

What's on.....?

Mon 9 Jan -Pupils return to school
-After school activities begin
-Teachers' 'Problem Solving' training at 3pm
-Trocaire Workshop for P6
-Past pupil Annie Kennedy on work experience

Wed 11 Jan **-Closing Date for P1 applications at 12 noon**
-Mrs Fleming, Mrs O'Hare(SUB: Mrs Loughran) and Mrs Connolly (SUB: Miss McNally) 'Data Day'
-P6 to Linen Centre (See details below)
-Early Closing (See details below)

Thurs 12 Jan -Awards assembly
-P5 Mrs Gartland at Linen Centre (see details below)

Fri 13 Jan -Mrs Connolly and Key Stage 2 Teachers reviewing IEPs and Child Protection refresher training for all staff (SUB: Miss McNally)
-Miss Clarke(SUB: Ms Gorman) and Miss McAnerney(SUB: Mrs Loughran) at Literacy and Numeracy Co-ordinators' Training SUB:
-P5 Mr Reid at Line Centre (see Details below)
-P7 classes begin swimming

Mon 16 Jan -ICT assessment training for all staff at 3pm
-Year Group Newsheets out
-Half termly assessments out to parents
-Mrs Fleming at First time Principal's Training on Human Resources all day

Tues 17 Jan -Mrs Fleming classroom observations inICT
-Miss Clarke(SUB: Ms Gorman) and Mrs O'Hare (SUB: Mrs Loughran) Mathematics Book Call

Wed 18 Jan -Mrs Fleming classroom observations inICT
-Mrs O'Hare Deputy Designated Teacher Training at EA (SUB: Mrs Loughran)
Mrs Connolly IEP Review Day (SUB: Miss McNally)

Thurs 19 Jan -Mrs Fleming classroom observations in ICT
-Mrs O'Hare Deputy Designated Teacher Training at EA (SUB: Mrs



Loughran)
-P3 at Linen Centre (see details below)
-John Kelly (Lisburn City Council) recycling talk for P7 at 11am
-Mrs Fleming at Principal's Conference PM

Fri 20 Jan -P3 at Linen Centre (see details below)
-Mrs Connolly reviewing IEPs in action (SUB: Miss McNally)
-Mrs Fleming at Principal's Conference

Mon 23 Jan -Quality Learning and Teaching Training for all staff at 3pm
-Mrs Fleming classroom observations in ICT
-Mrs Fleming Transfer Interviews
-Board of Governors' meeting at 6pm

Tues 24 Jan -Mrs Fleming classroom observations in ICT
-Mrs Fleming Transfer interviews
-P4 Pottery at Island Arts centre
-Conformation Meeting at 6pm
-PTA meeting at 7pm

Wed 25 Jan -Mrs Fleming classroom observations inICT
-Mrs Fleming Transfer Interviews
-P7 girls' soccer tournament at Ballymacash at 2pm
-Mrs Connolly IEPs in action (SUB: Miss McNally)
-Mrs O'Hare VP release day (SUB: Mrs Loughran)

Thurs 26 Jan -Mrs Fleming classroom observations in ICT
-Mrs Connolly at St. Joseph's Carryduff (PM) SENCO Training

Fri 27 Jan -Mrs Fleming classroom observations inICT
-Mrs Connolly Epilepsy Awareness training all day (SUB: Miss McNally)

Mon 30 Jan -Catholic Schools Week begins
-Mrs Fleming Transfer Interviews
-P4 – P7 Teachers- Literacy training withEA at 3pm
-P1 – P3 ICT Assessment training

Tues 31 Jan -Mass for Catholic Schools' Week
-Mrs Fleming Transfer Interviews
-P4 Pottery at island Arts Centre

February

Wed 1 Feb -St Brigid's Day
-Mrs Fleming Transfer Interviews

Thurs 2 Feb -Mrs Connolly Child Protection Refresher Training at EA
-Mrs Fleming Transfer Interviews

Fri 3 Feb -Mrs Connolly observing IEPs in action in all classes

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Crilly back from maternity leave in Primary 1. We welcome Miss McNally to St. Joseph's who will be working one day a week in Primary 1 (Thursdays) in Mrs Crilly's class. Recently Mrs O'Hare has been appointed as our new Acting Vice-Principal. Miss Clarke has been appointed as our Mathematics and Numeracy coordinator and Miss McAnerney will be our Literacy coordinator as Mrs Hanna begins her maternity leave. We all wish Mrs Hanna the very best of luck as she begins her maternity leave.

