



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 5 October 2018

No.4

Looking back....

European Day of Languages

What a lovely day we had last Thursday when modern language students from Wallace High School joined all our classes to celebrate European Day of Languages. Our pupils really enjoyed learning little bits of Spanish/German or French. Thank you to Mrs Schumann for organising such a lovely treat!

School Development Plan

Every 3 years, schools put together a School Development Plan outlining the priorities for action across the following 3 years. 2018/2019 is Year 3 of our current school development plan and learning area coordinators have put together action plans outlining the priorities in their area for the year ahead. This has been condensed into a parent's guide to our school development plan as well as a pupil friendly guide. Both can be viewed on the school website:

Parent Guide:

<https://www.stjosephsschool.org/securedoclink/30/?open=true>

Pupil Guide:

<https://www.stjosephsschool.org/securedoclink/29/?open=true>

PTA Christmas Card

The PTA are currently organising a 'Design a Christmas Card' fundraiser. Each child will design a Christmas Card design. These will be sent off to a company who return a proof and order form and then you are free to order items. All designs should be returned to your child's teacher by Monday 8 October.

Mathletics

This year we have renewed pupil membership of Mathletics for every child in the school. This is an extremely useful app that can help your child develop numeracy and mathematical skills at home. We have published a guide on how to use Mathletics effectively at home with your child on our website. Here is a link to the guide:

<https://www.stjosephsschool.org/news-/news/mathletics/>

Money Mondays

Thank you so much for helping us out by paying all money on a Monday. This has really helped teachers to get started on teaching and learning straight away on Tuesdays – Fridays. Please continue to pay all money for the week on a Monday.

Thank you. **Dinner Money**

Please use separate cheques for dinner money. These must be made out to 'Education Authority'

School Fund

Our total so far is £2445. Thank you for all your donations. Please help us supplement our learning and teaching resources by donating £10 per term if you feel you can. We appreciate your generosity.

Looking ahead....

P6 Parent Assembly

Mrs Gorman's Primary 6 class will have their parent assembly next Friday at 9.15am. Please come along and join us if you can.



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St Patrick's GAC

It is great news that St. Patrick's GAC have made it to the Antrim Senior Football Championship this Sunday. This is an amazing achievement and to celebrate this we have asked pupils to wear St. Patrick's colours yellow and blue in their hair or as scarves etc along with their full uniform today. The match takes place on Sunday at 1.30pm in Glenavy GAC. The team is made up of many past pupils and even parents so you can go along and support the team, I know they would appreciate it.

Reporting to Parents

P2 – P6 teachers will be reporting to parents in the week beginning Monday 22 October. Details of your appointment time will be sent out today. These meetings are a verbal report meeting and can only last 10 minutes. We appreciate your understanding.

PTA Quiz

The PTA will be hosting their very first event of the year next Friday 12 October. It's a table quiz at the Lisburn Racquets' Club and it kicks off at 8pm. Please come along if you can support the event. The PTA are aiming to raise enough money this year to purchase 2 or maybe even 3 Clevertouch boards for classrooms as we update our hardware across the school.

Looking ahead...

Monday 8 October 2018	Tuesday 9 October 2018	Wednesday 10 October 2018	Thursday 11 October 2018	Friday 12 October 2018
<p>St. Patrick's students on work experience</p> <p>TEMPEST Photographer for Primary 1 pupils and their siblings</p> <p>3pm: Mathematics: Collegiate Book Discussion</p>	<p>St. Patrick's students on work experience</p> <p>P7 Transfer Club starts at 8am</p> <p>P6 YMCA Project with Largymore Primary School: 1.30pm – 3.30pm at Largymore</p> <p>P6/P7 pupils participating in Meadowbridge Primary School Table Quiz</p> <p>2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning Session for P4 – P7</p> <p>P1 Curriculum Meeting at 6pm</p>	<p>St. Patrick's students on work experience</p> <p>Mrs Fleming and Mrs O'Hare at Shared Education Conference</p> <p>P4 at tennis in Wallace Park Tennis Dome</p> <p>Pottery at LAC: P2 Miss McAnerney P5 Ms Kitt</p> <p>1pm Girls' Gaelic at Lamh Dearg</p> <p>2.15pm Healthy Planning for P1 – P3</p>	<p>St. Patrick's students on work experience</p> <p>Baseline Book Scoop in Literacy: Mrs Hanna's class covered by Ms Gorman</p>	<p>St. Patrick's students on work experience</p> <p>P6 Mrs Gorman's Parent Assembly at 9.15am</p> <p>P5 swimming P7 badminton</p> <p>PTA Table Quiz at Lisburn Racquets' Club at 8pm</p> <p>Mrs Hanna: Literacy Development Day: Ms Marks</p>

Enjoy the first October weekend! Pauline Fleming, Acting Principal

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