

FROM THE HART



HART MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUICK REMINDERS

- Early hometimes** this term: **Wednesday 11 December 1pm** for all (to allow staff to prepare for Open Night; **Friday 20 December 12pm** (last day of term);
- After school activities** finish on **Friday 6 December**—unless you receive a note from a leader with additional dates on it. Activities recommence on **Monday 20 January** with a [new timetable](#)
- Choir dates:** **Mon 9 December**—Rushmere & Mahon Care Home; **Wed 11 December**—Open Night **Mon 16 December**—St Columba's senior citizens; **Tues 17 December**—P & G Family Foods & St Frances' Nursing Home.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER 2019

P5-7 pupils to pantomime, Grand Opera House, Belfast	4
P6H Special Assembly 9.15am	6
Drama Club Showcase 2.15pm	6
After school activities finish	6
Shared School Choir singing in Rushmere 11am; Hart Choir in Mahon Care Home 2pm	9
P6 class trip to W5 on Light topic	10
P5 Fire Safety talk	10
Pupils' Christmas Dinner in canteen	11
Open Night, 6.30pm-8.15pm	11
School CLOSED: election	12
P1 pupils to Navan Centre, Armagh, for Christmas trip	13
Nursery nativity performance	13
Choir singing for St Columba's senior citizens 1.30pm	16
Choir singing in P & Gs at 11am and at Mahon Nursing Home 2.30pm	17
Junior Nativity performances, 9.30pm & 11am	18
Nursery Christmas party	19
Last day of term: 12pm finish	20

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Strong home / school liaison is so important for the well being and progress of each of our pupils. The 94% turnout for parent teacher meetings at the end of October shows how these are valued by all. If for some reason you were unable to attend, please contact the school to arrange an alternative date / time. Remember that you may arrange to meet your child's teacher if you have any queries or concerns, or just wish to discuss his/her progress, at any time throughout the school year.



OH, SO CLOSE....!

It was a case of so near, yet so far, for the Senior Boys' Football Team, as they ultimately finished runners up, out of 21 teams, in the first Large Schools Tournament of the school year. Playing with great skill and wonderful attacking intent, Hart scored 11 goals en route to the Final. This included an outrageous bicycle kick goal by Levi Taylor against Drumgor PS, which drew gasps from the spectators. However, disappointment reigned in the Final, as Hart were edged out 2-1 by a strong Waringstown team, despite dominating proceedings. An excellent first Tournament for all concerned. Better luck next time, boys!



ANTI BULLYING



11-15 November was Anti Bullying Week with the theme 'Change Starts with Us'. We highlighted issues around bullying and what to do to prevent it, or what to do about it if it happens, through assemblies and lessons in class. This is so useful every year, as it creates an ethos of zero tolerance for such behaviour and gives children strategies that can be used throughout their lives. P7 pupils attended a workshop where they recapped the different forms of bullying and discussed the layered impacts that bullying can have on an individual. Our pupils recognise physical, verbal, non-verbal, emotional and cyber bullying and are aware of how this can impact on the mental health of the victim. **Change starts with us!**



THANK YOU!

Our annual fundraiser for 'Brainwaves' took place this month with a sponsored walk around the school grounds.

We decided to support this particular charity this year as one of our longstanding staff members, Mrs Fraser, was diagnosed with a brain tumour last December and has subsequently undergone two lots of brain surgery. She is now recovering.

As usual, the fundraising was very well supported and we, as a school, raised a phenomenal £2423.93!!!

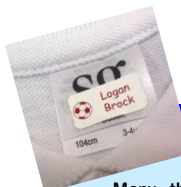
We really are so grateful for all your efforts and the cheque will be presented to a representative of the charity on Friday 29 November.

ON THE DOUBLE FOR HOCKEY BOYS

Two teams of our hockey boys went to Millington PS on Monday 25 November for 'friendly' matches, to get the boys ready for the upcoming League. The boys were exceptionally well behaved and up for the challenge. They came away winners with the A team winning 5-0 and the B team winning 8-0. A great start to the season—well done, boys, and keep up the good work!

