

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of St. Joseph's,

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your kind wishes and messages of support following the robbery at the school. You were very prompt in arranging for the collection of your children to allow the PSNI to investigate and we apologise for the inconvenience caused. We are hopeful that much of the lost equipment will be replaced by insurance and we will hope to fund raise for any outstanding items. The children had a great day at the cinema and this hopefully helped them to settle back down after the experience. A huge thank you also to the teachers and support staff who looked after the children at this difficult time.

Mrs Treacy

Sacramental Programme

Please find below the dates we have so far for the sacramental programme this year. We will continue to send updates by text.

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)

08 March Time 4pm Sacrament of First Penance
PLEASE NOTE, ALL P3 CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 2PM ON THIS DAY

P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

From 22 Feb onward, Special Sunday masses for First Communion children 11am in the church

04 June 11am First Communion

05 June 11am Children attending Sunday Mass may wish to wear Communion outfits again.

P7 Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls from P7 who were confirmed by Bishop Farquhar in the 23rd February. They took part with great prayerfulness and respect and we were very proud of them all.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We wish to say thank you to all of the grandparents who came to join us for grandparents day- even though it had to be rescheduled! It was a very special occasion and we were privileged to be able to share children's thoughts and memories about their grandparents.

PTA

The PTA will again be hosting a movie night to coincide with World Book day on the 3rd March. On this day we encourage all children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite books.

Doors will open for movie night at 6pm and movies will start at 6.15 sharp. Children can be collected from 7.45pm. There will be 5 movie screens to choose from based on books and children are welcome to attend in comfy PJs and dressing gowns. All can bring a blanket/beanbag/ duvet too! Arrangements are as follows-

When arriving they pay £1 at the door and will be taken to the movie of their choice by staff. On the night, parents can park in the parish car park. P1-3 children should enter through the P2/3 playground entrance. P4-7 should line up at the back playground and will enter at the P4 door. The back gate will also be open to facilitate ease of access. Children will be supervised in the building by teachers and PTA members and will be able to buy a treat pack at the cost of £1. At the end of the evening, children should be collected from the same doors they came in. Please be patient with us during collection but we must ensure that each child is delivered safely to their adult as it will be dark. Please note that all children from P1-P7 **MUST** be collected by an adult.

REMINDER: The PTA is planning to host a school talent show in May. Children can begin thinking about their acts and Mrs McCoy will run an after schools club to help children to practice. We hope as many children as possible will be able to participate as St. Joseph's does indeed have talent! The next meeting of the PTA is on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in school. All parents are welcome to attend.

NI CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN



Thank you for all of your contributions on our fundraising wear red day. We raised an

amazing £350 to help Kevin and Ciaran on their trip to the Rockies.

GOOD NEWS



Well done to Leah from P6 who took part in a festival and scored 82 out of a possible 90 in the singing section. Great job Leah!

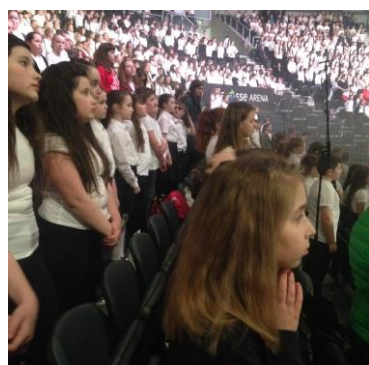
Well done to Roisin, Eve, Holly, Katie and Kaya from P6 who completed their



dance exams last week. What talented girls!



We had a fantastic day at the SSE Arena for the Peace Proms with the school choir and the choirs from more than 90 schools in Ulster. We were treated to performances from a range of soloists and



sang with the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. It was a truly fantastic concert and we hope to take part again next year!

Congratulations to the cheerleading team who came 2nd out of 12 schools in the Council cheerleading competition- a fantastic result! A special thank you to Mrs Brash for all of the coaching and practicing and to Mrs Bonner for all of her excellent work on the costumes. The children certainly looked the part!

RETIREMENTS



We had a special assembly to say goodbye to Rosaleen Coyle, a dinner lady here for 43 years, and to Colette

O'Hara, a cleaner a supervisor and to celebrate their retirements. We wish them all the best of luck.



If you have any good news items or anything you would like to share in the next newsletter, please email us- rtreacy776@c2kni.net

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

See Sacramental Dates on Page 1.

3rd March World Book day- children come dressed as characters from their favourite books. **6.00-** Movie Night- to celebrate world book day, children to wear pyjamas!

17th March- School closed for St Patrick's Day

Wed 23rd March- School closes at **12.30** for Easter Holidays. Reopens for all children on **Monday 4th April**