

FROM THE HART

APRIL 2019



HART MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

DATES FOR THE DIARY APRIL & MAY 2019

APRIL 2019

P7MM Shared Education trip to
Corrymeela 29

Swimming starts for P7T 30

MAY 2019

P6s to Orienteering Festival, Armagh 1

M & M Productions 'Oliver Twist' 1

P7T Shared Education trip to
Corrymeela 1

P7T Clever Cloggers transition pro-
gramme 9

Birds of Prey display 10

Nursery class photograph 13

Swimming Gala, Craigavon Leisure
Centre 13

'The Half Pint Kid' numeracy plays 14

Girls' soccer tournament, Richhill 14

P6 residential trip to Todd's Leap 15-16

P7MM Clever Cloggers transition
programme 16

Cross-country event, Armagh 17

Nursery trip to Loughgall Park 17

Big Workout Day, People's Park 24

P7 'Love for Life' programme, SJBC 28

Hart Olympics—sports day for P5-7
pupils 29

Information session for new Nursery
parents 6.30pm 30

Information session for new P1
parents 7.30pm 30

P1 class trip to Streamvale Open Farm 31

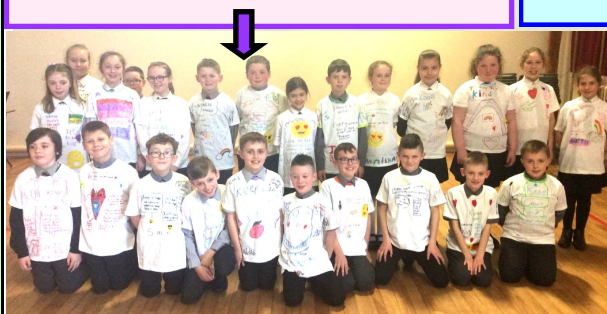
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

On Friday 1 March 2019, we hosted a Mental Health Awareness Day. Women's Aid talked about the Helping Hands Programme. There was then a practical session of yoga from Mairead Morgan. Nigel Duke from the Portadown community-based Edgarstown Residents' Association talked about the effects of drugs, and the Al-non Family Group talked about the effects of alcohol on friends and family.

Alan Kingsmill from Action Mental Health, MensSana, talked about raising awareness of signs and symptoms of mental distress. Then Alan McDowell from Menshed in Portadown talked about Men's Mental Health. Sean Collins from the Southern Trust talked about 5 practical steps to improve mental health and well-being. Finally, Caroline Shaw from the Eden Health Shop in Banbridge, talked about the alternatives to medication on offer to deal with anxiety. Throughout the morning Verve ran a pop-up clinic for free health checks.

During the Mental Health Awareness day, the children in each of the classes were learning how to look after their own mental health. P1 and P2 read and discussed a book on children's mental health called "Lucy's Blue Day"; P3 talked about how they can help each other have positive minds, focusing on 5 things they can do if they feel sad and which will help others feel good; P4 talked about different emotions and ways in which they can create positive mental health; P5 read and discussed a book called "The Huge Bag of Worries" and completed a Personal Friendship chart; P6 and P7 enjoyed designing and colouring a plain white t-shirt with Good Mental Health slogans and mottos which they got to take home with them.

To end the Mental Health Awareness Day, Alan Kingsmill of MensSana support group, spoke to the children in two assemblies, delivering age-appropriate mental health messages.



SCHOOL CLOSURES Term 3

Just a reminder that there will be no school on:

Thursday 2 May (elections)

Monday 6 May (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 7 May (School Development Day 5)

Thursday 23 May (European elections) - *unconfirmed*

Monday 27 May (Bank Holiday)

*School finishes for the summer holidays at 12pm on
Friday 29 June.*

HOLIDAY LIST 2019/20

on the website!

on back of sheet!



Save the date:

Thursday 29 August 2019

*'Pupil & Parent Induction Day' - pupils & parents are invited to meet their new teacher in small groups. Each session will last approximately an hour. Parents stay with their child in the classroom whilst the teacher explains what to expect in the year ahead. There is time at the end for parents to speak one-to-one with the teacher. **This is the first day of term.***

SPRING SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Hart Reach Semi-Finals

The Senior Boys' Football Team performed extremely well in the Mid Ulster Spring Tournament, reaching the Semi-Finals. With 24 Primary Schools taking part, Hart negotiated the Group Stages as Runners Up. Victory on penalties over Bleary in the Quarter Finals was followed by a narrow defeat against Seagoe in the Semi-Finals, despite Hart dominating the match.

