

Castle Gardens News Friday 10th February

Half-Term Holidays

School will reopen on Monday 20th February following the half-term holiday.

Mary Poppins – Costumes

In April we will be putting on a performance of Mary Poppins for two nights. If you have any items of clothing that you think would be of use we would greatly appreciate you sending them in after half-term.

School Uniform

Over the last few weeks there have been more and more pupils coming to school in a variety of coloured tracksuits and leggings. Whilst the younger pupils can wear tracksuit bottoms to school on PE days, the older children should wear their grey trousers or skirts to school everyday unless otherwise instructed.

Reading Partnership - Call for parents

This year we have several initiatives that have been introduced to assist with reading in school. You may have seen on our website information about the peer reading partnership that pupils in Mrs Turtle's class and Mr Gibson's class have been taking part in. Also in place is a Reading Partnership scheme in which parents, following completion of the relevant training offered in school, can support children with their reading. We will be offering training after half-term and if you would like to get involved please get in touch by email or come and have a chat in the morning.

Road Safety Quiz

On Monday 6th February four pupils from P7 took part in North Down & Ards road safety quiz at the Clondeboy lodge hotel. The quiz was organised by Road Safe NI to promote awareness with primary school children, who are a vulnerable road user group. The table quiz covered road safety, road signs as well as general knowledge.

All children signed the Department of Infrastructure Share the Road to Zero pledge and took home a certificate. Kirsty, Jessica, Ethan and Nathan represented Castle Gardens and narrowly missed out on winning an award.

Assembly Election

On Thursday 2nd March school will be closed because we are being used as a polling station in the Assembly Election. School's Out will operate on that day but from an alternative venue, please contact Susannah for more information.

Belfast Giants Tickets

Before Christmas we had a visit from the Belfast Giants who taught the children about how to have a healthy lifestyle. They very kindly donated 50 tickets for their game on Friday 17th March against the Sheffield Steelers. Pupils in P4 to P7 now have the chance to win these by bringing in healthy breaks over the next few weeks. All pupils that bring in healthy break on a daily basis will be entered into a draw to win a ticket. Members of staff will accompany the children to the game but parents will need to make arrangements to get the children to and from the SSE Arena.

School Development Days – Change of Date

The School Development Day scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May has now been moved to Friday 26th May to allow for analysis of standardised tests. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Dates Ahead

13 th to 17 th February	Half-Term Holidays
Monday 20 th February	School restarts
Thursday 2 nd March	Castle Gardens is a Polling Station and school will be closed for the ELECTION
w/c Mon 6 th March	Parent-Interview week for P1 to P5 pupils 1pm finish
Friday 24 th March	Last day of clubs
Wednesday 5 th April	Mary Poppins production
Thursday 6 th April	Mary Poppins production
Friday 7 th April	Last day of term
10 th April – 23 rd April	Easter Holidays
Monday 24 th April	School Restarts
w/c Mon 24 th April	P6 Parent Interviews

If there is anything I or any of the teachers can do to assist you or your child(ren) please get in touch via the office or email me on jgray246@c2kni.net
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