

# Waringstown Primary School

# May NEWS



Dear parent / s

Term Three has proven to be another incredibly busy period. Children have been engaged in their class work and I have been delighted to see the start of the after school activities for children in Primary 5 – 7. Class Tests have also take place this term for children in P4 – P7. Thank you for your support from home as you continue to support and prepare children for their assessments. We have been delighted to have had a full year of teaching and learning without lockdowns. This period has been very taxing for staff who have operated a bubble within their classes to reduce mixing. However, it has meant an increased amount of contact / teaching time; free from interruptions or the usual 'normal' routines such as assembly, trips, play rehearsals etc; which make up so much of normal school life. This contact / teaching time will of course have helped with our catch-up programme for all children. It must also be said that we are delighted to see so many of the school enrichments re-commence such as visits into the community, extra-curricular activities, end of year class trips and now P7 look towards their residential to Shannaghmore.

## HM Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

We are busily preparing in school for our own special celebrations to mark the magnificent Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Performing Arts Jubilee Club are preparing an Assembly which they hope to offer to the school in Key Stages.

The school will provide a **snack break** to all children (including those with special dietary requirements) on Tuesday 31 May so morning break will not be required from home. The **School Kitchen is providing a special menu** for the day which is attached to this Newsletter. We trust the weather will be good as we plan to eat outside in Street Party style. If the weather is inclement we will still have our street party in the Dining Hall! In the afternoon children will enjoy a movie afternoon within their respective classrooms and be given an iced-lolly.



## Uniform

On the day (Tuesday 31 May) children may wear casual clothes and we ask that red, white and blue or royal purple be in abundance. However, we do not expect new clothes to be bought especially! We are also aware that some children may simply wish to wear uniform on the day as they may not like non-uniform days. This is totally acceptable too.

## Jubilee Parade

The whole school will take part in a Village Jubilee Parade on that morning. This will entail the whole school walking en masse through the village past Waring House to the Clare Road junction and back to school. It is hoped there'll be suitable music too to help keep us all in step! If you plan to support us by attending the parade, please stand on the Greengrocer's side of the Main Street.

## Crowns etc

Staff will speak with their classes regarding the crafts. It is hoped that each child will design and wear a crown, a sceptre or orb; one item / child. If you wish to design a special one of your own for your child on the parade day that is acceptable too.



## BeeActive

We anticipate Mr Anto Moran to be with us in school on Tuesday 31 May to deliver a 30 minute workout / dance session. Each Key Stage will take part upon their return from the morning Parade:

Nursery along with Foundation Stage  
(Nursery, P1 & P2)

Key Stage One  
(P3 & P4)

Key Stage Two  
(P5 - P7)

Each Key Stage will receive a 30 minute session with Anto before returning to the playground for their Street Party Lunch.

## Football Success

Just after the Easter break our boys' football team travelled over to Mourneview Park, Home of Glenavon FC for the inaugural GFC Football Festival. This was eagerly anticipated amongst the boys as it gave some of the team their first chance to represent the school. The boys were placed in a group with Carrick, Dickson, Maralin A and Maralin B.

The boys were at the top of their game in every match and won each group game scoring a total of 16 goals and conceding 0. Both in defence and attack the boys were outstanding.



These results secured our boys top spot in the group where they faced Carrick PS in the final. After a tense start the boys got on the scoresheet with an excellent team goal. From then on, our team dominated the final and eventually ran out worthy winners with a score of 4 - 0. The boys lifted the trophy in front of the Main Stand at Mourneview Park, something that they will remember and look back on fondly.

All of the boys played their part in this success and represented our school so well. Very well done boys! A final big thank you to Mr J Magee, both a parent and friend of the school for organising the tournament so well!

## Bee-Active

We have once again welcomed Mr Moran to school for his sports programme and mental health and wellbeing activities. Half of the school have already been outside since their return in Term 3 with the remainder of the school, including our Nursery children, eagerly anticipating their sessions in June.

## School Building Works

The new toilet facilities at the MUGA (Multi Use Games Arena) are now complete. This is a wonderful addition to the school's facilities and will ensure children can remain on the MUGA zone for outdoor PE with toilet facilities now close to hand.

## Hockey News

Key Stage Two hockey has resumed on Thursday afternoons. It has been wonderful to see so many girls attend the practice sessions. The P7 girls have wasted no time and have had a friendly tournament with Kings Park Primary School, Lurgan. The girls had a wonderful afternoon playing a 'Round Robin' tournament and revelled in the opportunity to be able to play matches.



## Nursery and Primary One Induction

We wish to highlight the important dates for Induction:

### Nursery

Wednesday 15 June. Timings have been emailed home already.

### Primary One

Tuesday 14 June.

Further information regarding these above events will be communicated to parents via email and subsequently Seesaw.



## School Sports Day

School Sports Day is scheduled for Thursday 09 June.

As this is an outdoor event, we are able to warmly invite parents and supporters into the grounds and onto the MUGA (Multi Use Games Arena).