Results

Group Stage

Hart 1 (Z.Richardson) Tandragee 0

Hart 2 (L.Taylor, Z.Richardson) Armstrong 2

Hart 0 Maralin 0

Hart 0 Seagoe 2

Hart 2 (Z.Richardson, L.Taylor) Drumgor 0

Quarter Finals

Hart 1 (C.Watson) Bleary 1

Hart win 2-1 on penalties

Semi-Finals

Hart 0 Seagoe 1



DIGITAL LEADERS....LEADING THE WAY!

Digital leaders were trained at the beginning of Term 2 to help promote internet safety and to assist teachers with some ICT related tasks. Throughout the term, they have held safety assemblies for all children, ran a poster competition and most recently, attended a staff meeting after school to train staff on a number of apps that they could use in class. Well done digital leaders!

HOLIDAY LIST 2019/20

(term time in black; holidays in red)

TERM 1

Thursday 29 August – Induction Day for pupils & parents

Friday 30 August – normal school day

Friday 27 & Monday 30 September – School Development Days 1 & 2

Tuesday 1 October – Friday 25 October

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November (midterm break)

Monday 4 November – Friday 20 December

Saturday 21 December – Sunday 6 January (Christmas holidays)

TERM 2

Monday 6 January – School Development Day 3

Tuesday 7 January – Friday 14 February

Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 February (midterm break)

Wednesday 19 February – Monday 16 March

Tuesday 17 March (St Patrick's Day break)

Wednesday 18 March – Friday 3 April

Monday 6 April – School Development Day 4

Tuesday 7 April – Sunday 19 April (Easter holidays)

TERM 3

Monday 22 April – Friday 1 May

Monday 4 May (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 5 May – School Development Day 5

Wednesday 6 May – Friday 22 May

Monday 25 May (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 26 May – Tuesday 30 June

Happy Holidays!!

CAR DRIVERS

This is another appeal to all car drivers to ensure they

abide by the rules of the road.

DO NOT:

- ✦ Park on **double yellow lines** or **yellow zigzags**
- ✦ Mount the **footpath** – on Charles Street or in Deer Park
- ✦ Stop or park where there are **traffic cones**
- ✦ Park **across**, **turn into** or **reverse out** of the main school entrance gateway



These are **motoring offences**.

They **endanger the lives** of our pupils.

If you observe drivers breaking the rules of the road:

- take the vehicle's **registration number**

report it to the PSNI by ringing 101 (the PSNI has been informed of the regular disregard for road safety by a minority of drivers outside our school)

We thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

KEEP ALL HART MEMORIAL PUPILS SAFE

It should not take

- **A car crash**
- **A child being injured**
- **A child being killed**

to make the small number of offending drivers **WAKE UP** to their **irresponsible behaviour**.



SUMMER UNIFORM

The summer uniform is as follows:

BOYS: grey shirt (long or short sleeves) & school tie **OR** yellow polo shirt; ; grey trousers **OR** shorts; black crested sweatshirt

GIRLS: yellow & white gingham dress & black or white cardigan / sweatshirt **OR** black skirt / pinafore & white shirt (long or short sleeves & school tie **OR** yellow polo shirt

Black school shoes for all



Calling all parents...

Please encourage your children to use the school paths and not trample the flower beds or climb trees. Our gardens are lovely and they are being damaged by a few children.



P1 HEALTH CHECKS

The School Nurse will be carrying out general health checks on all P1 pupils on the following dates:

20-23 May

28 & 30 May

P1 parents, please complete and return the letter you receive from the School Nurse as soon as possible.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P5DK (96.3%)

=2nd: P2HA & P3T (95.2%)

=3rd: P5P & P6M (94.8%)

Please have your child in school **every day**....

miss school, miss out!

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P3T (34 late marks)

=2nd: P1TE & P5DK (46 late marks)

3rd: P3M (53 late marks)

Please have your child in school **ON TIME every day**.....(but **NOT** before 8.40am!)

miss school, miss out!

CYCLING PROFICIENCY

P7 children are enjoying their Cycling Proficiency club & we have had some great weather so far for our first 2 lessons. Attendance has been good to date so next term looks promising. The cyclists are enjoying the snacks before they go out on their bikes too!



P7 YOUNG ENTERPRISE DAY: Both P7 classes took part in the Young Enterprise Programme – Our World. We worked in groups and looked at global trade: looking at evidence of global imports and exports, examining a range of imported products and exploring issues such as debt, exchange and fair-trading. We played a Trading Game where we had to make as much money as we could, selling shapes with the resources we were given. It was a great morning and we demonstrated great teamwork.