Year Group Newsheets



We hope that you have enjoyed our year group newsheets so far this year. We introduced these at the start of the year so that you as parents had a clearer idea of the learning etc that goes on in your child's class. The 3rd editions of these will go out next Monday 16 January. Enjoy!

Early Closing on Wed 11 January 2017

As part of our post-inspection actions all teaching staff will be attending EA training in 'Quality Learning and Teaching'. The first of these sessions took place back in October and the second session takes place this Wednesday 11 January at Alexander Dixon Primary School in Ballygowan. As the training begins at 3pm the school will be closing early and there will be **NO COOL KIDS**. In order to ensure the safe pick up of children, the pick-up arrangements are as follows:

- P1 & P2 pupils with **NO SIBLINGS** can be picked up in the **back car park** at 1.30pm
- P3 pupils with **NO SIBLINGS** can be picked up at the **top of the lane** at 1.30pm
- All other pupils can be picked up at their usual pick up points at 1.50pm

Half Termly Assessments

This week pupils in P3 – P7 will be taking half termly assessments in Literacy and Numeracy based on the second half of last term. As usual these tests will be sent home to you for you to have a look at and identify your child's strengths and areas for development. We like to share as much information as possible with parents and we fully appreciate the vital support for learning that you provide at home. The assessments will be sent home next Monday 16 January. Please remember to sign these and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Mid-Term Break

Something to look forward to..... Remember the last day of this half term is Friday 10 February. **The school will be closed from Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February** and will reopen for pupils on **Monday 20 February**.

Twitter Update

We are so pleased with our very active Twitter Feed.....it has been such a marvellous way to communicate directly and immediately with you as parents. At this point in time we have 275 followers and are currently following

275 as well. It has been a very useful way for us as educators to keep up to date with current educational happenings as well. If you haven't already done so please consider opening your own Twitter feed so that you too can keep up to date with us.

Thursday 12th January Girls Netball Matches at Lisburn Leisureplex 2.00-3.00pm

Carol Service

What a night! **FAB-U-LOUS** as the judges of Strictly would say! We couldn't have been more proud of all our pupils taking part. The music, drama, dance, and the P5 nativity were all such a fitting way to celebrate the Christmas Story. We also are so very proud of the huge amount of money we donated to our chosen charities...an amazing total of £3150 as follows:

Trocaire	£750
Sisters of the sacred Heart of Mary	£250
Tuesday's child	£400
Barnardos	£200
Positive Futures	£400
Tiny Life	£200
Lisburn City food Bank	£100
The Simon Community	£250
Children's Heartbeat trust	£200
Friends of the Cancer Centre	£200
Macmillan	£200

Super Gymnasts!

We are absolutely delighted to have had two P2 pupils chosen to join Salto's Development Squad this month! Well done to Sienna Curran and Finagh Rowlands who have been chosen to join this elite squad! We are so proud of you both!

Ulster Hall Performance

Once again our pupils continue to make us very proud as Maebh Quinn, Sian Rooney, Holly Rafferty and Emma Gormley took to the stage of the Ulster Hall on Friday 16 December to celebrate Christmas as part of the EA SE region's orchestra!



Primary Four Tin Whistle

Mrs McGilligan will begin Primary Four Whistle on 16th January:

Mrs Connolly 2-2.30pm

Mrs Gould 2.30-3pm

Tin Whistles available from school at £4.50.

