Primrose Hill National School

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A Note from Mrs. Flood

We have had an interesting and busy beginning to 2024 and the remainder of this term will continue to be equally busy. Many of the classes are participating in Rugby with coach, JP and all classes will be taking part in some gymnastics with coach, Andy. Some classes have had some great webinars with scientist from around Ireland and these have peaked the children's interest into what it might be like to be a zoologist or geologist or engineer in the future.

The upcoming month of March is looking extremely packed with World Book Day, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter all crammed in. There are lots of activities taking place so keep an eye to your emails for further information regarding each one. We also have assessments in Junior Infants and Senior Infants taking place so please try to ensure your child is present for those.

Policy Updates

Two policies have been reviewed by staff and the Board of Management recently. Updated versions of these policies can be found on our website. These policies are:

- Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment
- Revised Parental Complaints Procedure.

Staff and the Board of Management are currently reviewing the Health, Safety and Welfare Policy.

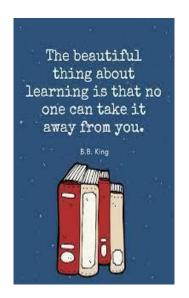
Curriculum Updates

Staff are continuing to review the new Primary Maths
Curriculum and preparing for implementation from next
September (2024). We are currently examining lists of suggested resources at each stage and exploring what resources require purchasing. Teachers are implementing many of the new strategies already in the classroom across all strands of the curriculum.



Enrolments

All offers of places have now been sent and acceptances should be returned before Wednesday, 6th March 2024.





The whole school is currently involved in the Active Initiative, Run Around Europe. The pupils are attempting to run to as many capital cities in Europe as they can over the next four weeks. Each classroom has chosen a different city to aim for. Keep an eye to Class Dojo or Google Classroom for further classroom updates on this challenge.

As already mentioned, we are keeping active this term and learning some new skills in areas that we haven't done before. 2nd – 6th Class pupils are learning some rugby skills on Tuesday mornings

and all pupils will be learning some gymnastics skills on Thursdays. Gymnastics is one of the strands in the PE Curriculum and after some school self-evaluation last year, staff felt this was a strand in need of additional input. We were able to secure a fully-qualified coach through "Sports in Schools" to facilitate the teaching of this strand for this year.

All classes continue with their movement breaks of dance and/or yoga throughout each day and as the weather improves, we hope to be able to do more movement breaks outdoors.

Active News

Fundraising Updates

A huge thank you to the Delhi Darbar and the Johal family for hosting our recent "Taste for Two" evening. It was immensely successful and raised €1700 in total from donations and ticket sales.

The playground surface has now been changed out and the children are enjoying the Jungle Gym again. Thank you to Jonathan Watkins and his team for preparing the ground around the Jungle Gym.

This term, we hope to have two further fundraisers. Both are in connection with Easter. The Student Council will be selling raffle tickets for their Easter Egg raffle shortly. The second fundraiser is our new Easter Bonnet competition. We will have further details available at the end of this week.

Dates for Your Diary:

6th March 2024 – All acceptances for places in Junior Infants are due back.

7th March 2024 – World Book Day

15th March 2024 – Wear Green to School

18th March 2024 – School closed for St. Patrick's Day.

19th March 2024 – Cyber Safety talks

20th March 2024 – School Easter Service (in school)

22nd March 2024 – Easter Bonnet Competition/ Easter Egg Raffle/ School closes at 12pm for Easter holidays

8th April 2024 – School Reopens at 8.30am

The Lunch Bag

The Lunch Bag service has changed slightly but still provides a wonderful service to the school. Ensure you have your child's lunch order ready and the wallet is topped up so orders are fulfilled.