

FROM THE HART



HART MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANY CHANGES TO NORMAL ROUTINE?

- ◆ **16 March:** Nursery parent teacher meetings—no nursery classes for pupils
- ◆ **17 March:** no school—St Patrick's Day holiday
- ◆ **20 March:** last day of after school activities
- ◆ **3 April:** last day of term; all pupils finish at 12pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH 2020

Boys' hockey tournament at Killicomaine JHS	2
P7 trip to Ulster American Folk Park	3
World Book Day	5
Girls' hockey at home to Bleary PS	5
P6M Special Assembly	6
Boys' hockey match away to Millington	9
Nursery 'Happy Healthy Kidz' workshop 2	13
Nursery parent teacher meetings	16
St Patrick's Day—no school	17
STEM Challenge (P7 teams) in Royal School, Armagh	18
ABC Council to P5 pupils—environmental talk	19
Last day of after school activities	20
P7MM to Ulster Hall for 'Poetry in Motion' celebration event	25
P5DK Sign Language workshop	26
Choir performance at Slieve Donard hotel	27
K'nex Challenge (P7 teams) in Royal School, Dungannon	30
P6 'Beesafe' day at Brownstown Community	30
Ministers' pastoral visit	31

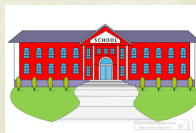


CREDIT UNION & ROAD SAFETY QUIZZES

Riley, James, Zack and Paige from P7T and P7MM represented the school recently at the annual Credit Union quiz at the Drumcree Pastoral Centre. Competing against local primary schools through 60 general knowledge questions, the four pupils conducted themselves excellently and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Despite not finishing in the top three, the children did themselves and the school very proud indeed, walking away with a £5 note for their efforts. Well done, P7s!

P7 TRANSFER

Many thanks to all P7 parents for completing and returning your children's transfer forms for secondary school so promptly. All were forwarded by registered mail to the Education Authority and letters will be issued from the EA on **Friday 29 May** informing you of the secondary school in which your child has been allocated a place.



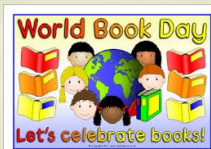
PUNCTUALITY

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who have their children in school for 8.45am. The 10 minutes the children have before lessons start (8.55am) to get organized and chat to their friends and teacher is so beneficial..



WORLD BOOK DAY

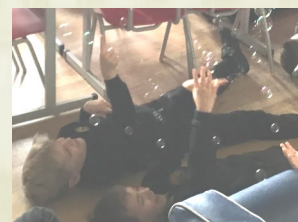
World Book day takes place on Thursday 5 March so standby for more information on that. If you wish to dress up as a book character you may. Otherwise wear your own clothes. Every class is decorating its door as a well known book cover so watch this space for the results in next month's newsletter.



SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH

Debutots came to visit P3F on 10 February as part of Mental Health Week. The children read a story enti-

tled "Blue Daisy Finds Her Brave". They explored how different emotions can make them feel and behave, and how being brave and talking to an adult can help. They then practised some mindfulness techniques which help cope with feelings. They especially enjoyed listening to the calm music and watching the bubbles float over their heads.



GREEN AWARE

P5DK and P5P had Rachel in from Bryson House to talk to them about renewable and non-renewable energy sources, which fitted in well with the P5 World Around Us topic of Energy.

REMINDER

Remember....before you book your summer holiday....

The first day of term next year is **FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2020**. **Please make sure you and your child are marked 'present'!**



BABY CLOTHES

P7 girls, under the direction of Mrs Allen, have made up hampers of baby clothes. These have been donated by a known and reliable source and, although used, are spotless and as new. The hampers come in 4 sizes:

0-3mths; 3-6mths; 6-12mths; 12-18mths (all are for baby girls)

We wish to make a gift of them to anyone with a baby girl between newborn and 18 months who would appreciate the extra clothing. We understand that providing for a baby nowadays is very expensive and can be a huge financial burden on families. If you would like to take advantage of this offer or know someone in the community who would benefit, please send in a note stating your name and contact number, who the hamper is for, and the age group you would like. Put the note in an envelope

marked '**Principal—Private**' and drop it into the secretaries' office. All requests will be dealt with in the **strictest confidence**.



To ensure the **safety of every child** in the school, *please*:

⇒ **SLOW DOWN**

⇒ FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD



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5-A-SIDE:

**EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES FROM
HART BOYS**

The boys played some exciting football in the recent 5-a-side tournament, finishing in 3rd place and scoring 11 goals in the process. This included a hat-trick by Levi in P7. Ultimately, two narrow defeats proved to be the stumbling

block to winning the Jones Shield.