HART LEADS THE WAY WITH KILLER KI

In recent years we have really embraced the Golden Mile concept of the Healthy Kidz programme. This is where our classes walk / jog / run for 10 minutes, 3 times per week. Hundreds of children have been rewarded in recent years for their ability to complete 1 mile inside 10 minutes. The model of practice taking place in Hart Memorial has been recognised by Healthy Kidz as the number 1 in the 100+ schools where this organisation delivers. This year, a specialist running coach has been assigned to the school on Fridays to 'run' the classes through their 'Killer K', which is the challenge the children have been set this term: to see how quickly it takes each child to complete 1km. Further support has been given by Statsports, who have provided all children with one of their state-of-the-art vests & GPS trackers, providing accurate timings for every child. The level of effort that all classes have been putting into this initiative must be commended. The intention is that each child will present as fitter, healthier and more alert for learning.



CLOTHING

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who have clear name labels on all items of clothing which come into school. When an item goes missing and we can't locate it in school, it usually means that another child has taken it home by mistake. It would be greatly appreciated if you would **check your child's clothing**—especially uniform items—and **make sure they belong to your child. Please send clothing that does not belong to you back into school.** Many thanks.



STAY HEALTHY—INSIDE & OUT

Mensanna delivered their 'Healthy Me' workshops to P6 and P7 on the 4 & 5 November. The focus was how the children can keep themselves healthy emotionally and mentally. The pupils discussed different strategies to use when they are feeling anxious and how important it is to talk about their feelings. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.



ALL ABOARD THE SPACE BUS!!

P5DK visited W5 on Tuesday 26 November. They had a fantastic time visiting all the exhibitions. Some of the children were picked to take part in a show and got to perform a variety of experiments, including launching rockets. Here is a photograph to show them with Miss Shipley's replacement in years to come.....



LEARNING ROCKS!

Pupils from P5-7 have been enjoying their time at Learning Rocks! This school year we have introduced a new Literacy programme called Nessy. The programme has made a good impression on all the children and this is shown through their enthusiasm and progression in Literacy. Mathletics also continues to encourage children to progress in many areas of Numeracy. Mathletics is not only used by those who attend Learning Rocks but by all our P3-7 pupils, with more than 30 certificates being presented each week. Well done and keep up the hard work!



THE BARDS OF ROOM 8

P7MM pupils have been taking part in a Poetry Project over the last three weeks. We have been lucky enough to have published poet, Martell McPartland, come in to our classroom and help us to write our poems. The first step on our poetry journey was to find some inspiration; for this we visited Long Meadow Farm and had a wonderful tour of the orchard and stores. We are looking forward to seeing the final drafts of our poems being put together, and hopefully before the end of the year, we'll have some more published poets in our midst.



KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who attended the Internet Safety talk in school on Tuesday 26 November. Eleanor from Reims Training Solutions gave an extremely informative talk on the dangers associated with using the internet, social media, gaming, posting / sending images etc and then went on to show parents how to put settings on pcs, laptops, iphones, ipads, x-boxes etc in order to protect children from these dangers. Congratulations to the McKee for winning the £50 One For All voucher; the names of all pupils whose parents attended were put into a draw for this.

Link for YouTube kids app: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/youtube-kids/id936971630?mt=8>

Link to Apple Restrictions instructions: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

Link to Apple Guided Access info: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT202612>

Android Restricted profile link (note: other manufacturers may have different instructions): <https://support.google.com/nexus/answer/3175031?hl=en-GB>

Links to tips for parents on the Instagram website: <https://help.instagram.com/154475974694511/>



INTERNET SAFETY & ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

REIM Training Solutions delivered their e-safety workshops to P5-7 classes this week. P5s focused on keeping personal information safe and having a trusted adult they can speak to. P6s' workshops were on cyberbullying; children learned how important it was to be an upstander rather than a bystander and found out how to get help for cyberbullying. In P7, the children learned about staying safe and behaving responsibly on social media.

Need help? If you would like a member of the ICT Team to help you set restrictions and security settings on any device your child uses, please contact us and we will arrange to find a day/time that suits you to come in.



STOP PRESS: Morellis ice cream will be for sale on Open Night. You don't have to go to the north coast to enjoy it - the taste is coming to you!!

OPEN NIGHT & WINTER FAIR

Just a reminder to put **Wednesday 11 December at 6.30pm** in your diary / on your calendar. If you want to volunteer to help on the night, please contact Mrs Cassells, Governor volunteer, or the office directly. The letter and reply slip are also on Seesaw and our facebook page.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P6H (95.4%)

2nd: P2FH (95.3%)

3rd: P7T & P5DK (95.2%)

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

miss school, miss out!

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P2LM (10 late marks)

2nd: P6H (11 late marks)

3rd: P1TT (13 late marks)

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

miss school, miss out!