

## Newsletter – March 2018

Welcome to our March Newsletter! As I write this I am looking out onto a blanket of white snow! It is hard to believe that it is the first day of Spring!

As you know unfortunately we had to close the school on Thursday and Friday of last week due to adverse weather conditions. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time. As you can imagine it is very difficult to come to a decision to close the school as we acknowledge the difficulties this causes for all our families. Hopefully this cold spell is the last of its kind this year and the kinder weather of Spring will begin to be seen.

Take a read at what is happening across the month. As always stay up to date with our texting, twitter and SeeSaw services as well as our school website.

Pauline Fleming

### The Greatest News!

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Charlie and his family have returned to Northern Ireland so that Charlie can continue his treatment in the Royal Victoria Hospital. This is just the best news for his family and for us as a whole school community. Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts for Clodhna, Fintan, Charlie and Nancy in the past months. Please continue to pray for them at this time.

### ETI Inspection

As you know we had our follow-up inspection last week on Thursday and Friday. We are delighted to be able to tell you that the feedback was very good with significant improvements in every area. It should take a few weeks for the ETI Report to be finalised. I can assure you that when it is we will let you know immediately. As a whole school we are absolutely delighted with this news!

### Reporting to Parents

This month P1 – P6 teachers will be reporting pupil progress to you as parents in the week beginning Monday 12 March – Friday 16 March. **In order to facilitate these meetings the school will close at 2pm each day.** Please note Cool Kids and Homework Club is still in operation but **MUST** be booked in advance by contacting Mrs Noblett/Ms Gray/Ms Manson. Appointment letters were sent out last week so please check schoolbags.

### Celebrating St. Joseph and St Patrick!

March sees us celebrating the feast days of St Patrick on Saturday 17 March and St Joseph the Worker on Monday 19 March. P4 – P7 will celebrate with **Mass at 10am in St Patrick’s Chapel on Thursday 15 March.** Please join us if you can.

### Safeguarding and Child Protection

As part of our ongoing review of safeguarding and child protection procedures we would like to remind you of the following:

1. If you are picking up/dropping off pupils during the school day you **MUST** accompany them to the school office where they can be signed in/out.
2. The back gate at the canteen is closed and locked at all times during the school day so the school can only be accessed by walking down the lane and coming to the school office.
3. Cars are **NOT PERMITTED** to come down the lane at any time.
4. Once a child has been picked up at 2pm/3pm they can only return to school accompanied by an adult. **Pupils cannot return to school alone.**

Thank you for your understanding in all of these measures.

### Label, Label, Label

We are increasingly finding coats, jumpers and other children’s belongings with no names/labels. Please ensure all of your child’s belongings are labelled clearly so that they can be returned to their rightful owner. Thank you.

## 'Being the best that we can be'

### Holidays and School Closures for 2018

#### St. Patrick's Day

The school will be closed for St. Patrick's Bank Holiday on Monday **19 March**.

#### Easter 2018

Easter falls early this year and the school will close on **Holy Thursday 29 March** for the Easter break. Term 3 will begin on Monday 9 April 2018.

#### May Day Bank Holidays

School will be closed on both May bank holidays on **Monday 7 May 2018** and **Monday 28 May 2018**.

#### Summer Holidays

School will close for summer holidays on **Friday 29 June 2018**

### Lenten Fundraising

During Lent we encourage our pupils to look beyond themselves and fundraise for charities close to us, in particular Trocaire. Classes will be organising their own fundraising activities across the coming weeks. Look out for details in our Friday Note.

### Value of the Month

Our "Value of the Month" for March is RESILIENCE.

This is such an important value to have especially as we grow older and face more and more difficulties and challenges.

*"Don't leave home without it...you were born with Bounce-Back Ability"*

**Ty Howard**

### Belfast Festival Winners

*Congratulations to P4 and P5 drama groups who recently were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> (P4) place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place (P5) at Belfast Festival. The judges made very favourable comments on their performance. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to Miss Beatty for all her hard work and preparation. Miss Beatty is so excited she is going to organise our own in school poetry festival. Watch out for details later!*

### Celebration of the Sacraments for Primary 3, Primary 4 and Primary 7

We are looking forward to celebrating the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation with our Primary 3, Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupils.