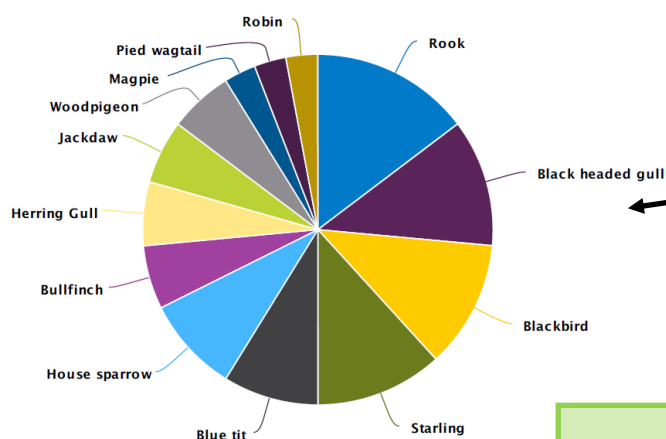
Results

Hart 0 King's Park 1

Hart 3 Seagoe 0

Hart 0 Bocombra 1**Hart 4 Carrick 1**

Hart 4 Orchard County 0



BOYS' HOCKEY: SO FAR, SO GOOD!

The Hart hockey boys went to Eden Villa on Monday 24 February to play a League match against the tough Seagoe team, many of whom are club players. The boys went one down but dug in really deep with Zack scoring a magnificent goal to finish the match 1-1. A huge well done to all the boys involved – Mrs Black couldn't have asked for more!

The Hart hockey boys' B team was so unlucky in the Décor trophy, beaten 2-0 by a strong Banbridge team. They then had to face Seagoe and unfortunately went down 4-0. The boys tried so hard and should be very proud of themselves.

GIRLS' HOCKEY—STUNNING START!

The girls did really well at the tournament at Ardmore, Armagh, on 11 February, with one win and two draws out of their 3 matches which meant NO losses!! Keep up this great early season form, ladies!

'BIRDPWATCH HART'

Karen, from RSPB NI, visited school to speak to a number of classes about birds in both the local area and the school grounds. The children then went outside to take a survey of any birds present. These results were subsequently uploaded to the RSPB website as part of the 'Big January Birdwatch'. The results of this exciting experience for our children can be viewed in the pie chart on the left.

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM..

Both P1 classes enjoyed very worthwhile and memorable trips to Armagh Toy Museum this month. The P1 World Around Us topic this term is 'Toys' and it has captured the imagination of all the children. Pupils were given a talk about old and new toys and they were able to have a play session with the toys afterwards. Each child also made his/her own toy to take home - either an aeroplane or a doll using wooden pegs and other materials. A lot of fun was had both by children *and* adults! Some of the toys available were rag dolls, cars, robots, skittles, a Jacob's ladder, teddies, puppets, spinning tops, soldiers, Lego and Jack in the box; is this list of museum toys making any of you feel old?.....!!

INTERNET SAFETY WEEK

During February we celebrated Safer Internet Day. All children attended an informative assembly delivered by the Digital Leaders on the subject of our Online Identities. Throughout the week, each class took part in different activities linked to Safer Internet Day. P1s and P2s completed a Scavenger Hunt where the clues led them to the 5 SMART rules for e-safety. P3s and P4s used Scratch Junior on the iPads to create an e-safety animation and P5-7s created e-safety themed iMovies.



ONLINE SAFETY / CHILD PROTECTION

What games is YOUR child playing? What content does the game have? What is the game's age rating? Who is your child talking to online whilst playing? What is being said to your child? How long is your child playing for each day? What effect is online gaming having on your child's mental, emotional and social well-being?

As parents, ***you need to know the answers to all of these questions.*** Please inform yourself about every game your child plays by looking it up at www.pegi.info

Visit <https://www.hartmemorialps.org/parents/letters/> to read the letter from the ICT Team—
What games is YOUR child playing? (21-2-19)

NORTHERN IRELAND PRIZE WINNERS!

All at the Hart were over the moon to find out that we had not one, not two but THREE prize winners in the school for the NI Anti-Bullying competition 'Change Starts with Us'. From P4S, Elissa-Rose was winner in the Creative Writing category and her classmate was runner-up. Both had written excellent poems on this year's theme. From P5DK, Eva's stunning poster caught the eye of judges, placing her first in the Art category. All three pupils took along a friend, their parents and their teachers to the regional Awards Ceremony in Lough Neagh Discovery Centre on 27 February and had a lovely morning. Well done, Eva, Elissa-Rose and Elijah—we're very proud of you!!!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P7MM (95%)

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P2LM (21 late marks)

Please have your child in school **ON TIME**

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