

Newsletter – May 2018

Welcome to our May Newsletter! It's a very busy month with First Holy Communion, Sports Days and our Primary 7 residential trip to Gartan. We hope the sun will shine on us for all these lovely events this month.

Pauline Fleming

May is the month of Mary

May is the month in which we pay special tribute to Mary the mother of Jesus. Children will learn about the very special role Mary had in Jesus' life. Each class will set up a Marian Altar and children are free to bring in simple flowers, rosaries to decorate this altar.



PTM and PTE Testing

This month we will be testing P3 - P6 pupils in Literacy and Numeracy using the tests PTE and PTM. These tests are completed online so pupils should practise using a mouse at home.

The dates for testing are as follows:

- W/B Mon 30 April P6
- W/B Tues 8 May P5
- W/B Mon 14 May P4
- W/B Mon 21 May P3

The results of these tests will be shared with you in your child's annual report.

The results will be used by teachers to set targets for your child in the next academic year.

Holidays and School Closures in Term 3

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**

School holidays for 2018/2019 are available on the school website.

Value of the Month

Our "Value of the Month" for May is **PATIENCE**. We live in a world where we seem to think we need everything immediately. We should try to have patience in our daily lives.

"Have patience...all things are difficult before they become easy"

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patience

Gartan 2018

Primary 7 have been looking forward to this trip all year. On Tuesday 29 May 48 Primary 7 pupils will set off for Gartan Outdoor Education Centre for their residential trip. They will enjoy activities such as kayaking, archery, orienteering, canoeing and much, much more. I will be accompanying the children along with Mrs McCambridge, Mr Reid, Mrs Trowlen, Mrs Keenan and Miss Gray. We are looking forward to a really rewarding trip.

Please remember that we will have a short information meeting on **Tuesday 1 May at 8.30am**. It is very important that one parent attends as vital information will be shared.

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First Communion

On Saturday 12 May many of our Primary 4 pupils will celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion. As a whole school community we are looking forward to this very special day. Please pray for our First Holy Communicants at this time.



Urgent Help Needed!

If you can come along to help with First Communion Breakfast in the Parochial Hall between either 9am - 11am or 11am - 1pm, please leave your name with Julie in the office. Thank you

AQE and GL Assessment Registration

Just a reminder for parents of pupils in Primary 6....the registration process for AQE and GL Assessment opens this month. Please try to register early as this ensures that you get your first choice of test centre. Remember that you need your child's birth certificate as well as passport photos. Registration opens:

- AQE Wednesday 2 May 2018
- GL Assessment Monday 14 May 2018



Speech and Drama

This month Primary 1-4 are preparing for the very first St Joseph's Poetry Festival which takes place on **Friday 1st June**. This is a great opportunity for children to learn a small set poem and recite it to an audience. Participation is voluntary but it is a valuable experience as it helps pupils develop their choral speaking, drama and performance skills.



Parent Assemblies

This month's parent assemblies are as follows:

- Thursday 17 May @ 9.30am Mrs Crilly's P1
- Friday 18 May @9.30am Mrs Hanna' P6
- Friday 25 May @ 9.30am Mr Gallagher's P6

Language of the Month

Bonjour

The Language of the Month for May is **French**. We will be teaching pupils a few simple phrases and tasting the delicacies of France during Breakfast Club. Pupils will also be looking at where France is situated in Europe and its culture.

Merci



'Book Amnesty - Help!'

As we approach the end of the year we would like to encourage you to have a good look at home for any **school reading books, text books etc...** and return to school. It is essential to have sets of books for group reading sessions/whole class texts and these numbers are dwindling unfortunately. Even if you still have books from previous years or past pupils please send them in to your child's teacher - they will be gratefully received.



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P1 September 2018

On Thursday of this week we sent out our letters to our new Primary 1 pupils for September 2018. We can't wait to meet them all. Induction meetings have been scheduled for

- **Tuesday 22 May at 6pm Parents Only meeting**
- **Tuesday 5 June 12.30pm - 3pm Induction afternoon for pupils (Individual times given for each child)**

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

School Trips in May

The school trips taking place in May are as follows:

- Wed 9 May P6 to Titanic Centre
- Fri 11 May P7 at Bee Safe in RADAR Centre
- Fri 25 May P2 to Spruce Meadows and Wallace Park
- Tues 29 May - Thurs 31 May P7 to Gartan Outdoor Education Centre, Donegal



Shared Education

We continue our successful shared education journey with Harmony Hill this month with P3 beginning their shared project. See diary dates below for details.



