



# Cool News

April 2025



## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. We raised £250 and have been able to purchase new books for pupils in our Nursery Unit and Primary School.

## School Council

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our '**20 Challenges in 20 Days**' sponsored activity. The proceeds from this will be shared between our School Charity of the Year, Grovehill Animal Trust, and school funds.

## Safer Schools NI

Safer Schools NI is an app and portal that parents can access and which provides online safety advice. Notifications and alerts are sent which provide prompts and warnings for parents about online trends and threats, information about fake news and advice on social media and gaming platforms. To access this app:

- download it from your app provider
- Create an account by selecting parent/carer > register here
- Select Cooley PS and NU
- Type in entry code

Entry codes are available on the school online learning platforms: SeeSaw (Yr 1-4) and Google Classroom (Yr 5-7).

Parents of pupils in our Nursery Unit should contact Mrs Keys who will provide the entry code.

## Clothing Bank

Our school clothing bank is located at the left hand side of our school building. Clothing, shoes, curtains, towels, sheets and blankets are all accepted. This clothing bank helps to raise additional funds for our school as we receive payment according to the weight of donated items.

**5th April:** PTA Easter Eggstravaganza: 10 a.m.—12 noon

**7th—11th April:** Maths Week

**10th April:** Cooley Caterpillars

**11th April:** Primary School closes at 12 noon: No school dinners. Non-uniform. Min £1 donation.

**14th April:** School Closed: Staff Development Day

**15th—25th April:** School Closed: Easter Holidays

**2nd May:** Yr 7 Shared Education

**6th—9th May:** Eco Week

**8th May:** Cooley Caterpillars

**12th May:** PTA Meeting (online)

**20th May:** Yr 5/6 Class Trip

**23rd May:** School Closed: Staff Development Day

**4th June:** Primary School Sports Day

**5th June:** Incoming Yr 1 Parents' Meeting

**11th June:** Primary School Sports Day (Reserve)

**12th June:** Cooley Caterpillars

**13th June:** Nursery Sports Day

**13th June:** PTA Summer Fête

**25th June:** Yr 7 Leavers' Assembly

**27th June:** Yr 1-4 Class Trip

**All dates are subject to change.**

### Easyfundraising

When you are shopping online, please consider registering on the easyfundraising website and selecting our school as your cause. Once registered, access your favourite shopping websites via the portal and once you complete your purchase, our school will receive a donation at no extra cost to you or to the school. The websites that you use and the purchases that you make remain confidential and are not disclosed to anyone in school.

### Shared Education

Our Yr 1, 3 and 7 classes enjoyed their Shared Education trip to Gortin Glen on Friday 28th March. During the day they engaged in outdoor learning activities which linked with the learning experiences delivered in previous shared lessons.

On Friday 9th May, our Yr 6 and 7 pupils will be joining with pupils from St. Oliver Plunkett's to carry out some litter picking in Beragh and Sixmilecross.

### Anniversary Concert

Thank you to everyone who joined with us for our Anniversary Concert. A special word of thanks to our past pupils who participated in the evening concert, Stephen Anderson and Alistair Donaghy, to Mrs Donna Kenwell for providing a celebratory cake and cupcakes, to Mr Robert O'Brien for videoing the event and to our PTA for providing the refreshments at both performances. Thank you also to all staff, parents and pupils for all of their hard work and in helping to make the event the success that it was.

### Literacy Week

During 10th—14th March we held a Literacy week in school. Various activities took place within the classes throughout the week, including a special storytelling session by Paula from the Library Service. All pupils participated in a competition to design a new cover for their favourite book and the winners were presented with a new book as a prize.

### Eco Schools

Our Key Stage 2 pupils recently participated in a competition to design a poster asking for plastic bottle top donations. Congratulations to Camryn for her winning design which has been shared on our social media channels.

All donated bottle tops are sent away to be recycled and our school has the opportunity to be awarded points for the bottle tops collected which can be exchanged for outdoor furniture.

### Parent and Teacher Association

The next PTA event is an Easter Eggstravaganza on **Saturday 5th April** at 10 a.m. During the event there will be an Easter themed treasure hunt and Easter themed crafts for children. There will also be an Easter bonnet parade at 11.45 a.m. with prizes for the selected winners. Entry will be £5 per person, under 2's are free.

Our PTA have been successful with a number of funding applications this academic year:

- £200 from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council: Ulster Scots Language Leid Week
- £5000 from Energia Tyrone 3 Windfarms Community Benefit Fund 2024: Outdoor Classroom
- £2000 from Inishative Community Benefit Fund 2025: STEM related educational resources
- £1990.04 from DAERA Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme: resources for Cooley Caterpillars