

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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### World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day yesterday in school. We had lots of children and adults dress up as a character from a book. Thank you for all your efforts with this! Thank you also to our Literacy Co-ordinator Miss Doyle for helping facilitate activities throughout the week.

Thank you to all the pupils who brought in their book cover design, junk art work and a photo of them reading to someone at home. The caliber was extremely high! The staff will have a look at all entries today.

### Share a Story Week

For this week, each pupil was partnered with another pupil from a different class. Each pupil read to their partner for 5 minutes each day. It was wonderful to hear such excellent reading and encouragement from all pupils.



### Whole School Reading Challenge

Our whole school target for the month of March is to read 1000 books. This can be a class reading book or a book at home. Our current total for this week is **307 books!** Keep up the excellent reading!! Thank you to Mrs McCulla for our wonderful wall display design below.



## Our teacher says...

'This week started off with a most unusual discovery. Miss Best found a very strange object when she arrived to school on Monday and after a little bit of research we decided it must be a dinosaur egg! We have been watching it closely all week and we think it might hatch soon! As we have started our new topic of dinosaurs, some of the P1/2 children have been palaeontologists, making dinosaur fossils at playtime using our special playdough, and their friends have had to use magnifying glasses to examine the fossil and guess what type of dinosaur it came from. All of (including Miss Best and Mrs Murtagh) have been learning the very long names of lots of new dinosaurs, and we look forward to finding out more. We followed up our work on shape by doing some artwork based on circles, inspired by the artist Kandinsky. We did indoor and outdoor art and you can look at our creations on the website.' Miss Best (P1/2)

'P3 have been focusing on descriptive writing this week. We planned our journey around a treasure island and then had to write a descriptive piece of writing for the journey. We focused on describing our 5 senses, using adjectives, verbs, adverbs and similes. The standard of work was extremely high and I enjoyed reading all 20 pieces of work - super effort P3! In Numeracy, we focused on calculations involving brackets as well as adding 3 single digits using our mental maths strategies. We learnt about Carroll Diagrams and had to sort pirates using 2 criteria. We enjoyed our first Activity Based Learning session on Wednesday with the pupils taking part in various Pirate themed activities. Yesterday for World Book Day we had our very own scavenger hunt for book characters around the school. Well done everyone for your efforts dressing up yesterday! Have a great weekend.' Mr Greenaway (Mon-Thurs)/Mrs McKendry (Fri) (P3)

'In literacy we have been writing persuasively about whether or not school uniform should be worn. Some excellent discussion points and I was definitely convinced with both sides of the argument! During numeracy we have been recapping place value and focusing on more, less and numbers between a set of 3 and 4 digit numbers. We have been calculating area and have made super progress through written calculations and practical activities by building shapes using Lego and cubes based on the answers we calculated. We learnt lots of facts about Tutankhamun and created super illustrations of him. The children are producing excellent PowerPoints slides during ICT, based on our Ancient Egypt topic. We worked in small groups during art to think of an Ancient Egyptian artefact that we have previously learnt about. The children had to discuss, plan and design the artefact they would like to create in the coming weeks using recycled junk.' Miss Doyle (P4/5)

'P6/7 have had a busy week inventing things. On Monday we had our first of two Little Inventors Workshops. We spent the day looking at historical inventions, coming up with our own creative inventions and then designing a product to solve a problem of rural life. In literacy this week we invented a crazy character and then wrote a mini saga (a story in 100 words). On World Day we were busy transforming our mini sagas into mini books, complete with cover, illustrations and a blurb. We had great fun and enjoyed sharing our stories with our reading partners as part of book week. We also welcomed back Naomi from the Bible Explorer who will be with us for 5 weeks and will take us on a journey through the New Testament. Our week was rounded off with our topic week and learning about the different food groups and why different types of food are good for us.' Mrs Weir (P6/7)

'We seen lots of book characters visit Mullaglass yesterday for our World Book Day! Thank you to all the pupils and staff for their efforts dressing up and completing our challenges throughout the week. It was great to hear all the wonderful reading from all pupils during our 'Share a Story' week. I would encourage all the pupils to maintain their interest in reading beyond this week. Have a great weekend.' Mr Greenaway (Principal)



## World Book Day



For more World Book Day photos, please visit the school website.  
[www.mullaglassps.com](http://www.mullaglassps.com)



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Monday	*Breakfast Club 8am-8.50am £1.50 *Colin Tinsley Bible Week 9:30am-10:30am - <u>ALL WEEK</u> *Little Inventors P6/7 - all day at Mullaglass *Burns Skill School Tag-Rugby P1-3 2pm-3pm P4-7 3pm-4pm
Tuesday	*Breakfast Club 8am-8.50am £1.50 *School Nurse to see P1 pupils *Bible Explorers P6/7 9:30am-10:30am *Burns Skill School Basketball P1-2 2pm-3pm P3-7 3pm-4pm
Wednesday	*Breakfast Club 8am-8.50am £1.50 *Shared Education P3 and P6/7 Mullaglass hosting *SU P3-7 3pm-4pm *Ulster Scots Club P3-7 3pm-4pm *Cycling Proficiency P7 3pm-4pm
Thursday	*Breakfast Club 8am-8.50am £1.50 *Shared Education P1/2 Mullaglass hosting *Football P3/4 3pm-4pm *Lego Club P5-P7 3pm-4pm
Friday	*Breakfast Club 8am-8.50am £1.50 *Ulster Hockey Tournament at Newry Hockey Club

## Awards for this Week

### Pupils of the Week



This week the award was given to a pupil who impressed their teacher with their topic work.

P1 - Jordi Marks      P2 - Jack Laverty  
 P3 - Oliver Greenaway  
 P4 - Katie Brown      P5 - Amy McCartney  
 P6 - Emily McCullough      P7 - Bobby McConnell

### Corridor Cup

**Lewis Wylie**

### Kindness Bucket

**Noah Annett**

Well done to Noah (P5) who was nominated by Miss Doyle. Noah was nominated by Miss Doyle for always saying thank you to the members of staff after each lesson. Super manners, Noah!

### Achievements



Well done to:- Anthony (P7) 3 gold medals in swimming, Matthew (P6) Player of the Week at Tag Rugby, Emma (P5) and Ashleigh (P4) Level 2 Swimming, Emily (P6) Skiing awards from Germany, Kerry (P3) Player of the Week at Tag Rugby, Ellie-Grace (P3) and Cameron (P3) - Player of the Week at football.