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Remote Learning Update 27-1-21

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Well done to everyone on how brilliantly you have been dealing with remote Learning to date! We know that this situation is far from ideal, but we are all doing our very best and that is all we can do.

We have engaged with many pupils and parents over the last week or two and it has been so positive. This week a massive 86% of all pupils from Years 1-7 have been logging on to Microsoft Teams and we hope that this continues and rises! Nursery staff are also pleased to report that they have been receiving such good feedback from parents via email and are pleased with the standard of work that they have received from their little pupils. Well done to all.

We understand that although all the work timetables, scanned text books (where required), worksheets, activities, interactive games links, video links, teacher posts and notifications are all on Microsoft Teams (Years 1-7) and school website (Nursery) ; some parents still also like to use paper packs in conjunction with Microsoft Teams/ website. To that end we will now be distributing paper support packs for the next three weeks of lockdown.



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In order to ensure social distancing and safety the following times have been allocated for collection on Friday 29th January:

Nursery/ Year 1/ Year 2: 10am-10.30am

Year 3/ Year 4 : 10.30am-11am

Year 5/ Year 6 / Year 7: 11am-11.30am

(If you have more than one child, you can pick up packs for all children when you arrive.)

If you are having any difficulty with internet access or devices or if you need to borrow a device [we have a limited number of devices that we can loan], please email

Miss Doherty (Vice Principal/ Head of Home Learning) jdoherthy742@c2kni.net

Or Mrs Deery (ICT Leader) cdeery318@c2kni.net

Or Mrs Wilders (Principal) bwilders592@c2kni.net

..... and we will do our very best to support you! We also have a limited supply of wifi vouchers which can enable free wifi until the middle of February, if you wish to avail of one just email Miss Doherty or Mrs Wilders.

We have also made the following apps available for our children to use;

1. **MyOn (Years 3-7)** where pupils can access digital books online to read! If you have forgotten usernames or passwords just email the teacher or Miss Doherty/ Mrs Wilders.
2. **Accelerated Reading (Years 3-7)** where pupils can complete quizzes about the books that they have read. If you have forgotten usernames or passwords just email the teacher or Miss Doherty/ Mrs Wilders
3. **Mathletics (Nursery – Year 7)** where pupils can access Maths Worksheets / Games at different ability levels which are fun and easy to use. As this is a new app for us all, details of this will be emailed out to you all this week.

We will be introducing a new facility called “**Classroom Monkey**” (Years 4-7). When children log in, they will see teaching videos focused on particular Maths and English topics; given by a teacher from Northern Ireland using great techniques and stimulating visuals on screen. There will also be interactive quizzes for children to test their knowledge on! Exciting. The instructions for logging in and gaining access will be placed in this paper pack for everyone to use! We hope you enjoy the facility.

As we stated before we understand that supervising your child’s learning at home is not always easy as children are not as motivated at home as they are in school when they are being taught face to face, however you should remember that this is a global pandemic and you can only do your best. We are hoping that this will only be for a short time and that schools will reopen again soon for normal face to face teaching. We will get through this, help each other out and there will be better days ahead! We will not see each other stuck!!

In the meantime stay safe and God bless

Mrs Bridget Wilders
Principal



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