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## School Newsletter – April 2026 – week 2

### Pupil Welfare and Safety Reminder



We are aware of an accident involving one of our pupils after school yesterday. We are pleased to share that the child is safe and recovering well, and we send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our on-site safety expectations:

- No parent vehicles should be on site between 8.30am and 4.00pm, unless agreed in advance (permits will be issued as soon as possible)
- No stopping on the roundabout/turning circle, as this is not a drop-off point



Your cooperation helps us keep everyone safe — thank you.

### Goodbye and Good Luck

This week we held a special assembly celebrating the Litchfield family. Rev Litchfield will be leaving Glastry Methodist at the end of June to move on to pastures new, and Monday's assembly was his final one with us.

The assembly included stories, a poem, a special prayer, and presentations of gifts. We send our heartfelt thanks to the Litchfield family for everything they have brought to the school over the years and wish them every success for the future.



### Assessments in Progress

We are now in the main assessment period of the year. Please do your best to ensure your child is **in school, on time, every day**, as the outcomes of these assessments are essential for planning their learning journey for the coming year. Thank you for your continued support.



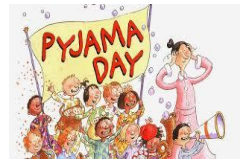
### Netball League

Some of our pupils took part in their first netball match of the season at Londonderry Primary School yesterday. We were extremely proud of how they performed and how positively they represented our school. Well done to all involved!



### School Council Update – Pyjama Day

The School Council would like to raise funds to update playground equipment. They have been given permission to hold a **non-uniform day on Friday 1st May** and have chosen to make it a **Pyjama Day**.



Children may come to school in their pyjamas in exchange for a donation to the School Council fund.

- **Suggested donation:** £1 (or whatever you would like to contribute to this cause)

### Garden Gang

Our new **Garden Gang** are thrilled to finally see some good weather and are ready to begin their weekly jobs. These will include: watering plants, litter picking, filling bird feeders, checking hedgehog houses and weeding. They are also hoping to hold some events this term to raise support and funding to help improve our outdoor areas.

#### Save the date:

Our first after-school event, “**Growing Together**”, will take place on **Monday 11th May**. Further details will be shared once plans are finalised.



- 27<sup>th</sup> April – school photograph day
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – PFA committee meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> April – Netball tournament. Mobile library visiting.
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – classroom assistant interviews
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Drama Tots in classes S1 and S2
  - School council Pyjama Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Belfast Marathon
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – school closed for bank holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Glastry tournament
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Growing Together celebration
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Tots Play session 2
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Portavogie tournament
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May – half term break for pupils
- 27<sup>th</sup> May – Sports day (weather permitting)
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – Cash for Clobber Collection