PTA News:

Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight:

Monday 16th April - Friday 27th April

We are just coming to the end of this very exciting fortnight! Classes have been excellent in collecting small change with many classes on their 2nd and third buckets. The competition will be very close. We shall await the verdict with baited breath.

The prize for the winning class this year will be a tour of Dominos Pizza in Lisburn with delicious pizzas provided!

We shall let you know the winning class next week!

Fun Run:

The PTA are entering a team into the Lisburn Fun Run this year on **Wednesday 20th June**. If you are interested in taking part with your child please leave your name in to the office or leave a comment on the PTA's Facebook page.

Crazy Hair Day:

Friday 4th May - £1 per child.

Children can come to school on this day in their school uniform but with some sort of crazy hair style! Look out for further details in future Friday Notes.

Fun Day:

Saturday 9th June

Save the date and come and join us for this fun filled day!

School Improvement

In April, teachers had C2K training in using Newsdesk as an effective learning and teaching tool and using Google Classroom effectively.

This month Mrs Hanna will be carrying out a Pupil Voice exercise as part of ongoing Literacy monitoring and evaluating. She will be chatting to pupils about their Literacy experiences in school and using this evidence to help plan future developments in Literacy next year.

Mrs Gould and Mrs O'Hare will also be carrying out classroom observations in ICT in all classes across the school.

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May 2018 Dates for your Diary!

Mon 30 April 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P6 Shared Education Planning Day for P3: Ms Kitt and Ms Clarke: SUBS: Miss McNally and Ms Gorman
Tues 1 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P6 Gartan Meeting @ 8.30am Pottery for P1 Shared Education Course The Arts: Mrs Gould: SUB: Miss McNally PTA Meeting at 7pm
Wed 2 May 2018	AQE Registration opens today (P6) PTE and PTM Testing: P6 Literacy Monitoring: Pupil Voice: Mrs Hanna SUB: Miss McNally Shared Education Development Day: Mrs O'Hare: Mr Flanagan P4 at tennis
Thurs 3 May 2018	
Fri 4 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P6 P1 Sept 2018: Acceptance letters returned P6 Swimming PTA Crazy Hair Day £1 per child
Mon 7 May 2018	Bank Holiday: School closed
Tues 8 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P5 P3 Shared Education Day in Lisburn Racquets' Club 10am - 11.30am CEFR Update: Miss Beatty SUB: Miss McNally P4 - P7 Healthy Planning 2.15pm - 4pm
Wed 9 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P5 P3 Shared Education Day in St. Joseph's and Harmony Hill 9.30am - 11.30am P6 School Trip to Titanic P4 at tennis P1 - P3 Healthy Planning 2.15pm - 4pm Shared Education Development Day: Mrs Gartland: Miss McNally
Thurs 10 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P5 P7 present Aladdin in Lisburn's Island Hall at 7pm Dress Rehearsal for whole school at 12.30pm: Early lunch for all pupils
Fri 11 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P5 P6 at swimming Olympic Handball Final: 9.30am - 12.30pm P7 at Bee Safe Event in Radar Centre P3 Shared Education Day in St. Joseph's and Harmony Hill 9.30am - 11.30am
Mon 14 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P4 Healthy Planning 3pm - 4pm Gemma Carey on work experience in P1 Mrs Crilly Board of Governors at 6pm
Tues 15 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P4 Gemma Carey on work experience in P1SC

