

Wednesday 16th November 2022



ATTENDANCE

The importance of punctuality and attendance

Pupils are reminded that they must go to their registration room each morning. Registration class starts at 9.05am and arrival after this time is considered late. Anyone arriving at school after 9.15am **MUST** sign in at the Office. You will receive a U code - **unauthorised absence** and you must provide a note (the next day) to your form teacher to explain why you are late for school. If you do not go to registration class you are marked with an N code – absent for the AM session, it does not matter if you go to Period 1 and get marked as present, the N code will stand until a note is provided. Not getting marked in at registration, i.e. an N code in the morning and Period 6 after lunch will affect your % attendance and it can be viewed on the SIMS Parent App. If you arrive **late** for school up to 9.15am you should go directly to your form class/assembly to get signed in. It is your responsibility to get marked in each day at school (in form class or at assembly) – be in class, and on time.



GRIEF IN COMMON GROUP

Have you experienced loss? Why not join our support group? Next session to be held:

- Date: Thursday 17th November
- Time: 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- Location: Assembly Hall

SEE TEAMS TO SIGN UP

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

All Shoeboxes are to be left in Mrs McGinley's room on or before Friday 18th November. Shoeboxes should be wrapped; shoebox and lid to be wrapped separately.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this initiative. It is truly appreciated.

SKI TRIP

Please can all Yr 11 ski trip participants remind their parent/guardian about the ski information session at **3pm Weds 23 Nov**. It will last about 30 to 40 minutes only. Ask them to go to canteen for 3pm please. Signatures for permission will be required at the meeting, so attendance is important.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Year 8 Dungeons & Dragons Club will be held every Thursday, starting on 17th November from 3.30 – 4.30pm in Chemistry Room 3. Please refer to the Dungeons & Dragons TEAM for more information. Please see Miss Curran-McAteer for details.

MUSIC

Accordion & Concertina Group - led by Áine Harvey and Lucy Harper - will begin on Thursday 24th November. It is open for all pupils who play these instruments and will take place in the Music Room at 12.40pm.

Junior Choir members - Can any pupils in Junior Choir (Years 8-10) who are interested in auditioning for a solo at the forthcoming Carol Service please contact Mrs McGirr this week to register their interest

TRIP TO LUSAKA 2024

Year 11 pupils - Can any remaining Year 11s who are interested in applying for the trip to Lusaka, Zambia please contact Mrs McGirr this week so that they can be added to the forthcoming Team. Full details on the application process will be posted on the Team.

YEAR 8 FUNDRAISER

On Thursday 17th November, Year 8's will all partake in Concern's 24hour **Digital Fast** (from 8am on November 17th to 8am on November 18th).

By participating in this Fast, the Year 8's will help to transform the lives of those living in extreme poverty, tackling its root causes, and building resilience. Concern will not stop until extreme poverty does.

Sponsor forms and money will be collected on Monday 21st November during registration by the *JPIC Prefects*.

Year 8's are reminded to put their sponsor forms and money in an envelope ready for collection on that date.

During this week of Kindest, it is important to highlight that 'Kindest is our best reward.' Mrs McElroy and the JPIC Prefects wish Year 8's well as they participate in this fundraiser and become real agents of social change.

YEAR 10 – 'PROVOKING THOUGHT'

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Year 10 pupils in **CLASS GROUPS** will attend a **90 MINUTE WORKSHOP** looking at creating and maintaining a positive outlook.

The **WORKSHOP** will take place in **MRS MC NALLY'S HISTORY ROOM – Hi3**

The **CLASS TEACHER** must **ATTEND** at the time that they have the **CLASS**. The Form Class will return to their normal class at the end of their workshop.

