



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
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'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

24 May 2019

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Remember: We are a nut free zone!

Looking back....

First Communion Day

Last Saturday 18 May our Primary 4 pupils received their First Holy Communion. What an amazing day it was for our whole school community. Our Primary 4 pupils, our choir and musicians were fantastic ambassadors for our school and made us all so proud. Thank you to Mrs Connolly and the whole Primary 4 team for preparing the pupils so well for this special occasion. Thank you Mrs O'Hare for the beautiful music and thank you to our super PTA and volunteers who provided a very welcome cuppa and treat after the ceremony in the Parish hall. It really is an example of the whole school community working together. The biggest thank you of all must go to our Primary 4 pupils of course. Thank you!

May Mass

Our Primary 4 pupils got the chance to wear their First Communion outfits again on Tuesday of this week when we honoured Mary in our May Mass in St. Patrick's Church. Our Primary 4 pupils led the readings for our school community and honoured the May Altar with flowers. Well done Primary 4.

Primary 1 Induction Meeting

On Monday this week we welcomed the parents of all 59 of our new Primary 1 pupils in September 2019. It was lovely to welcome some familiar faces as well as make new connections. We are looking forward to meeting our new Primary 1 pupils on Tuesday 4 June.

TOP CLASS

Well - what an achievement the team are through to the semi finals in Glasgow - we are so proud of Molly Gribbon, Euan Lappin, Katie Longley, Tadhg McMaster and Daniel McNamara. 'Come on St. Joseph's!'

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/going on a trip / not taking dinners and you have previously booked, you **MUST unbook the dinner before Midnight the night before**

Congratulations

Congratulations to Anna Broderick who finished 9th overall out of 100 female competitors in the Inter Area Primary Schools Cross Country Final at Ormeau Park on Wednesday. There were 100 female competitors, so this is an amazing achievement and Anna ran brilliantly.

Athletics

A huge congratulations to our P6/7 Athletics Team who have qualified for the Final of the Belfast Parks Primary Schools Athletics Shield and Cup. The 12 strong team finished in the top 8 and will return to Mary Peters for the final on Thursday 30th May.



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Looking ahead....

Foundation Stage Sports Day

On Tuesday next week we will have the first of our Sports days with the Primary 1 and 2 sports day. Come along and enjoy the event. Make sure you come along prepared to participate and have your trainers on so that you can compete in the mummies/daddies races!

Dinner Menu: Next week will be Week 4 (W/B 27/05/19) 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%20202019%20\(002\)%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.stjosephsschool.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20190108223415-9995/St%20Joseph's%20PS%20Lisburn%20Choice%20Menu%20Jan%20202019%20(002)%20(1).pdf)

Primary 7 Post-Primary School Allocation: On Saturday 1 June, our Primary 7 pupils will find out which post-primary school they have been allocated. This can be a very stressful time for our Primary 7 pupils so please remember them in your prayers. We know that whichever school they go to in September, they will be excellent ambassadors for St. Joseph's. The Education Authority will provide a helpdesk on Saturday 1 June 2019 between the hours of 3.30pm and 5pm which parents can contact in the event that they do not receive a placement letter from the post primary school which has selected their child for admission. The Education Authority will write to parents of pupils who have not yet been allocated a school place. **The helpdesk number is 028 95985595.**

ABAANA NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be holding a concert in St Patrick's Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 5 June at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale from the centre priced at £5. We have a few tickets to sell in the school if you would like to buy one. Tel: 028 92607110 All donations go to their charity to help their many basic needs back home.

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 27 May 2019	Tuesday 28 May 2019	Wednesday 29 May 2019	Thursday 30 May 2019	Friday 31 May 2019
BANK HOLIDAY: SCHOOL CLOSED	FOUNDATION STAGE SPORTS DAY: Starting time 9.30am P7 End of year trip to Tollymore Forest Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing 2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning for P4 – P7 PTA AGM at 7pm: All welcome.	Mrs McManus's Class at Forest School Session 3 at 9.30am in Castle Gardens Miss Hearty's Primary 1 Class at Rise Session 3 Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing 2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning for P1 – P3 Pottery for Primary 3 Miss Clarke and Primary 7 Mrs O'Hare Primary 7 tennis Ms Kitt's P5 class at Egyptian Workshop in the Linen Museum	Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing Mrs Fleming at EA training Mr Reid's P5 class at Egyptian Workshop in the Linen Museum NUA Focus Group meeting with a selection of P7 pupils Mrs Connolly at SEND course	Primary 5 at badminton Primary 6 at swimming Primary 4 PTE and PTE Testing Closing date for parent and pupils Google questionnaires



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		<p>Primary 7 soccer tournament at St. Colman's PS</p> <p>Cycling Proficiency Session for Primary 7 pupils 3pm – 4pm</p> <p>Mrs Connolly at 'Teaching Recovery Techniques' Training</p> <p>Mrs Fleming at EA training</p>		
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Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.....Pauline



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