



# Maine IPS Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## An update from Mrs Woodin...

It is my pleasure to introduce two new members to the Board of Governors: Mr Dominique Novella (parent of a pupil in P2) and Ms Francesca Bedell (parent of a pupil in P1) We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Mr M. Raine who stepped down after a term of ten years, and Ms L. Ewart for her service.

It is a hive of activity this week as we prepare for our Open Morning this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This is an opportunity for our whole school community to celebrate 20 years of Integrated Education in Randalstown. Pupils are very busy preparing for their Christmas productions. When we welcome families to the shows, we ask you to bring a food item for our school to donate to Jam Store Food Bank.

### Certificate Winners!

We are so proud of our certificate winners, but we are very proud of all our pupils who are doing their best every day.



### Important Information

Please complete an 'Authorisation to Administer Medicine Form' if your child needs to be given medicine during school hours.

### Attendance Cup

This week P6 celebrated winning The Attendance Cup for the second time. The children have voted for a movie afternoon, with teddies and slippers included. Photographs will be included in our next edition.

### Kindness Cup

Dylan was the first P1 to receive the Kindness Cup. He has shown great kindness towards his classmates. Congratulations!

### Article of the Week

This week P7 discussed Article 23 from the UNCRC. The pupils then visited the official British Sign Language website and taught each other some words and phrases in sign language.

ARTICLE 23: A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE A FULL AND DECENT LIFE WITH DIGNITY AND, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, INDEPENDENCE AND TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE COMMUNITY. GOVERNMENTS MUST DO ALL THEY CAN TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

**Activity**

Sign language is a way of communicating using your hands. It is used by many people, including children with hearing loss. You can learn sign language from a teacher or a video. Try to learn some sign language words and phrases. You can use them to help you communicate with your friends and family.

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## Important dates to remember:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day – Christmas dinner (letter to follow with more information)  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Open Morning and 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration Morning  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – P1/P2 Christmas Play (letter sent on 22.11.23 with details)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-P3/P4 Production (letter sent on 22.11.23 with details)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December Christmas Carol Service (P5-P7) (letter sent out on 22.11.23)

### Football Tournament

The school were delighted to receive an invitation to take part in a football tournament at Allen Park Antrim. The pupils had a fantastic time and demonstrated some excellent football skills.



### Primary 5 Trip

P5 had a fantastic day yesterday at the Planetarium in Armagh! We designed our own rockets, filled them with water fuel and had great fun launching them in the rocket launcher.

We spent time in the interactive dome learning all about going into space and facts about planets. Before going back to school we spent time in the interactive sensory room.



### Primary 7 W5 Visit

The pupils in Primary 6 and Primary 7 took part in a coding project at W5. The pupils first had to construct a plan and construct a tower. This was followed by the opportunity to use microbits to work on their coding skills.



### Sponsors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local business community who were so generous with their donations for the Christmas Raffle. There is still time to buy tickets. You can purchase the tickets online or on our Open Morning. All proceeds are going towards school funds.

**THANK YOU**



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