DAY	LOCATION	CLASS	TIME
Mon 21st Nov	Mrs Mc Nally – Hi 3	10a1	9.05-10.35
Mon 21st Nov	Mrs Mc Nally – Hi 3	10a2	11.00-12.30
Mon 21st Nov	Mrs Mc Nally – Hi 3	10a4	1.10-2.40
Tues 22nd Nov	Mrs Mc Nally – Hi 3	10a3	9.05-10.35
Tues 22nd Nov	Mrs Mc Nally – Hi 3	10a5	11.00-12.30



CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Thursday 17th November @ Break
Meet at DR1.

New members welcome- speak to the Literacy Prefects for more information.

Explore the school grounds, get inspired by nature and create an original creative piece of writing (poetry/ prose).

We will warm up with some hot chocolate and begin writing our masterpieces.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Young Soroptomist - best wishes to our candidates competing in the Silver Birch Hotel today, Wednesday 16th November.

Good luck to --**Tess Mc Kenna, Anna Morgan and Maya Mc Bride**. Competition 6-10p.m. – 24 competitors.



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Art & Design department invite students to create an original school Christmas card design inspired by

The Christmas Star

There are so many meanings and interpretations a “star” can have. We associate a star with light, guidance, hope, happiness, brightness, sparkle, birth, and renewal..... We think of the ‘Star of Bethlehem’ among many other things at Christmas. This year our Loreto Pastoral Theme is the Star.

Design brief: Design a Christmas Card with reference to ‘The Christmas Star’ and meaning.

The winning entry will become Loreto’s official Christmas card!

Guidelines

- ✓ Open to Years 8 - 14
- ✓ The artwork submitted must be **an original design**.
- ✓ A4 size (landscape or portrait format)
- ✓ Entries should be two dimensional, created using paint, pens, markers or collage.
- ✓ **Please note, colour pencil is hard to reproduce unless the artwork is bold and bright.*
- ✓ The artwork can be with or without text.
- ✓ Please add your **name** and **class** to the back of your entry
- ✓ Submit work to the Art & Design department by

Thursday 17th November 2022



“Do your best and God will help” Mary Ward

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022 CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION NIABF – Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum

We are delighted to have the return of our fabulous Creative Arts Competition this year as part of Anti-Bullying Week 2022 and cannot wait to receive your amazing entries.

Entries open on Monday 14th November 2022.

Entries close at 4pm on Monday 23rd January 2023.

Theme & Manifesto

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place **from Monday 14th November – Friday 18th November 2022**. The theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is ‘**Reach Out**’.

Reading our manifesto for change will help you to think about your work and what we’re looking for in the winning entries!

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn’t have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.

Whether it’s in school, at home, in the community or online, let’s reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.

And it doesn’t stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let’s be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.

It takes courage, but it can change lives.

So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let’s come together and reach out to stop bullying.

Entry Criteria:

1. Entry is open to children and young people in Northern Ireland up to the age of 25 years old
2. All entries must be submitted through a school, college, youth group or other service/support organisation attended by the child/young person
3. All entries must be the child or young person’s original work and must not be copied from any other source. This is particularly important in the art and video categories as submissions cannot contain any characters you have not created yourself.
4. All entries must reflect the ‘Reach Out’ theme and manifesto. We welcome positive messages as well as work which reflects the challenges of bullying experiences and shared efforts to reduce bullying
5. All entries must be accompanied by a fully completed entry form which acts as the consent/assent of the child or young person for their work to be shared
6. All entries must adhere to the guidance/limits set out for each creative category, e.g. word limits; size of artwork; length of video submissions; titles for essays
7. There is no limit to the number of entries each child, young person, school or other group can submit

8. Entries can be submitted on behalf of individual children and young people or groups* of children and young people who have worked together to create their submission. *Please note that entry forms must be returned for children and young people who feature in any video submissions.

