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Newsletter

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Mater Hospital

On Tuesday of last week our two P2 classes paid a special visit to the Maternity Unit at the Mater Hospital. The visit was organised by one of our parents, Mrs Ann Thompson, to thank the school and in particular the children for the artwork they had produced in the first term. The theme was 'fish' and this work is now proudly on display in the Maternity Unit at the Mater. Many thanks to Ann for organising the visit and to the staff at the Mater for making the visit so enjoyable. The children really had a great time.

World Day for Water

What a generous lot you are! Last Thursday was designated as World Day for Water. To mark the occasion we set up a well outside Mr Waddell's office and asked the children to throw in their spare coins and to make a wish. In a very short space of time we were able to raise a magnificent £544 that we presented to Mr Ferris at a special assembly on Friday morning. All the money raised will go to providing clean water in Third World countries. Give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back. Many thanks to Jill McWilliams, who organised the well.

Easter Holiday

School will close for the Easter holiday at 12.30pm on Friday 30 March. The summer term will begin at 8.55am on Monday 16 April. Have a pleasant break.

School Dinners

Just to remind you that cheques for dinner money should be made out to the NEELB and that your current cheque card number should be written on the back. Thanking you in anticipation.

End of Term

As tomorrow is the last day of term children may come to school in their ordinary clothes.

Easter Chicks

The children from P1 & P2 would like to thank 'Auntie Linda' from Age Concern for kindly donating the Easter Chicks.

Congratulations

It's well done to Adam Barnes, a former pupil, who recently won his way through to the national final of the BBC competition 'Can you cook it?' Adam now has a chance of winning a regular cookery slot on Blue Peter. Very soon he could be starring with Zoe Salmon. Good luck in the final, Adam. Eat your heart out Jamie Oliver.



Thorntons Eggstravaganza

Today we had over 300 children in the assembly hall at different times decorating their Easter eggs. It was cracking fun, the children had an eggciting time and hopefully we can repeat it next year.

Many thanks to Thorntons and also to the PTA who organised the event. That's all the yolks folks.

Well done to Matthew Mawhinney who won the ballot, a huge Easter egg. A big thank-you to Billy, our caretaker. He had won but allowed it to be drawn again.

Tesco Tokens

Mrs Christie has asked me to remind you to keep collecting those tokens. Total so far almost 5000.

After School Activities

Please note that after-school activities finished on Thursday 29 March. There are no after-school activities in the third term.

Footwear For PE

Please note that children **must** bring a change of footwear for PE.

This is important as it greatly reduces the risk to health and safety of stones, mud and other substances being carried into the hall.

Netball

Our girls have completed another successful season playing in the Newtownabbey Primary Schools League. The team finished third in the league ably led by their captain, Hollie Campbell.

The following girls represented the school: Erin Cleland, Emma Moore, Courtney Morrow, Ashleigh Loat, Hayley McIlwrath, Aisha Holmes and Toni Millar.

Congratulations to them all on some great performances and results.

Dates for your Diary

Just to let you know that the school will be closed on Friday 4 May (Exceptional Closure) and also on Monday 7 May (May Day). School will re-open on Tuesday 8 May.