#### Primary 3: First Confession

First Confession will take place on **Wednesday 21 March at 10.45am** in St. Patrick's Chapel.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our Commitment Service which was due to take place on Thursday 1 March. **This will now take place on Thursday 8 March at 11am in the school assembly hall.**

#### Primary 4: First Communion

First Communion takes place on **Saturday 12 May at 10am in St. Patrick's Chapel**. Primary 4 will prepare for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist by participating in a 'Breaking of Bread' Service on **Wednesday 18 April at 11am** in the school assembly hall. Parents are invited along to this service and teachers will share important information about First Communion Day as well.

#### Primary 7: Confirmation

Confirmation for Primary 7 pupils will take place on **Friday 9 March at 11am in St. Patrick's Chapel**.

Primary 7 pupils do not come into school on this day and instead meet us at the chapel between 10.15 and 10.30am on the morning of Confirmation.

### **SENTINUS STEM SUMMER SCHOOLS**

Sentinus are currently organising STEM Summer Schools in July and August in a variety of different locations. These are suitable for young people aged 9 – 13 years old. They run from 9.30am – 4.15pm and cost £95.

For further details and to apply for a place visit: <http://tinyurl.com/n7lhm2z> or contact Sentinus on 028 92627755/[www.sentinus.co.uk/](http://www.sentinus.co.uk/) [info@sentinus.co.uk](mailto:info@sentinus.co.uk)

### **Child Protection and Safeguarding**

*We are very pleased that we will be hosting the play 'In the NET' at our school on Tuesday 20 March.*

*This play is being delivered by the Safeguarding Board of Northern Ireland and is all part of our preventative education. P6 and P7 pupils will be able to see the play along with visiting pupils from Knockmore Primary School.*

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## March 2018 Dates for your Diary!

Mon 5 March 2018	Mrs Fleming and Mrs Connolly at SEND training at EA South Eastern Region
Tues 6 March 2018	Pottery at Island Arts Centre for P4 Mrs Gould and P4 Mrs Connolly  P6 Mr Gallagher at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library ticket  P7 Mrs O'Hare: Tag Rugby  Boys Gaelic Match at Lamh Dearhg from 1.10pm – 3pm  Mrs Gartland: P5 Literacy Development: SUB: Miss Leonard Miss McAnerney: P2 Literacy Development: SUB: Miss McNally
Wed 7 March 2018	P4 at Castle Ward: WW2 School Trip  P6 Mrs Hanna at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library ticket  Hive Hackers for P6 Mr Gallagher and P7 Mrs McCambridge  P5 Tennis  Mrs Gartland: P5 Literacy Development: SUB: Miss Leonard  Mrs Gartland: 3 x P7 at Leisureplex 10am – 1.45pm
Thurs 8 March 2018	Awards Assembly  <b>P3 Commitment Service at 11am RESCHEDULED FROM SNOW DAY</b>  Mrs Gartland: P5 Literacy Development: SUB: Miss Leonard
Fri 9 March 2018	<b>CONFIRMATION DAY for Primary 7 at 11am in St. Patrick's Chapel</b>  Miss Clarke at Confirmation SUB: Miss Leonard P6 at Badminton  P6 Olympic handball: Mrs Gartland + 20 Primary 6 pupils
Mon 12 March 2018	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS WEEK: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM TO FACILITATE MEETINGS</b>  PWC Hive Hackers Awards Ceremony  Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss McNally
Tues 13 March 2018	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS WEEK: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM TO FACILITATE MEETINGS</b>  P6 Mr Gallagher at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library ticket  Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss McNally  P7 Mrs O'Hare: Tag Rugby
Wed 14 March 2018	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS WEEK: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM TO FACILITATE MEETINGS</b>  P6 Mrs Hanna at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library ticket  Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss McNally
Thurs 15 March 2018	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS WEEK: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM TO FACILITATE MEETINGS</b>  <b>Mass for St. Patrick and St Joseph at 10am in St Patrick's Chapel at 10am</b>
Fri 16 March 2018	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS WEEK: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM TO FACILITATE MEETINGS</b>  P7 at swimming
Mon 19 March 2018	<b>School closed for St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday</b>

