



Rockport School News

INDEPENDENT BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS 3-18

Newsletter no 26 / Spring Term / 24th March 2017



March	Time	Event
Mon 27 th	9:00	Class Photographs
Tue 28 th		R11 Geography Field Trip
Fri 31 st	am 15:10	R8 Netball vs Victoria (A) R8 Netball vs Grosvenor (A)
April	Time	Event
Sun 1 st	All Day	Duke of Ed Silver Practice Expedition (Return: Tue 4 th April)

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Junior Dramatic Society Performance

A reminder to parents that the children should be word perfect by next Wednesday (29th March) and should attend JDS club from 4.30 until 5.30. All costumes should be with Mrs Neill by Friday 31st March.

Tickets will be in the office from next Friday.

A big thank you to parents for their help .

Clare Neill

R5 Form Teacher/French

Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Monday morning (27th March). Pupils should be in full school uniform. It is hoped that also any pupil who missed their individual photograph or sibling photographs will also have these taken.

Any queries creid@rockportschool.com Thank you.

Colin Reid

R7 Form Teacher

R6 & R7 Spellings

The R6 and R7 pupils are continuing to work very hard on their weekly spellings and some excellent progress is being made. Please do not underestimate the importance of the parental role - your help with reinforcement can make a huge difference. All pupils should be writing out and learning their spelling patterns each week night Monday-Thursday in preparation for their Friday test. Any corrections needing to be done are usually sent home at weekends. Thank you for your continued support.

Suzanne McCartney

R6 & R7 English Teacher



Music in May

The preparations for Music in May are in full swing and the tickets are on sale now from the office at £15 for an adult ticket and £5 for a child's ticket. Join us for what will be a fabulous evening !



Music in May



We invite you to join us for an evening filled with song and laughter alongside guest compère, Julian Simmons, UTV, as we host performances from Laura Johnson, Kelly Brown, The Leading Ladies, Julia Clarke and Ruth Cory.

Wednesday 10th May 2017
Rockport School Sports Hall
7pm

Adult £15 Child £5
Tickets available from School Office

Money raised from tickets and on the evening will go towards purchasing a new school piano and to support Alopecia UK.



BOARDING

Departure Details

Many thanks to those parents who have already informed us of departure details. It is most helpful to have this information early.

Please could remaining parents contact schooloffice@rockportschool.com with flight/guardianship/departure details for their child. Advance warning allows Mrs Hamill and the Boarding Staff to effectively plan for the end of term and ensure that staff are allocated to airport drop offs.

Please note that term finishes at 12 noon on Friday 7th April and the Boarding House will not re-open for the Summer Term until Monday 24th April from 6pm for arrivals.

Dawn Toland

Head of Boarding/RS Representative

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Early Years Production, Thursday 4th May 2017 at 1.15pm

Rehearsals are well under way for our Summer Production of Pirates Versus Mermaids. Get the date in your diary – it's not to be missed! As usual, we would really appreciate your help with costumes. Below is a list of what is required for each class. Please speak to the class teacher if you are unsure.

Playgroup

Pirates

Reception/R1

Sea creatures, for example, crabs, jelly fish, lobsters...
(be as creative as you like!)

R2

Erin/Libbie – Seagulls

Girls – Mermaids

Boys – Pirates

R3/R4

Girls – Mermaids

Boys – Pirates

Stephen - Parrot



Bun Sale - Tuesday 4th April

We are having a Bun Sale in school on Tuesday 4th April. We would really appreciate it if each family could provide a dozen buns. They should be brought to school on the morning of the 4th and left in the Resource Room in the Jackson Building. All proceeds to the Early Years Department.

Bangor Speech Festival - Friday 31st March 2017

We are delighted that the pupils in R3 and R4 are taking part in a choral speaking class at Bangor Speech Festival next week. A reminder that they should come to school in their formal uniform. Please return the permission slips to class teachers at your earliest convenience. Unfortunately, parents are unable to watch the class due to space restrictions. If your child is taking part in an individual class, parents should accompany them.

Lynn Athanasiou

Head of Early Years

Good Luck!

We are keeping our fingers crossed for Molly O'Hara R8 and Katie Webb R10 who are competing at the ILGU Ulster Schools Golf Championship being held at Ardglass Golf Club on Friday 31st March. Good luck girls!

Founder(ed) Day

Huge congratulations to those children big and small who braved the bitter elements on Friday's cross country as part of Rockport's Founder's Day celebrations. Bare arms and legs covered in goose bumps took off quickly from the back lawn and finished flushed and tired after a freezing cold cross country circulation.

My three children had been unwell all week with a heavy cold and were feeling tired on Friday morning. I gave them the option of watching instead but they were determined to take part. They all had the Rockport Spirit!

Rockport Colour Run – Thursday 6th April – Cricket Pavilion – 3pm!!

The Plan: We hope to have your packs ready for distribution on Monday 3rd April and will leave them with your class or form teacher. On the day we will meet at the cricket pavilion at 3pm ready to go. The colour run will follow the route of the Founder's Day cross country course. It is entirely up to you whether you complete the shorter course that the R3/4s do or continue on the longer route. There will be marshals to direct you. You can run, skip, hop or cartwheel your way around as long as you are having FUN. Please feel free to dress up in anything colourful; wigs, tutus, leg warmers, armbands, the opportunity to be silly is endless 😊

We need HELP with marshalling and throwing colour. If anyone is willing to help with this please get in touch via our email address at pta@rockportschool.com. Thank you!!

We have had a great response to this and we thank you for getting into the spirit of fun 😊

Dates for Your Diary:

Easter Bunny visit – Thursday 6th April

Colour Run – Thursday 6th April

Dad's Day Out – Friday 28th April

Belfast Marathon – Monday 1st May

School Fete – Sunday 7th May

Speech Day – Thursday 15th June

Thank you all for your continued support for all our events. Together we raise much needed and appreciated funds for our school that benefit each and every child.

Carol Thompson
PTA Chairperson