Creative Categories

All entries should be submitted with one of the following titles:

1. Reach Out

2. Be the Change

3. Break the Cycle

Submissions can be made in any of the following media:

1. Written Word

Essay/short story (500 word limit)

Poem/spoken word (max 40 lines on 1 A4 page)

Script for up to 60 second drama/film/story board

2. Visual Art

Drawing/painting/poster/collage (no smaller than A4; no larger than A2)

Sculpture/3D models (no larger than 60 cm in height, depth or width)

Photography

Textiles/Printmaking

3. Video*

Up to 60 second short film (documentary; vlog)

Up to 60 second performance of original work (drama; dance; song; spoken word)

Age Categories

There are four age categories* for the competition, based on the school year/age group of the child or young person during ABW22, i.e. on 16 November 2022:

Pre-school year – Primary 3

Primary 4 – 7

Year 8 – 10

Year 11 and over

*While the age categories are based on school year groups, entries can be submitted through any organisation working with children and young people.

Our fifth category is:

Special Merit

Children and young people with special educational needs can choose to have their entry considered for this category in addition to their year group/age category.

What Happens to Your Entry?

Entries which reflect the theme of ‘Reach Out’ will be shortlisted for judging.

Shortlisted entries will be judged by a panel, including members of NIABF and young people from our Young Advisors group.

Prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries across the creative, age and special merit categories.

Winners will be announced during Anti-Bullying Week and a slideshow presentation will be shared with the winner’s schools/youth group.

All entries may be used for future NIABF anti-bullying campaigns and show reels.

Due to the volume of entries we receive, NIABF cannot return any of the work.

How to Enter

All entries must be submitted online following the guidelines below.

ENTERING ONLINE

For the written word category please attach or scan the original works making sure all text is visible – be careful of double-sided works!

For the photography section of the visual arts category, please attach or scan the original works.

For all other visual submissions, e.g. sculptures; posters, please attach a maximum of 3 photographs which clearly show the work created.

For the video category, please attach video file or link where the video can be viewed.

If you have any queries which aren’t answered by the information provided here, or have an issue with uploading your entries, please contact us at info@niabf.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing your work!
NIABF Team.

ATTENTION - MANDARIN CHINESE STUDENTS



Year of the Rabbit Poster Competition

In 2023 *Chinese New Year* falls on the 22nd January 2023 and according to ancient Chinese tradition it will be the **Year of Rabbit**, the fourth animal of the Chinese Zodiac cycle.

As a way of celebrating this festival, Confucius Institute will launch its annual poster competition - **open to all pupils learning Mandarin Chinese.**

Year of the Rabbit should be incorporated within all posters. All posters should be presented on **A3 paper** – *Available from Mrs Gavin on request.*

All relevant information such as Student’s Name, Age, Key Stage, Chinese Teacher’s Name, Hub School Name, School Name and contact details must be written on the **back** of the paper.

Posters will be collected by Chinese tutors prior to **Friday 2nd December 2022.**

LORETO’S PLANTATHON

Year 8, 9 and 10 will take part in **LORETO’S BIG PLANTATHON** this week. The ‘Plantathon’ will continue throughout the week during KS3 science classes, where students can plant a variety of bulbs that we can all enjoy, including our all-important pollinators come springtime!

Trowels at the ready!

CRAFTYBUGS

We welcome the return of **CRAFTYBUGS** this year – our **Christmas Craft Club**.

Please call with Mrs Gavin for a parent letter and permission slip.

Only 14 Spaces available – starting **3.30pm Thursday 24th November 2022** and running for **4 weeks**.

Ho-Ho-Hope to see you there!



CANTEEN ARRANGEMENTS

Staggered Lunchtimes continue as follows

- **12:20 Year 8 and 9**
- **12:25 Year 10**
- **12:30 Year 11 and 12**
- **12:40 Post 16**

Pupils in each year group are asked to adhere to the designated times outlined.

ATTENTION!

Students are reminded to go:



UP the stairs **outside Computer Room 2 on the Main Corridor to the English Department** and



DOWN the stairs at **French towards the Medical Room**

HEALTH GUIDANCE

Maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene practice.

“Catch it, bin it, kill it”

WORRY BOX

Please avail of the "Worry Box" at any time, located outside the Medical Room and the corridor down to Computer Room 1.

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