers or generally anything that we could use at our annual school Summer Fair - We realize this event is a few months away yet, however we would like to ask for support in whatever way possible at this stage as planning for the night is now underway. We would be delighted if you or someone you know could assist us in any way.

## Ballymena Festival CONGRATULATIONS!

During the last week of February and the first week of March we had a large number of P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 pupils representing our school at the local festival. A huge congratulations goes to everyone involved! We were so proud of everyone who participated at the Festival and everyone involved had the opportunity to perform in front of the rest of the school at a special assembly! *(photos are on the website of all participants!)*

## SENIOR CHOIR - PEACE PROMS

Our Senior Choir enjoyed a very special day out on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February singing at the NI PEACE PROMS Concert at the SSE ARENA! Well done to all involved - *listen to the choir singing live at the concert on our website!*

## World Book Day & School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone for supporting our annual World Book Day celebrations - we raised a total of £1427.00 commission from the Book Fair and were able to choose new books for P1-P3 class libraries and our Accelerated Reader Library!

## Sporting Congratulations

Well done to our **Hockey, Netball and Football** teams this month. The pupils have played a number of matches and represented Camphill really well. Please have a look on the website for match reports and team photos!

## Primary 2 'Ditch the Stabilisers'

Primary 2 pupils (and their parents) had the opportunity this month to learn how to ride a bike without their stabilisers!! Well done to all who completed this training with Johnny from 'Sustran'. Lots of photos and videos are on the website!

## ECO- TEAM

Our Eco Committee has been busy this month preparing for the Spring/Summer season and working very hard to tidy up and 'decorate' school grounds for us all to enjoy during this summer term. The team is also very grateful to mum - Charlotte Anderson for guiding and assisting 'The Eco Team' - so a big thanks is passed on to Charlotte! REMEMBER - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April is a whole school ECO DAY and everyone will be involved in a variety of tasks! One major task is the planting of 400 'Marigolds' into the shape of the number 50 to mark our anniversary! PLEASE SEE LETTER HOME ALONG WITH THIS NEWSLETTER and on the website. ***This will be a non-uniform day for the whole school.***

## Charity Thanks

Mrs Rainey wishes to thank everyone who donated to her bun sale in aid of 'ASIALINK' this month - she raised an amazing total of £477.00 which will go towards the work of the charity over the Easter holidays in ASIA. We wish Mrs Rainey a safe and successful trip!

## ATTENDANCE CUPS

The school attendance cups for the month of February were won by P4GM & P6AM. Well done to these two classes who have all received their 'homework pass'. As we come to the final term of the school year I would ask everyone to once again remember 'Attendance Matters' and that school attendance is monitored very closely.

Your support in this matter is very much appreciated by everyone.

## Absence Notification note

Please always contact the school if your child is absent. You can also find a downloadable format of a note on the website to be printed off and completed when your child returns from being off school. Thank you!

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2018/2019 - are now

**on the website!** School starts back for pupils on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 with a 12noon finish on this date to allow for a cluster of schools to come together for staff training in the afternoon. School closing times of 2pm/3pm will then be as normal from Weds. 29<sup>th</sup> August onwards with canteen facilities also returning to normal from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

## Please remember School Canteen

Menus will only be available (to download) on the website from after Easter along with a copy displayed on the classroom doors.

## Child Protection/ Safeguarding Children

Can we remind parents about 'The Underwear Rule'? (see poster below) The NSPCC have a resource which can help parents and carers talk to their children about staying safe and preventing abuse. The guide outlines how you can have simple, age appropriate conversations with your 5 -11 year old child. It teaches them that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say "no", and that they should tell an adult if they are upset or worried. **Please discuss this 'PANTS' poster with your child.** Each line of PANTS covers a different part of the Underwear Rule. How and when you talk PANTS to your child is your choice. After all, you know them better than anyone. You'll

know when they're ready and how much detail to go into.

There is also a 'Tell Someone You Trust' video on YouTube, which explains to children what sexual abuse and exploitation are. It has been made by children for children aged from around Key Stage 2/P5 and above. We would highly recommend that you, as a parent watch this valuable resource first and then decide if you wish your child to view it.



## Staff changes for 'Safeguarding'

Mrs McLaughlin is our new Designated Teacher for Child Protection in school along with Miss Scott who is the new Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection - If you ever have any concerns relating to this matter please contact these members of staff.



## PARENT INTERVIEW attendance

During the week bg. 5<sup>th</sup> March almost all parents in the school in P2, P3, P4 & P6 attended Parent/Teacher interviews - 99% of children were represented. This

attendance figure is very good and very encouraging for all teachers as it shows a commitment and interest by the parent to their child's education.

## School Uniform

Any final pre-order enquiry forms stating what, if any, uniform you intend to buy from us should now be returned to school. This is to help us build up an idea of the amount of stock we need to order in advance so that we have our 'open shop' from the school office in Term 3. (Details regarding when uniform will be on sale will follow shortly after Easter)

**SUMMER UNIFORM** - on return after the Easter holidays girls are allowed to wear a blue gingham dress along with white socks and navy/white sandals with boys wearing school grey shorts if they wish. **Please note- no trainers are allowed.**

## EVENTS & DATES TO NOTE

### Dates for the rest of the year!

Dates for all main events coming up in TERM 3 are on the website (eg. Sports Days, May Day Holidays, class trips, P7 Prize Day etc...) and will be continually added to on our return after the Easter Holidays - please check what is happening each month as we will only be sending out a reminder text message a day in advance of most main school events.

**TOMORROW - Weds 28<sup>th</sup> March** - School finishes at 12noon for the Easter Holidays. School uniform is to be worn as normal, there will be no canteen facilities meaning no Breakfast Club or breaktime snacks on sale. The Tullygarley bus will run at the earlier time of 12noon.

### Summer Term

School resumes on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and both Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April are non-uniform days.

### Class Photographs

Class Photographs that were due to be taken on our last Snow Closure day - have now been rearranged for **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Primary 6 parents RE: TRANSFER TO POST-PRIMARY

The AQE registration process opens on Wednesday 2nd May please look out for information in the local media and on the AQE website.

A Primary 6 parent information evening regarding transfer to post-primary school will take place in school on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7:45pm.**

## P7 School Trip to SCOTLAND

A parents' meeting will take place regarding this trip on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm** - please plan to attend.

## Assessment week

Standardised Assessments will take place in school for Primary 1-6 children during the weeks beginning **8<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.** Please try to make sure your child is in school each day of this week as these assessments are an important part of monitoring progress and attainment in school and completing these 'outside' the normal classroom scheduled time is never a true reflection on 'real' progress.

## Outside Agencies

We have added a new page called 'COMMUNITY NOTICES' under the 'Parents' page on the website - this is where all leaflets/information from community groups/outside agencies will be added so please check this regularly.



### **WELL DONE to the JIGSAW Team**

on organising such a successful 'Festival of Learning' this month - thank you to all the parents who supported this - have a look at all the photos on the website.

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Congratulations to the group of adults who completed their 'Grassroots Coaching Qualification' through the IFA in conjunction with the 'BEE Project' - a group photo is on the website!

**REMINDER: - SPORTS HUT - 'Lads & Dads'** event in April/May - last day for registration is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

*K McMaster (Mar'18)*



