



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

17 May 2019

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Remember: We are a nut free zone!

Looking back....

Swimming Gala

Last Friday, ten P5 children and eighteen P6/7 children took part in the annual Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council Swimming Gala. Thirty primary schools took part in this event, one of the largest of its kind and there were 34 events in total. As ever, it was a highly competitive event, with non-club swimmers competing against each other and likewise club swimmers. The morning was an exciting event for the P5's taking part in their first gala. Each of the 5 boys and 5 girls swam one length in two of their preferred disciplines (chosen from freestyle, breast, butterfly or back) and then there was a freestyle relay event. Congratulations to Hannah O'Neill who picked up silver in the freestyle Under 9 girls event. The relay team (Frazer Rogan, Zach Rogan, Hannah O'Neill and Grace Ferris) competed extremely well but this was a huge challenge for them as half of all the other teams had club swimmers. It was lovely to see the children so excited to represent themselves and their school and although there were some nerves, the children all said they were excited already for next year.

The afternoon event saw the P6 and P7 children compete. A huge win for the P6 freestyle relay team (Ella Rose Watson, Charlie Lawlor, Erin Mallon and Dylan O'Hare) who lifted gold, something Mrs Gartland thought she would never see again, given the level of competition. There were also plenty of individual medals, Ella Rose Watson (club) swam a personal best to lift gold in the freestyle, also winning silver in backstroke. Charlie Lawlor (club) came home with bronze in both freestyle and butterfly and a super improvement for Conor Dowds (non-club) who won bronze in breaststroke, missing out narrowly in the freestyle. In the P7 competition, Yzabelle Pacia effortlessly won gold in backstroke and silver in freestyle whilst the graceful Conall Gallagher came second in breaststroke. The freestyle P7 relay team just missed out on a third place medal. We are very proud of everyone who competed and it was lovely to see the children encouraging, supporting and congratulating each other.

Sun Cream

As the days get warmer, can I remind parents to apply sun cream in the morning before children come to school and provide a sun hat. Thank you.

Schoolmoney Update: Dinners

We are all getting used to this new system so thank you for your patience. If your child takes school dinners, please note:

- Dinners **MUST be booked before midnight the night before**. This is becoming an issue, especially on Monday. Please remember to book your child's dinner, otherwise there are many extras.
- If your child is sick/off school/not taking dinners and you have previously booked, you **MUST unbook the dinner before Midnight the night before**

Active Travel to School

Since the mornings are now lighter and the weather is warmer, we could encourage children to cycle, walk or scoot to school **every Friday** from 17th May until the end of June. Remember even if you can part walk/scoot/cycle you will help to improve your fitness and help the environment. Please remember if you are cycling to wear a helmet and be visible! Don't forget we have cycle pods in the school grounds where you can park your bike.

Healthy Eating

In the final term, children will continue to learn about healthy eating and we will be hosting a healthy lunches week Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June. The pupil council will be visiting classrooms to award healthy lunch stickers and stickers mean house points! The pupil council will also be completing their healthy lunches flyer, this will be shared with classes in KS1 and KS2 and uploaded to the website for you to view.

PTA News

Change for Change Fortnight: Monday 13 May until Friday 24 May. Pupils are encouraged to donate small change across the fortnight and put it in a PTA Bucket in their classroom. The class with the largest amount of money collected at the end of the fortnight will win an amazing prize of a class trip to Domino's Pizza in June - this was a fantastic trip last year so get collecting!!

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Looking ahead....

First Communion Day

Tomorrow our Primary 4 pupils will make their First Communion Day. We are so proud of them and all their preparation. We know it will be a beautiful day for our whole school community. Please keep our Primary 4 pupils in your prayers at this very special time.

Top Class: Next Wednesday 5 Primary 7 pupils along with their parents and Mrs McCambridge and myself will make their way to Glasgow for the filming of 'Top Class'. We are all so excited about this event. It is such an achievement to have made it this far. We will keep you posted on how well we do!

May Mass: This Tuesday we will celebrate May as the month of Mary with our May Mass at 10am in St. Patrick's Church. P4 – P7 pupils will attend and P4 pupils are invited to wear their First Communion clothes to Mass. More details to follow.

Dinner Menu: When we return to school after mid-term it will be Week 3 (W/B 20/05/19) of the menu. Follow this link for details:

[http://www.stjosephsschool.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20190108223415-9995/St%20Joseph's%20PS%20Lisburn%20Choice%20Menu%20Jan%202019%20\(002\)%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.stjosephsschool.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20190108223415-9995/St%20Joseph's%20PS%20Lisburn%20Choice%20Menu%20Jan%202019%20(002)%20(1).pdf)

Summer Book Fair: We are delighted that the summer book fair will return this year in the week beginning Monday 3rd June. This will give all of us a chance to buy some summer reading for holidays etc. Primary 7 will once again organise and work in the book fair. Watch out for further details coming soon.

What's happening next week

Monday 20 May 2019	Tuesday 21 May 2019	Wednesday 22 May 2019	Thursday 23 May 2019	Friday 24 May 2019
<p>PTA: CHANGE FOR CHANGE FORTNIGHT</p> <p>Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing</p> <p>Primary 1 Induction meeting for parents at 6pm</p> <p>Miss Clarke: Coordinator Development Day: SUB: Miss Mulholland</p> <p>3pm Healthy Planning</p>	<p>PTA: CHANGE FOR CHANGE FORTNIGHT</p> <p>May Mass at 10am in St. Patrick's Church for P4 – P7 pupils</p> <p>Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing</p> <p>Mrs Gould: Coordinator Development Day: SUB: Miss Mulholland</p> <p>2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning for P4 – P7</p>	<p>PTA: CHANGE FOR CHANGE FORTNIGHT</p> <p>TOP Class filming in Glasgow</p> <p>Primary 6 School Trip to Titanic Centre</p> <p>Inter area cross country finals</p> <p>Mrs McManus's Class at Forest School Session 3 at 9.30am in Castle Gardens</p> <p>Miss Hearty's Primary 1 Class at Rise Session 3</p> <p>Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing</p> <p>2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning for P1 – P3</p> <p>Pottery for Primary 3 Miss Clarke and Primary 7 Mrs O'Hare</p> <p>Primary 7 tennis</p> <p>Cycling Proficiency Session for Primary 7 pupils 3pm – 4pm</p>	<p>PTA: CHANGE FOR CHANGE FORTNIGHT</p> <p>Primary 1 Mrs McManus's Parent Assembly</p> <p>Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing Mrs Fleming at C2K Training: PM</p>	<p>PTA: CHANGE FOR CHANGE FORTNIGHT</p> <p>Primary 5 Ms Kitt's Parent Assembly</p> <p>Mrs Toman and Mrs Noblett at Talk Boost training for P1</p> <p>Primary 5 at badminton</p> <p>Primary 6 at swimming</p> <p>Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing</p> <p>Mrs Connolly: Coordinator Development Day: SUB: Mrs Johns</p> <p>Mrs O'Hare: Coordinator Development Day: SUB: Miss Mulholland</p>

Have a lovely weekend.....Pauline



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