	P4 - P7 Healthy Planning 2.15pm - 4pm YMCA P5 Shared Ed Project with Largymore P7 at pottery
Wed 16 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P4 Gemma Carey on work experience in P1SC P1 - P3 Healthy Planning 2.15pm - 4pm Mrs Fleming at CCEA ICT Lesson Observations P3 Shared Education Day in St. Joseph's and Harmony Hill 9.30am - 11.30am P4 at tennis
Thurs 17 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P4 P1 Mrs Crilly: Parent Assembly at 9.30am Gemma Carey on work experience in P1SC ICT Lesson Observations
Fri 18 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P4 LCCC: Swimming Gala: P4 & P5 @ 9.30am - 12noon and P6 & P7 @ 12.45pm - 3.15pm P6 Mrs Hanna's Parent Assembly Gartan Trip Consent forms returned by today Gemma Carey on work experience in P1SC PTA Quiz Night in Lisburn Racquet's Club
Mon 21 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P3 P2 at Spring Flowers Workshop in Linen Centre 9.30am - 11.45am Shared Education Development Day: Ms Kitt: Miss McNally
Tues 22 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P3 P7 at Pottery P1 Induction Meeting at 6pm Shared Education Development Day: Ms Kitt: Miss McNally
Wed 23 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P3 Foundation Stage Sports day @ 9.30am P4 at tennis
Thurs 24 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P3 P7 Retreat at De La Salle Pastoral Centre
Fri 25 May 2018	PTE and PTM Testing: P3 P6 Mr Gallagher's Parent Assembly at 9.30am P7 Retreat at De La Salle Pastoral Centre P2 School Trip to Spruce Meadows and Wallace Park
Mon 28 May 2018	Bank Holiday: School closed
Tues 29 May 2018	P7 at Gartan School Nurse seeing P1
Wed 30 May 2018	P7 at Gartan School Nurse seeing P1 Key Stage 1 Sports day at 9.30am
Thurs 31 May 2018	P7 at Gartan P1 Mrs Gorman's Parent Assembly at 9.30am School Nurse seeing P1
Fri 1 June 2018	School Nurse seeing P1 P1 - P4 Poetry Festival

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March 2018 Award Winners

Primary 1

Value of the Month: Resilience	Sarah Southwell Sunni Jerome
Pope Francis Award	Darragh Moran Johnny McCay
Writer of the Month	Mya Jennings Hollie Moran
ICT Whizz of the Month	Olivia Ferris Vanina Daneva
Mathlete of the Month	Holly McCann Matthew McConville

Primary 2

Value of the Month: Resilience	Gabija Ramanauskaite Conor Magee
Pope Francis Award	Lila-Grace Cunningham Olivia Feenan
Writer of the Month	Oisin Marsden David Vorotynskij
ICT Whizz of the Month	Jack McAuley Ryan O'Hanlon
Mathlete of the Month	James Steele Nicholas Badoi

Primary 3

Value of the Month: Resilience	Klara Heyes Shea Mallon
Pope Francis Award	Belle Faulkner Colin Kitowski
Writer of the Month	Amy Branks Nina Burns
ICT Whizz of the Month	Dallan Holman Kaiden Mayes
Mathlete of the Month	Ethan McKeown Caleb English

Primary 4

Value of the Month: Resilience	Ruairi Reynolds Orla Gallagher-Turtle
Pope Francis Award	Ellie Campbell Oisin Farrell
Writer of the Month	Sophie Mateer Ciara Johnson
ICT Whizz of the Month	Anthony Jurczenko Sarah Duffy
Mathlete of the Month	Wojciech Tunkiewicz Leon McGrady

Primary 5

Value of the Month: Resilience	Dean Brady Darach Casey
Pope Francis Award	Owen Watson Maria McLorinan
Writer of the Month	Eoghan-Rua Rowlands Mia Rooney
ICT Whizz of the Month	Imogen Murray Barra Noble
Mathlete of the Month	Sophia McConville Ryan McGhee

Primary 6

Value of the Month: Resilience	Grace Feenan Orlaigh Walker
Pope Francis Award	Nicola Antczak Yasemin Taci
Writer of the Month	Sean Campbell Katie Neill Lucy Nokes
ICT Whizz of the Month	Eoin Holman Etain Lavery
Mathlete of the Month	Yzabelle Pacia Rebecca English

Primary 7

Value of the Month: Resilience	Felix Jose Cerys McNally
Pope Francis Award	Ronan Boylan Aidan McCann
Writer of the Month	Eoin Heyes Ella Malloret
ICT Whizz of the Month	Matthew McGuinness Lorcan Cushnahan
Mathlete of the Month	Aoife Doherty Beth Healy

Mathletics Class Winners:

Miss Clarke with 73,400 points

Mr Reid with 108,460 points

Congratulations to our Gold Certificate

Winners this month:

Holly McCann, Tomasz Figlus, Eve Trimble,
Francesca McConville, Wojciech Tunkiewicz,
Fearghal Hale, James Barrett, Sophie Jennings,
Niamh Wilkinson, Orlaigh Walker,