

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School will re-open to pupils on

Thursday 4 January 2024 for Term 2.

<u>P6 & P7 Swimming -Term 2</u> Swimming sessions will take place on a Wednesday afternoons in Term 2 starting *Wed 10 January 2023 for 9 weeks £30 via SchoolMoney App paid in 2 instalments* 10/01/24 & 21/2/24 £15 each.



Thank you for your generous donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023. We raised a <u>wonderful £358.45</u> for the appeal this year.

AFTER SCHOOL TIMETABLE

5 weeks 3-4pm <u>8 January - 8 February 2024</u>

Mon P6 & 7 GIRLS HOCKEY £5 P4 & 5 ART Club £7.50 Wed P4 & 5 Book Club £5 Thurs P6 & 7 Netball £5 BOYS FOOTBALL T.B.C.

Booking online SchoolMoney App. To secure your child's place.





## 'Santa Daily Mile' on Monday 18 December 2023

Everyone enjoyed taking part in our Santa Daily Mile organised by the Pupil Council to raise money for our sponsored child project which **provides food**, **clothing and schooling for a child called Miwendie who lives in Haiti**. We raised a fantastic £230 for this project. Well done everyone! Energetic fundraising was fun!



4 Jan	School re-opens for Term 2, Early Bird and 123 Club open.
8 Jan	P4-7 After School Club Prog commences (see timetable)
9 Jan	Online portal opens for Applications for P1 in Sept 2024
10 Jan	Swimming commences P6 & P7
11 Jan	Magherafelt High School Open Night 7-9.30pm
17-18 Jan	Sperrin Open Night starts @5.30pm
18 Jan	SENTINUS STEM Workshops in school
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We are very proud of all our pupils as they performed confidently in the Christmas concerts with wonderful singing, acting and dancing. We have exceptional pupils and want to congratulate them all on another fantastic set of concerts. We hope all families and friends who attended enjoyed them as much as we enjoyed performing. If you missed the concerts there is a video of each of the plays on our school website.

Thank you for your generosity at the Christmas concerts. We raised  $\pounds 2340$  from ticket sales and  $\pounds 1202$  from the raffle, of which,  $\pounds 601$  will be donated to Action Cancer NI. We were so thankful to receive donations of  $\pounds 170$  to school funds as well as the fantastic raffle prizes donated by parents and local businesses. This financial support is wonderful and will help us to pay for concert expenses, update some of our reading books and purchase some additional computers. Thank you also for your support and words of encouragement at the recent concerts, we really appreciate it!

## P1 Applications for 2024

We are at the stage of welcoming new families into school to help them to decide which school to choose for their child. We have had our Open Day and it was very successful, but if you know of any family who missed it, please ask them to give us a call to arrange a school visit in January. The P1 Applications Portal will open for online applications on **Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 12 noon** and will close at **12 noon on 26 January 2024**.



Please note that during the admissions procedure **applications are not considered on a 'First come, First served basis'**. However, when applying the criteria PUNCTUAL applications are considered before LATE applications are considered. Woods PS Admissions Criteria is available on the school website www.woodsprimaryschool.co.uk. For more information and to make an online application visit the EA Website: https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide

Once you have completed the online form you should take your child's birth certificate and your proof of address to your first-choice school before 26 January 2024. Please give us a call if you need any help with this process.

We wish all our families and friends a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. Please continue to keep up to date by visiting our school website weekly. Thank you!

