



SHARING EDUCATION



'Forward Together with Tolerance and Respect'

This is the seventh edition of a termly newsletter designed to keep our Parents and Community informed about the actions Dromore Road PS and St. Bronagh's PS are taking to develop Shared Education.

Warrenpoint Municipal Park

St Bronagh's PS and Dromore Road PS have already begun this year's Shared Education journey. This year, Warrenpoint Municipal Parks Heritage Lottery funding will be contributing to our Shared Education programme.

Having already completed eight Biodiversity sessions during the Autumn term, next year's theme will be History, Reminiscence and Heritage. Pupils will explore the parks rich heritage and will be involved in wider research of Warrenpoint's hay days when it was regarded as a premier tourist destination, with rail links and passenger ferries contributing to a buoyant holiday and hospitality industry. Activities will include intergenerational interviews and living history workshops. Outcomes will include, film recording and editing, and printed resources to be used and enjoyed by visitors to the park.

Overview of Shared Classes 2019-20

Again this year we hope to involve every child in both schools in Shared Education. The table below outlines the proposed timetable for the remaining Shared Education classes, this timetable may be subject to change.

STB P7	DRPS P6/7	STB P5	DRPS P4/5	STB P1	DRPS P1/2
Tuesday 7 th January 2020		Tuesday 25 th February 2020		Wednesday 1 st April 2020	
Tuesday 14 th January 2020		Tuesday 3 rd March 2020		Wednesday 22 nd April 2020	
Tuesday 21 st January 2020		Tuesday 10 th March 2020		Wednesday 29 th April 2020	
Tuesday 28 th January 2020		Tuesday 24 th March 2020		Wednesday 6 th May 2020	
Tuesday 4 th February 2020		Tuesday 31 st March 2020		Wednesday 13 th May 2020	

STB P2	DRPS P2/3	STB P6	DRPS P6/7
Wednesday 1 st April 2020		Monday 1 st June 2020	
Tuesday 21 st April 2020		Tuesday 2 nd June 2020	
Tuesday 28 th April 2020		Tuesday 9 th June 2020	
Tuesday 5 th May 2020		Tuesday 16 th June 2020	
Tuesday 12 th May 2020		Tuesday 23 rd June 2020	

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This term we have had two sets of Shared classes working together. Year 2/3 from Dromore Road P.S. worked with Year 3, St Bronagh's P.S, whilst year 4/5 worked with Year 4. We met on 5 different occasions, 3 of these being in Warrenpoint Park. The theme of our work was the Environment and Biodiversity. On our first week we met in school to reacquaint ourselves after the summer break. Our next session was in the park, where we found out all about mini-beasts. The children were involved in a mini-beast hunt, making mini beast hotels to install in the park and bring back to school and a mini beast craft activity. Birds was the theme of week 2. This involved a murder mystery task in which the children had to identify the potential dangers to robins in the environment as well as a bird scavenger hunt. In week 3 the children met at Dromore Road Primary School to find out about recycling. The children enjoyed making a pencil case from an empty cereal box. Our final week was based on the theme of trees. We helped to gather leaves in the park, went on a leaf identification hunt and got some seeds ready for planting in the spring. The children enjoyed the sessions immensely, and we are very thankful to Joanne and Rodney from the School Partnership Programme for their excellent organisation and support. There are a number of photographs of our shared work on our websites, www.dromoreroadps.com and www.stbronaghs.org



The staff from both schools would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year in 2020.

