



Dear Parent  
 I hope you are as excited about the programme we have to offer as we are. There are activities for the children, some for parents and others for parent and pupil to attend together. Letters will be sent home with pupils for you to sign up to the individual programmes as appropriate. If you would like any further information please check out the Extended Schools section of the school website or contact me.

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 Extended Schools Co-ordinator



# Cranmore IPS



## Extended Schools Programme



‘An Extended School provides a range of services and activities, sometimes during or beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of children, their families and the wider community.’ (Extended Schools, DENI 2007)

The activities involved aim to achieve one of the 5 higher level outcomes:

- Being Healthy
- Enjoying, Learning and Achieving
- Living in Safety and with Stability
- Experiencing Economic and Environmental Well-Being
- Contributing Positively to Community and Society

The activities offered will support and motivate our pupils to achieve their full potential.

### **What do we have to offer this year?**

This year, we will continue with the programmes that you told us you enjoyed last year, and we will be adding a few new ones.

### **Programmes Continued from Last Year:**

- Transport for After School Activities P4-P7
- ‘Time for Me’ School Counselling Service.

### **School Counseling Service**

With an ever changing society the pressures placed upon our children are increasing. Teachers and parents are noticing more and more, the increase in cases of pupil anxiety presenting year on year. We are working with Barnardos to support those pupils and their families who require some assistance in easing these anxieties.

We have now introduced a weekly ‘drop-in’ service for P5-P7 pupils that require some support with lower level difficulties.

### **After Schools Sports**

In order to promote a healthy lifestyle, we have extended the after school sporting clubs. Galaxy Coaching will be providing Olympics events and basketball to encourage children to have fun at the same time as exercising. The cost of the clubs will be supplemented through Extended Schools funding.

### **Cluster**

This is our second year leading the South Belfast Integrated Cluster with Malone College and Oakwood IPS. Our P7 class are working with P7 and Year 8 pupils. Our programed begins with a look at some of the traditions of the different

communities in N. Ireland. These will include Catholic, Protestant, Unionist, Nationalist, Chinese and Indian communities. This is a very exciting project and an important part of our Integrated ethos.

Following on from this we will be engaging in activities aimed at promoting greater awareness and understanding of personal safety and working together in teams.

Our cluster work is even more important as it encourages parents to take part too.

### **Some new additions this year:**

#### **Developing Numeracy with Izak9**

This is an after school club using Izak 9 to promote numeracy skills amongst KS2 pupils. This new, innovative, interactive resource uses online characters to encourage children to use the Izak9 cubes to develop a range of skills and in particular their mathematical thinking.

#### **Cranmore’s Creative Kids**

As part of this club we want to inspire our children to develop heir creativity in the use of language. They will be supported by a local author and poet in producing their own poetry and short stories. The writer will also work with some of our children during the school day as part of a ‘Writer in Residence’ programme adopted to improve literacy skills.