



Ebrington Primary School

March 2018

Newsletter



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Well March has certainly come "in like a lion", let's hope it goes "out like a lamb!"

School

It's hard to believe we will be in the school one year this month! The building is still in pristine condition thanks to Alan O'Bryan and his cleaners. We continue to make minor adjustments or carry out minor repairs:



- Corner guards will be fitted around the school.
- Acoustic panels will be fitted to the Foundation Area to reduce sound reverberating and causing a slight echo.
- All minor cracks have been filled, sanded and repainted.
- The Department of Education has at last agreed to install lights on the pathway from Broomhill down into the school.

Weather



We continue to work closely with Foyle College regarding the adverse weather and at present this is working very well.

If for any reason we have to close the school, we will inform parents by text message. When making the difficult decision to close up or keep school open, the following are key considerations: -

- Can pupils, parents and staff access the school building safely?
- Can pupils and staff be evacuated in an emergency?
- Could the Emergency Services access the school in an emergency?
- Are vehicle routes into the school grounds passable?
- Can the Principal gain enough teaching and/or supervisory staff to operate safely?
- Is the school appropriately heated?

As you can see, no decision is ever straight forward!

Parental Interviews

Parental interviews have been on going all week. We hope parents, staff and pupils are finding these beneficial as interviews are a vital link between home and school.



Health & Safety - Gates



Just a reminder that the gates at Broomhill – both pedestrian and car park are locked down just after 9.00 a.m. and re-opened just after 1.00 p.m. This is to ensure the safety of our pupils by discouraging various people from using the school as a short cut from Limavady Road into the estate and vice versa.

Traffic Flow

There is no easy solution to traffic at peak times especially as we have 475 pupils arriving by foot, by car, by taxi or double decked bus! Please show patience and follow the road signs at all times.



Outdoor Play

By Easter we hope the Nursery will have their new Activity Tower, Play



House and Sand House. Teachers have submitted their ideas for our playgrounds and hopefully work will start soon on various trim trails and other pieces of equipment as well as a variety of playground markings.

Ebrington Facebook – Group Page

With over 450 group members, the Ebrington Facebook page continues to flourish. Weekly updates, information, events and photos provide parents with a real insight into daily life in our school. If you haven't done so already, give our "Ebrington Group Page" an add by searching for us on the Facebook Search Bar.

Finally....

By now, most of you will be aware that I am retiring at the end of the year (letter in school bags last Friday!) The Ebrington Principal Job is now on the EA website.

Governors will hopefully be in a position to announce the name of your new Principal sometime in April.