Tues 20 March 2018	'In the Net' Safeguarding and Child Protection play for P6 and P7 pupils  Pottery at Island Arts Centre for P4 Mrs Gould and P4 Mrs Connolly  P6 Mr Gallagher at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library ticket  Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss McNally  Mrs Fleming at CCMS Meeting from 12.30pm  P7 Mrs O'Hare: Tag Rugby  P4 – P7 Healthy planning from 2.15pm – 4pm
Wed 21 March 2018	First Confession for Primary 3 pupils in St. Patrick's Chapel at 10.45am  P1 – P3 Healthy Planning Session from 2.15pm – 4pm  P6 Mrs Hanna at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library ticket  P5 teachers: Shared Education Development Day
Thurs 22 March 2018	PUPIL CONFERENCE 2  Environmental Youth Speak Competition at Lisburn City Council  Cross Country Event at Billie Neill Centre from 10am  <b>P6 Transfer Meeting at 6pm in school assembly hall</b>
Fri 23 March 2018	P6 at badminton P7 at swimming
Monday 26 March 2018	Holy Week  8 weekly assessment week SEN ANNUAL REVIEWS: Mrs Connolly: SUB: Miss McNally  Literacy Collegiate Book discussion at 3pm  P7 at Science Workshop in Linen Centre: 9.30am – 12noon Board of Governor Meeting at 6pm
Tuesday 27 February 2018	Holy Week  <b>8am: Registration Morning for Term 3 After School Activities</b>  8 weekly assessment week  P6 at Science Workshop in Linen Centre: 9.30am – 12noon  Pottery at Island Arts Centre for P7 Mrs O'Hare and Mrs McCambridge  SEN ANNUAL REVIEWS: Mrs Connolly: SUB: Miss McNally
Wednesday 28 March 2018	Holy Week  8 weekly assessment week  P7 at Science Workshop in Linen Centre: 9.30am – 12noon  EASTER Mass at St. Patrick's Chapel at 10am for P4 – P7  Gaelic Tournament at Kirkwoods at 2pm
Thursday 29 March 2018	Holy Week  8 weekly assessment week  School closes at 11.30am for Easter holidays

# 'Being the best that we can be'

## January 2018 Award Winners

### Primary 1

Value of the Month: DILIGENCE	Corey Abernethy Amelia Boal
Pope Francis Award	Ronin Carleton Sunni Jerome
Writer of the Month	Tom Wright Ruby-Grace Kelly
ICT Whizz of the Month	Tomasz Figlus Bronagh Bradley
Mathlete of the Month	Holly McCann Tomasz Figlus

### Primary 2

### Primary 3

Value of the Month: DILIGENCE	Izabelle Vaczy Nicholas badoi
Pope Francis Award	Jazmin Vaczy Conor Magee
Writer of the Month	Sam Bowman Ben Campbell
ICT Whizz of the Month	Jay Corr Emma Lappin
Mathlete of the Month	Gabija Ramanauskaite Nicholas Badoi

Value of the Month: DILIGENCE	Kori Jennings Rose Magee
Pope Francis Award	Phyll Corvera Molly McKenna
Writer of the Month	Charlie Skates Eve Trimble
ICT Whizz of the Month	Johnny Tohill Lara Gribbon
Mathlete of the Month	Ethan McKeown Caleb English

### Primary 4

Value of the Month: DILIGENCE	Matthew Lavery Freya Jose
Pope Francis Award	Cara Cardwell Tariq McDowell
Writer of the Month	Sarah Graham Sarah Brady
ICT Whizz of the Month	Zack Rogan James Brownlees Leon McGrady
Mathlete of the Month	Adrian Kavalozuk Leon McGrady

### Primary 5

Value of the Month: DILIGENCE	Anna Abraham Conor Dowds
Pope Francis Award	Simranjeet Singh Lola Hunter
Writer of the Month	Ella rose Watson Luca Kent
ICT Whizz of the Month	Rory McCann Patrick Hooks
Mathlete of the Month	Imogen Murray Ciara McCann

### Primary 6

Value of the Month: DILIGENCE	Zachary Warner Euan Lappin
Pope Francis Award	Joseph Jeanes Lucy Nokes
Writer of the Month	Zara Johnston Sofia Enrique-Gascon
ICT Whizz of the Month	Luke Morrison Joe Ferris
Mathlete of the Month	Yzabelle Pacia Rebecca English

### Primary 7

Value of the Month: DILIGENCE	Jack McMahon Dearbhla Lynch
Pope Francis Award	Matthew McGuinness Eddie Green
Writer of the Month	Eoin O'Neill Aoife Doherty
ICT Whizz of the Month	Mrs McCambridge's whole class  Aine Brown
Mathlete of the Month	Aidan McCann Lucy McKibben

### Mathletics Class Awards

Congratulations to this month's class winners:  
Miss Clarke's class with 128 100 points and Mrs  
Hanna's class with 66 650 points

### Mathletics Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have  
achieved 'Gold Awards' in Mathletics in January:  
Lucy Nokes, Caleb English, Jack McCann,  
Andrew McLorinan, Nicholas Badoi, Razvan Benea  
and Leon McGrady

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