After School Activities

After School Activities for Term 2 begin on **Monday 9th January**. There are a number of places remaining for the following clubs:

- Art P1-3 & P4-7 (Monday)
- Spanish P1-3 & P4-7 (Monday)
- Dance Club P1-3 & P4-7 (Tuesday)
- Hurling/ Camogie P4-7 only (Tuesday)
- Go Media Academy P1-3 & P4-7 (Friday)

If you wish to avail of a place, please speak to Mrs McManus for further information.

Swimming for P7

This term as part of their PE curriculum, P7 will be attending swimming lessons in Lisburn Leisureplex every Friday starting this Friday 13 January. Pupils will participate in a half hour lesson each week. Pupils should remember the following:



- Aerosols are not permitted
- Jewellery is not allowed
- Girls should wear a one piece costume and have their hair tied back
- There will not be an opportunity for showers or hairdryers on the day
- If a child has a verruca, protective socks should be worn

Trocaire Workshops

Primary 6 and Primary 7 will take part in workshops hosted by Rosie Murray from Trocaire. These are connected to the year group's topics.

Monday 9 th	P6	-Learning about water, its uses and shortages around the world.
	P7	-Conflict – An introduction to Conflict with a focus on Refugees
Wed 11 th	P7	-Trade Game. Learning About the unequal distribution of wealth leading to conflict and inequality.

World Around Us

In January all classes will work on 'Our Local Community'. Again we will be making the best use of our local community and particularly the Linen Centre to enhance learning and teaching in this area:

P1 & P2	- 'A Winter Walk in Castle Gardens'
P3	- The history of Castle Gardens
P4	- 'This Is Where I Live' Completed in Term One
P5	- The River Lagan and Wildlife linked with Birds and Flight (Linen Centre)
P6	- Linen Lisburn (Linen Centre)
P7	- Our City Lisburn (City Trail with Linen Lisburn)

Value of the Month: Responsibility

P1	Annie Richardson Lila-Grace Cunningham
P2	Neil Jayan Finagh Rowlands
P3	Eimear Rafferty Sophie Mateer
P4	Charlie Wilson Ryan McGhee
P5	Anna Broderick Tadhg McMaster
P6	Conn Rush Katie Hunter
P7	Hannah Gartland Moya O'Kane Cara Murphy

Pope Francis Award

P1	Olivia Fitzsimmons Eva Maxwell
P2	Kori Jennings Eva Toman
P3	Luke Hunter Ellie Campbell
P4	Belvia Onattu Dylan O'Hare
P5	Dheekshaa Vivekananth Zachary Warner
P6	Katie McGurnaghan Lucy McKibbin
P7	Sophie Murray Auguste Sukackaite

Writer of the Month

P1	Lucy Wright Dylan Johnston
P2	Klara Heyes Lara Gribben
P3	Sarah Duffy Kaitlin Stewart
P4	Evann Bellingham Hannah Rush
P5	Molly Gribbon Lucy White
P6	Shannon Lavery Charlie Dooley McLoughlin
P7	Conor Broderick Katrina Visomirskyte

ICT Whizzkid of the Month

P1	James McLaughlin Jay Corr
P2	Cian Mallon Ethan McKeown
P3	Gabe McMaster Grace Ferris
P4	Eoghan-Rua Rowlands Ava McGlade
P5	Orlaigh Walker Katie Johnson
P6	Lorcan Cushnahan Klara Sloan
P7	Digital Leaders Cormac Marshall

Mathlete of the Month

P1	Daniel Johnson Megan Mateer
P2	Ethan McKeown Caleb English
P3	Mollie Barr Shea Marshall
P4	Barra Noble James Wilkinson
P5	Rebecca English Yzabelle Pacia
P6	Ryan Walker Felix Jose
P7	Conor Longley Amanpreet Kaur

Prayer of the Month

Angel of God,
My Guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard,
To rule and guide. Amen