If Thursday's weather conditions are poor, we will re-schedule for Friday 10 June. (NB Sports Day is a morning event which usually ends by 12.30pm!)



Tea / coffee and shortbread will be on sale at Break for adults and supporters! This will be served outdoors on the MUGA. It is also a good idea to bring along a small folding chair if required as we know it can be a long day!

Primary 3 are scheduled to visit The Belfast Zoo on Friday 10 June. Therefore, if Sports Day is forced to move to the Friday, they will have their own event later the following week without supporters.



## Cycling Proficiency Scheme

Mrs Erskine and Mrs Humphreys have commenced the Cycling Proficiency Scheme with the Primary Seven pupils. Please be aware that pupils will require their bicycle in full working order plus a safety helmet each week! Bicycles and all equipment are housed at school at your own risk.



## Extra-curricular activities

It has been simply wonderful to see the extra-curricular clubs recommence throughout May. Clubs are for children in P5 – P7 and are offered freely by my staff over and above their duties. I thank the staff whole-heartedly for their commitment and dedication throughout what has been and still continues to be demanding times. Only those who have taught or have relatives who teach know the true extent of the demands placed on of all school staff throughout the days of Covid-19. We know only too well that life is certainly not fully back to normal yet!



## A snap-shot of some of the activities.





## Football Boots / Carrick Foundation

Orchard Events are delighted to have teamed up with Michael Carrick Foundation to support their campaign, Carrick's Boot Room. Launched back in 2018, the campaign was created in a bid to ensure children, no matter their background or ability, have access to the equipment they need to be able to take part in sport and be the best that they can be. However, this is the first campaign within Northern Ireland.



During the last Boot Room campaign, more than one thousand pairs of boots were distributed to children who had incorrect or ill-fitting footwear. These donations not only enable children and young people to play safely but allow them to become part of a team, attend sessions in safe spaces and find new friends.

We're calling upon people to find their unwanted or outgrown football boots and astro trainers and donate them to us through your school. Boots must be in a wearable condition. Every pair of donated boots will be thoroughly checked, cleaned and re-laced, ready to be distributed to those who need them most.

Our aim is to collect your boots, distribute as many as possible locally in Northern Ireland, with surplus being sent directly to Michael Carrick Foundation. Within your club, you will have the option to both collect boots to be redistributed or to avail of 'new to you' boots for children and young people who are in need. Fitting sessions will also be arranged before the start of next season. [A collection bin is in the central mall of school for any boots which will then be picked up at a convenient time by the charity. Thank you for your help!](#)

## Habitat for Humanity

We were delighted to have Peter Graham from Habitat for Humanity conduct workshops with all of our Key Stage Two pupils. They learnt about the third world and the importance of recycling. The children were shocked by how long it takes some of our waste to disintegrate! Pete gave us lots of ideas about how to reuse and repurpose some items that would normally get thrown away.



## Online Resources

Just as a reminder, we have purchased access for all our Key Stage 2 children to Classroom Monkey (<https://classroommonkey.co.uk/>) which may help with literacy and numeracy revision. We also have access to British Sign Language resources ([www.thisissignsource.com/sign-source-for-individual-primary](http://www.thisissignsource.com/sign-source-for-individual-primary)) for the year. If you need a reminder of passwords, please get in touch with the school.

## Windsor Hill Pedestrian Gate

**The Windsor Hill gate still remains a cause for concern!**

The school receives regular phone calls from the residents of Windsor Hill complaining that children are being 'dropped off' by parents who do not live in the development. May I respectfully remind you that there is no such facility in the development for 'drop offs' and that **the safety of our children is ALWAYS our paramount concern.** Cars stopping at a pedestrian path are a dangerous hazard! PSNI are monitoring the situation.



**We are VERY concerned that a child will be injured at this access point. PLEASE STOP!**

I wish to draw your attention to the response from The Education Authority regarding this pedestrian entrance:

Neither the Education Authority nor Waringstown Primary School have any responsibility for traffic management beyond the school boundary and are therefore unable to take measures to control how members of the public park their vehicles on the public highway. Officials in the Department for Infrastructure or Transport NI may be able to advise you further.

## Thank you!

Thank you once again for your continued support. Be assured it is greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

Yours sincerely

**C M<sup>c</sup>Cambley**  
(Principal)

### Child Protection Team

WPS Nursery Unit	Foundation Stage (Primary 1 & 2)	Key Stage One (Primary 3 & 4)	Key Stage Two (Primary 5 - 7)	Principal
Mrs C Emerson (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mrs J Brown (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mr M Gault (Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mr C M <sup>c</sup> Cambley	Mr C M <sup>c</sup> Cambley (Member of the Child Protection Team)

### Child Protection Governors

Mr T M <sup>c</sup> Kay	Mrs H Wan
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Asthma Register ... Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has been diagnosed as suffering from asthma. I would like to add their name to the school's Asthma Register. I will provide a spare inhaler for the school asap.

**April's Attendance ... 94.2%**

