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**Term 1 Week 10 (10/11/2023)**

**Sad News**

As some of you will be aware, Mrs Kaye Mclvor, a past Principal of Victoria Primary School passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Mrs Mclvor was Principal of Victoria Primary School for 30 years. She will have taught a lot of our parents and possibly grandparents too in her time here. Mrs Mclvor has left a lasting legacy on Victoria Primary School. Her sons appreciated the many messages left on the community page and read some of those out at her funeral.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. Children will be completing activities in classes and attending an assembly. We will be starting the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday.



We are hoping to hold a Christmas Fair in December. If you would be available to help please contact Mrs Porter in the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Halloween Disco**

Thank you to all of you who organised and supported this year's Halloween Disco. We raised an amazing £316.70!

**Strike Action**

You will be aware from recent news bulletins and the email sent earlier today that Strike Action is currently taking place across the Education sector. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Classroom Assistants, Cleaners, Catering Staff and Ancillary Staff have been called out on a full day strike by their unions. You will understand that this will have a significant impact on the effective running of the school day and will have health and safety implications for our children. Due to ongoing Teacher Industrial Action, roles currently carried out by Classroom Assistants, Cleaners, Catering Staff and Ancillary Staff will not be permitted to be covered by Teaching Staff. Therefore, our plan for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November is as follows:

**Red and Orange Classes – Closed**

**Main School**

- School will open at 8.45am.
- There will be no school dinners served.
- School will close at 12 noon for all children.

Whilst we regret the impact this will have on our children and families, this is lawful and legitimate action designed to highlight the disparity of pay across the Education Sector in Northern Ireland in comparison to our colleagues in the rest of the United Kingdom. Thank you for your continued support.



**Silver Trophy**

This week's silver trophy winner is Lacey.

Congratulations, Lacey!!



**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to this week's stars of the week:

Rainbow Class	Charlotte
Yellow Class	Lily
Green Class	Faye
Blue Class	Annabelle
Indigo Class	Daisy
Purple Class	Curtis

**House Team Scores**

Sunshine:	139
Water	120
Earth	117
Fire	133

Congratulations to everyone who was awarded a house point this week.



- 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Green Class Assembly
- 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Community Carol Service/ Christmas Tree Light Switch On
- 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Movie Night\*
- 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair\*
- 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Play 10.30am & 6pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols & Christmas Jumpers
- 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes at 12 noon for Christmas holidays

\*Provisional dates