



*Learn to Love, Love to Learn*

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

## **Latest Update**

### **Christmas Pantomime Trip**

A letter will be sent home today requesting permission for upcoming visit to the Pantomime at Stranmillis College on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please sign and return asap.

### **Christmas Performances**

A letter explaining how to book for the P1-4 Christmas Performances will be sent out on the app later this week.

### **Accelerated Reader**

This week our P3-7 pupils will be starting their second block for Accelerated Reader this year. Every pupil will receive a target from their class teacher based on their current reading age (tested this week). All targets are very achievable provided each child is reading regularly at home. Please encourage your child to reach their AR targets as we cannot over emphasise how regular reading at home has a positive impact not just on your child's education, but also on their mental health and self esteem.

### **Top Ten Benefits of Reading Regularly at Home with a Parent/ Carer**

1. Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive.
2. They perform better academically.
3. Their imagination can run wild.
4. Their creativity skills develop.
5. They develop empathy.
6. They gain a deeper understanding of their world.
7. Their concentration levels improve.
8. The adult and child bond improves.
9. Their cognitive development is supported.
10. Their social skills and interaction with others improve.

## **Accelerated Reader/ Mathematics Prize Draw**

Congratulations to Edison Lee, Liam Shield, Ellie Rose Beck and Oliver Heron who all won cinema vouchers at assembly today after completing 1000pts in mathematics or achieving 100% in an AR quiz.

## **Children in Need**



This Friday is Children in Need Day. To mark this, we are asking all pupils to bring in a minimum donation of £1 to participate in a non-uniform day. Pupils are encouraged to wear something yellow, spotty or both!

## **P1 Open Morning**

We are delighted to be able to welcome prospective P1 parents to KIPS on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December for our Open Morning at 9.30am. If you know of any parent who might consider a place for their child at KIPS in 2023 please encourage them to come along. More details will follow in due course on our Facebook page and we would encourage you all to like and share.

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been working hard with Mrs Smyth in preparation for this and will be explaining more about the week at assembly this afternoon. This is an important aspect of our preventative curriculum and our Bullying Prevention Policy.

## **After School Clubs**

All After School Clubs will operate for a further three weeks, finishing on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## **AQE**

Some of our P7 pupils will be sitting their first AQE test this Saturday morning. They have all been working very hard towards this and we wish them all the very best.