

## Inspection

This week we received notification that the school will be inspected week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April. Further information regarding the process and parent questionnaires will be sent home shortly.

## PTA Ladies Night – Tonight!

The PTA a Ladies Night IS TONIGHT at the Web Theatre. The fun starts with a drinks reception at 7.30pm followed by the film “Mother’s Day” at 8pm. Tickets are £10 and there are a few left in case you fancy a night out this evening. Ticket price includes a goodie bag and a drink on arrival. Have a great night.

## No Canteen Break Next Week

Break will not be available to purchase from the canteen next week. Breakfast club and school dinners will continue as normal.

## Trampolining Success

Congratulations to Emmie Richardson who was a finalist representing Castle Gardens last weekend at the British National Trampolining Schools event in England. She finished in third position in the disability Under 11 novice category. Well Done!

## Mr Gibson

Earlier this month we received the ratification of Mr Gibson’s position as P5/6 class teacher. Although the recruitment process was completed several months ago I’m only now able to officially announce the news. Congratulations Mr Gibson.

## Athletics

Congratulations to Clara and Kirsty in P7 who have been selected to represent North Down at the NI Schools athletics finals day on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. Good luck girls!

## Key Stage 2 Visitors

This week we have had some very special visitors in Key Stage 2. Former pupils have been speaking to the current pupils about how talent needs to be backed up with hard work, determination and dedication if anybody wants to become a success in their favourite sport. On Tuesday morning Andy Young told the pupils about how he has become a world champion in mixed martial arts. He shared a very important message about self-control, self-belief and leading a healthy lifestyle. On Wednesday morning Josh Doherty told the pupils about his experiences as a professional footballer at Watford, Leyton Orient and Ards before taking the pupils for a short coaching session. Photos can be found on our school website.

## Tickets for the Production

Details regarding how you can secure tickets for the “Mary Pops In” production have been sent home today. Obviously we will do our best to accommodate all requests to ensure all participants have family members in attendance.

## PTA Events

The PTA met on Tuesday night and have several events planned for this term.

Smarties tubes will be sent home on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March with the same idea as last year, returned after the Easter Holiday filled with 20ps.

A bag pack will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Tesco in Newtownards. More information will be passed on closer to the time but if you could assist, even for 30 minutes, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Dates Ahead

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of clubs (except for Gymnastics, Choir, Drama and Ju-Jitsu)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Ladies Night at the Web Theatre
w/c Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Standardised Test week – P5 to P7 classes
w/c Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Standardised Test week – P2 to P4 classes
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Mary Pops In production
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Mary Pops In production
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term – 12pm finish. No breakfast club. No break available. No lunches.
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Fundraiser – Bag Pack at Tesco
10 <sup>th</sup> April – 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School Restarts
w/c Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	P6 Parent Interviews
w/c Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Inspection
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School Closed – Bank Holiday

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](mailto:jgray246@c2kni.net)  
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