



# Rockport School News

INDEPENDENT BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS 3-18

## Newsletter no 21 / Spring Term / 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018



Feb	Time	Event
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-12.00 9.30	R3-R4 to Hollywood Library R1-R1 Visit from the Vet
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	R1-R2 Visit from RNLI
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 Depart: 12.45 Return: Approx. 16.00	R1-R2 Visit from Dr Johanna Breen Rockport Junior Football @ Clandeboye Park, Bangor
Mar	Time	Event
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>		World Book Day

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## R1 & R2 People Who Help Us Topic Visit

### Guide Dog Visit

On Wednesday Rickie Flanagan brought Bess to meet us. Bess is 6 months old and is in training to be a guide dog. Rickie was able to explain to the children about all the training the dogs have to go through before they can be a guide dog. We loved meeting Bess and we were all so impressed with how well behaved Bess was.



**Here is Guide Dog Bess with his trainer Rickie Flanagan**

## **R3/R4 Trip to Hollywood Library**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

R3 and R4 are off to the Library on Monday morning. Don't forget Library cards, as well as Rockport backpacks to carry all the books! Everyday uniform as usual!

## **World Book Day**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

Don't forget, children should come to school on Thursday dressed as a character from their favourite book. Bring the book too if you have it.

## **Easter Scheme**

Following the success of our Summer Scheme, we are hoping to run an Easter Scheme for the first three days of the Easter holiday: 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March. It is open for children from Preschool-R7. If you are interested in your child/children attending, please email me ([lathanasiou@rockportschool.com](mailto:lathanasiou@rockportschool.com)) or speak to me directly. We would require a certain number of children in order to make it viable.

**Lynn Athanasiou**

**Head of Early Years**

## **Rockport Junior Football**

Please note the following football fixture for next week:

Wednesday 1:30pm Clandeboye Park Bangor

Rockport vs Bangor Central

Rockport vs Ballyholme

Rockport vs Towerview

Rockport vs Grange

We will be leaving school at 12:45 and returning to school at approximately 16.00.

**Scott McIlveen**

**Head of Boy's Sports**

### COLOUR RUN – FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

The school colour run will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please fill in your colour run permission slip that SHOULD be in your child's schoolbag; if not, you will find one attached to the newsletter.

Please put the permission with payment into an **envelope** to ensure all money is allocated to the correct participant. All envelopes to be left into the school office no later than **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** to allow us to order colour run packs and powder.

The colour run will follow the course of the cross country track at Rockport School. Coloured powder will be thrown by staff, aiming for the body, at various stops throughout the course. The aim is to have as much colour on you as possible!

The colour run pack will include a white t-shirt, sunglasses (advisable for eye protection), and a plastic poncho for the journey home. The powder used is non-toxic certified / non-irritant to skin certified and conforms to EN-71-3 standards. The powder is 100 % natural and made from non-toxic corn starch. Colour Run packs will be handed out to children in school before the event. All participants should meet at the Cricket Pavilion wearing old clothes and trainers at 3pm. Feel free to dress up and add your own splash of colour!

The cost per person is £10 and includes a colour run pack, hot dog and refreshments. Please note we cannot accept any Bank of England £10 notes. Please also be aware that all children in PG-R4 must have an adult with them, so don't forget to fill in your adult t-shirt size too and to add payment for the accompanying adult.

### Belfast Marathon

Energetic mum and PTA Secretary, Kate Brannigan, would love to get a group of parents, friends, guardians, staff and children together to take part in the Belfast Marathon this year to raise funds for the school. Kate will liaise with all willing participants and organise registration. Up for grabs is the relay, fun run or the 8 mile walk. Children can take part if they have a responsible adult. Please contact us through our email [pta@rockportschool.com](mailto:pta@rockportschool.com) or the school office and Kate will be in touch.

## **Back to the Grime**

Week 1 of a new half term and already I think I need a new washing machine. Do you remember when your PE kit consisted of a pair of black plimsolls? Literally you changed into your plimsolls and you could do ANY sport? Nope, not anymore; is it canterburys, canterburys/skort combo, skort, rugby kit, golf kit, trainers, running trainers, football boots, rugby boots...the cleaning is endless (and what is that smell emanating from trainers?! Peter's sports bag smells like a cat's litter tray!). I need a uniform co-ordinator!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Easter Bunny – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9.30am**

**Colour Run – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April – 3pm**

**Belfast Marathon – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Carol Thompson**

**PTA Chairperson**