



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 31st January 2020

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Catholic Schools Week

We had a lovely week in school celebrating Catholic Schools Week this week. The theme this year was Catholic Schools 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. Each day throughout the week, the children took part in a variety of activities in class related to the daily themes including 'Living in Harmony with God', 'Living in Harmony with Our Neighbours', 'Living in Harmony with All Generations', 'Living in Harmony with the Earth' and 'Living in Harmony in our Catholic School'.

The children in Miss Mc Anerney's P2 and Mrs Gorman's P5 classes presented lovely assemblies for their families. P4 - P7 children also attended Mass in St Patrick's Church on Tuesday as part of our school and Parish celebrations. Thank you so much to all of our parents and grandparents who came along to join the children.

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

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

Confirmation for P7 pupils will take place on Wednesday 12th February at 11am in St. Patrick's Church. We ask you to remember all of the children in your prayers as they prepare for their special day.

First Confessions for our P3 children will take place on Thursday 26th March at 10.45am in St. Patrick's Church. In preparation for receiving this Sacrament parents are invited to come along to a Commitment Service on Thursday 5th March at 9.30am. This will take place in the school assembly hall and teachers will share important details about First Confession with you then.

First Holy Communion for the P4 pupils takes place on Saturday 16th May at 10am in St. Patrick's Church. The children will prepare for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist by participating in a 'Breaking of Bread' Service on Thursday 2nd April at 9.30am in the school assembly hall. Parents are invited along to this service and teachers will share important information about First Communion Day as well.

Celebrate Valentine's Day in Primary One

We would like to extend an invitation to the parents of our Primary One children to celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday 14th February from 1 – 2pm. A range of activities will take place in your child's classroom, including lots of **LOVELY** treats for you to take home! We look forward to seeing you all there.



100 Days of School

We will celebrate 100 days of school on Friday 7th February. To celebrate this special day, all classes will take part in a variety of activities related to the number 100. Watch out for some photos and videos of these activities on our Twitter page and the school website.

Transplant Games

On Friday 14th February we are asking the children to wear 'red clothing' (non-uniform day) to support Lucy Ellen's transplant games fundraising drive. Lucy Ellen is a pupil in Miss Mc Anerney's Primary 2 class. We are asking the children to bring in at least £1 each to support Lucy Ellen and her quest to attend the transplant games.

Shared Education Update

P2 pupils from St Joseph's and Harmony Hill Primary Schools had their first meeting days on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st January. The children had lots of fun taking part in athletic games and workshops facilitated by 'Burns Skills School' as well as indoor and outdoor play activities at both schools. The children will meet the same buddies again early in March



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when they learn about each other's topics (St Joseph's – Space, Harmony Hill – Spring). The children are so excited to continue this experience with their newly made friends.

PTA News

Thanks for your continued support and generosity, we raised an amazing total of almost £5,000 during the fundraising period before Christmas through Christmas Cards, the Grand Christmas Ballot and the Bazaar. Your support is greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you! We have already purchased a new data projector for the school assembly hall with some of the money raised and look forward to supporting the school with additional purchases from your donations.

PTA dates for your diary:

Wear Green for St Patrick's Day	Wednesday 11th March	£1 donation per child
Bag Pack at Tesco	To be confirmed	
Next Meeting	27/02/2020 at 7pm (Cool Kids Cabin)	New members welcome

Indoor Hurling and Camogie

Our indoor hurlers and camogs were out this week at the Cumann na mBunscol indoor tournament in the beautiful new Brook Leisure Centre. The boys played brilliantly, finishing 2nd overall having won two games, drawing one and losing one. We await to hear if we have done enough to make the final. The girls lost all three of their matches, finding it harder to adjust to the indoor game but enjoyed the experience nonetheless. A special mention to Emma Lappin from P4 who was delighted to compete with the older girls and represent her school for the first time in this discipline. Well done to all involved.

Athletics

Congratulations to Finn Lappin and Ella Rose Watson who competed in the final of the Flahavan's Cross Country League last week. Finn finished 51st out of 208 competitors from a range of counties whilst Ella finished 38th out of 205 female competitors. A great achievement for both talented runners.

U11 Soccer Success!

Congratulations to the U11 Soccer team who won their preliminary round against Largymore Primary School yesterday. It was a tight match. The boys trailed by 1 with 2 minutes to go, but a fabulous power goal by Conor Dowds brought it to penalties. A great save by James Barrett sealed the victory. The next round is against Harmony Hill on Thursday 27th February.

Class Assemblies for Term 2

Please note that parents/guardians are invited to class assemblies. Assemblies will begin promptly at 9.15am.

Class	Date
P6 – Mrs Fleming	Friday 27 th March
P6 – Mrs Gartland	Friday 3 rd April

Term 2 Holidays

February Midterm Break	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February (5 days).
Reporting to parents	Friday 13 th March
Staff Development Day	Monday 16 th March
St. Patrick's Day	Tuesday 17 th March.
Easter Holidays	Friday 10 th April to Friday 17 th April. School reopens on Monday 20 th April.



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The week ahead: **Week beginning Monday 3rd February 2020**

Monday 3 rd	Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
Board of Governor Meeting at 6pm.	Clarinet tuition (8.30 – 10.45am). Flute tuition (8.30 – 10.30am.) P7 classes attending a Confirmation practice with St. Aloysius in St. Patrick's Church.	Violin tuition. Pottery sessions in the Island Arts Centre for the P7 classes. P5 tennis coaching at Wallace Park. German and Spanish for P6 pupils with The Wallace High School students Miss Clarke attending C2k eLearning Course. Ms Twene teaching P3.	Violin tuition. Awards Assembly with Mr Murray. P1 Shared Education Day at St. Joseph's Primary School. Mr Campbell (Chief Executive of CCMS) visiting school at 2pm.	Awards Assembly with Mr Murray. P6 badminton coaching. P7 swimming lessons. 100 Days of School celebrations.



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