



# The Wee Friday Note

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



**“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” ~ Anne Frank**

### 1. **What a busy week!**

It has been a very busy week here in Cregagh Primary school with ‘Body Health Week’, visits from the Fire Brigade to P2, and visits to the Ulster Folks and Transport Museum for P5-7 pupils and City Hall for P1-6 pupils Night (both funded by the Ulster Scots Agency). Today, our P7s visited and had a fantastic time at Breda Academy’s **Breda Bonanza** fun day! Phew!

### 2. **Applying for a Post Primary School Place 2023**

Online applications will open at 12 noon on Wednesday 1 February 2023 and will close at 4pm on Thursday 23 February 2023. Cregagh Primary School will share with P7 parents an electronic copy of the key information leaflet ‘Applying for a Year 8 Post Primary Place’ once this becomes available from EA. Further guidance and information is available on the EA’s website.

I would encourage all P7 parents to take up the offer of a short interview with myself as offered in a recently shared letter, as it gives parents an opportunity to ask any questions about the process, local schools, and their child’s options. P7 parents should contact the school office on 90 401246 to arrange an interview time.

### 3. **Notice of likely disruption due to teachers’ unions strike - morning of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

The normal school day will be disrupted on the morning of Tuesday 21st February due to industrial action agreed upon by all Northern Ireland’s teachers’ unions. The planned action will only affect the first half of the day as it ends at 12 noon: making it possible for school dinners to be served as normal.

As it is likely that Cregagh Primary School will not have sufficient staff to supervise pupils and therefore operate safely, I believe it is best to advise parents now, 3 weeks in advance, that school will be closed to children on the morning of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February until 12 noon. School will operate as normal on this day from 12 noon to its normal closing times. After-school Clubs will also run as normal on this Tuesday.

### 4. **Whole Body Health Week**

Thank you for supporting our ‘Whole Body Health week’, especially Wednesday’s Dance Fit event, that the children absolutely loved! As well as learning a lot about the importance of being healthy, in mind and body, we managed to raise some money to help us purchase new PE resources. Thank you, parents!

### 5. **Lois Corbett Family Worker**

Lois is our school’s family support worker. She is simply here to give parents a helping hand and offer some advice over a relaxed cup of tea or coffee. If you haven’t connected with her yet, you should try to: she’s lovely and very helpful. Parents looking for a little advice or support can text her on 07526915747. Lois is organising different things for parents to enjoy and be part of their child’s education. Check out two brilliant opportunities overpage ...

**STAY AND PLAY**  
PARENT AND CHILD TOGETHER  
Cregagh Primary School

COME AND JOIN US

**FAMILY HUB BUILDING**

WEDNESDAY'S 2-3PM  
1ST FEB - GAMES CAFE  
8TH FEB - WINTER SENSORY PLAY

Stay and Play sessions are for parents and children to come and spend time together. Each session will provide an opportunity to have fun through play that will encourage language, literacy, early maths concepts and creativity. We look forward to meeting you. For more information contact Lois 07526915747.

Family Connections  
Cregagh Primary School

RESPOND · CUDDLE · RELAX · PLAY · TALK

**BOOSTING BRAINS** in Cregagh Primary School.

Five things you can do to help your child succeed in Primary School.

When a child thrives and are doing well they are able to:

- Be happy in themselves
- Make friends
- Enjoy their family life
- Get the best start for learning

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**Registration Morning – Wednesday 22nd Feb – 9AM**

Starting Wednesdays  
1st March – 5th April  
Time: 9.00 – 10:30AM

**WE WILL:**

- ENJOY A RELAXING CUPPA AND SNACK
- SHARE TIPS AND SUPPORT
- GET PRACTICAL IDEAS OF HOW TO USE THESE 5 THINGS TO BENEFIT OUR CHILDREN.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS COURSE  
PLEASE CONTACT LOIS  
Email [lois.corbett@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:lois.corbett@barnardos.org.uk)  
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**\*\*\* IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR \*\*\***

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Half-term break (5 school days)

**Tuesday 21st February**

School closed to pupils in morning. Opens at 12 noon.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Sports Day

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Final Assembly for P3-P7 pupils (parents/carers welcome)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

P1 & P2 Prize Day (parents/carers welcome)

Deaf Units 1 & 2 Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

P7s last day of school

P7 Awards Ceremony & Celebration (evening) **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\***

