



# KNOCKLOUGHRIM SCHOOL NEWS



11<sup>th</sup>  
March  
2016

Welcome to this week's newsletter and our final newsletter of our Spring term! Next week we will finish for our Easter holidays so can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a relaxing time together and we can all but hope for some spring like weather.

## A Digital School of

**Distinction:** On Monday our school was assessed for the 'Digital School of Distinction' quality mark award in ICT. I am pleased to say that we were successful and we will be one of the first primary schools in Northern Ireland to achieve this. To mark this, the Department of Education have invited myself and our Chair of our Pupil Council to an award ceremony in Stormont on Monday. I would like to thank our staff and children for all their hard work integrating and using digital technology as part of our learning in Knockloughrim.



## Year 7 Awarded for Poetry in

**Motion:** On Wednesday our Year 7 children travelled to the Ulster Hall in Belfast with their partners from St. Brigid's Primary School to celebrate the end of their Poetry in Motion project. This project carefully selected 30 primary and secondary schools from throughout Northern Ireland to work with poets earlier this school year to allow pupils the opportunity to write their own poems. Five of our Year 7 pupils had their poems included in a special 'Write Sparks' anthology of poems published as a result of the project and three of the five also made it on to a special accompanying audio CD. All five poems are now on our school website along with a few photos of the celebratory event in the Ulster Hall. If that all wasn't enough for the day our school picked up a special commendation award for teamwork with the boys and girls of St. Brigid's Primary School. So well done everyone in Year 7!

**Milk Orders:** Milk orders are now being taken for children who wish to have milk from April to end of June. The cost will be £11.80 and orders should be received by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

**Easter Holidays:** On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March school will close at 12pm for our Easter break. Windmill Club will not operate on Friday. However our school transport will operate at 12pm. School will recommence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at the normal time.

**Minor Works:** Minor works will be taking place in school today and early next week when a few cupboards are to be installed in P4 and our main corridor. We apologise for any disruption this may cause. The tarmacking will continue over the Easter holidays when paths are to be repaired and our playground resurfaced and new drains installed.

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**Dinner Menu Week 1 from Monday**

## Magherafelt Foodbank

**"Big Chocolate Swap:** We are delighted to work in conjunction with Magherafelt Foodbank and Lindt Chocolate to offer our children the ability to bring a donation into school for the Foodbank in return for a little gift of chocolate. Each child can do this once between now and Easter and the items that the Foodbank are currently in need of include:

Sponge puddings	UHT Milk
Long life juice/diluted juice	Tinned Meat
Pasta Sauce	Custard

Toiletries - toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shower gel, deodorant, babywipes etc. Items should be brought to the office for the donation to be rewarded and not to the normal drop off point.

## Class Trips Before Easter:

Between now and Easter a few of our classes will be having a trip as part of Shared Education or otherwise. Can I please ask parents to return consent forms by Parentmail promptly and to send in any costs as soon as possible there after.

## Teddy Bears Lunch on Tuesday:

We will only have Year 1, 2 and 3 children in school on Tuesday of this week so Dorinda is offering to hold a special Teddy Bears' Lunch for the price of the normal school dinner. Children can bring their favourite teddy and enjoy a picnic lunch of chicken nuggets and sandwiches and buns with them.

## Easter Lunch:

We will be holding our annual Easter lunch on Thursday in school. This too should be booked on Monday.



at COMMUNITY LINK MAGHERA  
SAT 12TH MARCH - 9am to 1pm  
FULL £5 - MINI £3  
Everyone Welcome



Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
10.00am to 1.00pm  
Knockloughrim Presbyterian Church Hall  
All funds raised will support the work of:  
CANCER RESEARCH UK  
Let's beat cancer sooner

Windmill Club Extended Child Care For Week Commencing: Monday 14th March. - (Costs: Up to 1hr = £2.50 or Longer than 1 hr up to 6pm = £8)					
Names of Child/ren:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Days Required:	Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Friday <input type="checkbox"/>
Pick Up Time:	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.