



PARENT UPDATE

1 February 2024

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Year group(s) involved
1 February	Year 3 Space Show for parents, 9.15am, Assembly Hall.	Year 3
	Ards Netball Blitz, 10am – 2pm, Ards Leisure Centre.	Netball Team
2 February	KS2 assembly with guest speakers (Also on 9 Feb & 23 Feb).	Years 5, 6 & 7
5 – 9 February	MATHS WEEK IN SCHOOL – look out for information on engaging, practical Maths activities and events all this week.	Whole school
5 February	Year 7 cricket continues.	Year 7
6 February	SAFER INTERNET DAY – we shall be taking part in several ‘safer internet’ activities throughout the school.	Whole school
	Visit from the ABAANA NEW LIFE Choir – details already circulated. Non-uniform day with suggestion of £1 contribution for Abaana.	Whole school
	Visit from the Fire Service to Nursery pupils.	Nursery
8 February	Nursery Forest School ‘Stay and Play’ sessions – see details already circulated. Last Nursery sessions before finish for half-term.	Nursery
	PTA Disco, Years 4 & 5: 6-7pm, Years 6 & 7: 7.30 – 8.30pm	Years 4 - 7
	FS/ KS1 assembly with guest speakers (Also on 22 Feb)	Years 1 - 4
9 February	Finish for half-term at 12 noon. Non-uniform day.	Years 1 - 7
12 – 16 February	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	Whole school
19 February	Return to school for all pupils.	Whole School
	North Down Netball League, 12 – 2pm, St Comgall’s PS.	Netball Team
20 February	‘Fist Pump Five’ programme (Also 27 Feb, 5 Mar)	Year 6
22 February	PAWS – B programme	Year 6
	Football matches for the boys’ and girls’ teams, from 2pm, Bangor Fuels Arena	Football Teams
25 February	Peace Proms event at SSE Arena, Belfast	Year 6 Peace Proms choir
26 February	W5 visit.	Year 3
27 February	‘Chester’s Challenge’, delivered by NI Chest, Heart and Stroke. (Also on 5 & 12 Mar).	Year 5
1 March	Year 6 Viking Day	Year 6
	Nursery Forest School ‘Stay and Play’ sessions – see details already circulated.	Nursery
4 March	NSPCC workshops	Years 3 & 6
5 March	NSPCC workshops	Year 6
7 March	WORLD BOOK DAY – further details and info on celebratory events to follow.	Whole school
11 March	North Down League netball match, 2pm, St Comgall’s PS	Netball team
15 March	Assembly for St Patrick’s Day	Years 1 - 4

18 March	School closes at 2pm for all pupils in years 2-7. Nursery PM session will finish at 2.10pm.	Whole school
19, 20 & 21 March	Kilmaine Primary School proudly presents, ANNIE Jr. Doors open 7.30pm, assembly hall. Ticket information and specific arrangements for year 6 choir pupils and year 7 pupils will follow.	Years 6 & 7
26 March	Last Nursery sessions before finish for Easter holidays.	Nursery
27 March	Year 1 – 7 pupils finish at 12 noon for Easter holidays. Non-uniform day.	Years 1 - 7
11 April	RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER TERM.	Whole school

Monday 18 March 2024

To mark St Patrick's Day, school will close for Years 3-7 pupils at 2pm. For Nursery PM pupils, their session will end at 2.10pm. Reminder – there are no school dinners or school bus service available. All pupils should bring a packed lunch to school.

Year 7 Pupils who completed SEAG Assessments

Another big WELL DONE to all the year 7 pupils who chose to sit the SEAG grammar school entrance tests in November. The results have been returned and we are exceptionally proud of all the children who worked so hard for these examinations. A big thank you also to the year 6 and 7 teaching staff who have worked with such commitment with all the pupils involved. Your positive feedback offered to the staff team during transfer interviews is much appreciated.

School Holidays and Closures Calendar 2024-2025

A number of families are already looking into booking future holidays. I am currently working on this and aim to share the school calendar for 2024/2025 in the coming weeks.

Behaviour and RESPECT: The Kilmaine Code

Thank you for your support as we continue to roll out 'The Kilmaine Code'. Behaviour and attitudes towards learning throughout Kilmaine remain very positive. We are a hard-working staff team, with great parental support and our pupils are engaged in their learning. Pupil outcomes are best when behaviour is good and we all work in partnership together. It is super that we are not a school where challenging behaviour interrupts learning. If you ever need additional support for your child or feel that they are displaying behaviours which are not age-appropriate, please speak to the child's class teacher or Learning Support Coordinator, Mrs Massey.



Uniform Code

Research has proven that when there are clear expectations for uniform, pupil behaviour improves. High expectations for uniform promotes a sense of pride in our school and standards of behaviour remain high. I remind you that black, plain shoes should be worn on traditional uniform days, not trainers. The PE kit for pupils in years 3-7 must be the Kilmaine kit or plain black/ navy leisure wear. Pupils that repeatedly wear sports kit which is branded e.g. Nike, adidas, will be reminded to wear the appropriate uniform. Permitted jewellery is small stud earrings; pupils should not wear dangly hoop earrings.

Early Closures, 12pm Finishes at School

In order to reduce congestion on a 12pm finish, such as the end of term, we use slightly 'staggered finish times' as follows: Year 1 – 11.45am, Year 2 – 11.50am, Year 3 – 11.55am, Years 4 to 7 - 12pm, all from the usual pick-up locations.

As always, I hope that the remainder of the term is busy, productive and fulfilling.

Yours sincerely,

R. Sinnamon

OUR KILMAINE FAMILY

Principal

