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## MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The third term is unfolding at a great pace with this week bringing us to the end of May and the mid-term break. Already this month we have celebrated First Confession and Confirmation and congratulations are due to Emily Cousins in P4 and all our P7 children who participated beautifully in their sacramental ceremonies.

Also this month;

SPEECH & DRAMA lessons have begun again for all classes on Tuesdays with Mrs Garvey

RELAX-KIDS well-being sessions have also restarted on Wednesdays with Joanne Callan

SWIMMING lessons at Kilkeel have begun for KS2 on Thursdays

PLAY THERAPY sessions have begun for Rec/P1 on Fridays

### **ASSESSMENT**

This week is Assessment Week in school all children from P2 – P7 are undergoing the annual GL Assessment tests.

P2 and P3 are doing PiM and PiE on paper test booklets, while P4 – P7 are sitting PTE and PTM online tests in digital format for the first time. P1 are being assessed in language, vocabulary and comprehension on the national BPVS cognitive tasks. Results will help inform next year's planning and will be alluded to in the end of year reports.

### **MID-TERM & JUBILEE**

**Next week is mid-term break and then it is a very busy calendar of events leading up to the holidays. Please see the attached sheet and keep it for future reference.**

### **SUMMER SCHEME**

With no Stormont Executive in place, all funding from the Dept. of Ed. has ceased and therefore the Education Authority have no interim plans to financially support school summer schemes this year. We will issue an expression of interest for a fee-paying Summer scheme in June, however we are currently still looking for alternative ways to fund a free scheme as last year.

# SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SCHOOL FUNDRAISER 12-3pm**

Come and have a Field Day at our **Fathers' Day Festival and Family Fair**

**Field Kick-off: 12pm**

Featuring; An All-Sports Sunday with a Game Of 3 Halves

**All-Star Dads ▼ All-Star Down**

**Ultra Dads ▼ Ulster Rugby**

**New Dads ▼ Newry City FC**



It's the Match of the Month that's not to be missed!

“Three halves” lasting 10 minutes each of Gaelic, Soccer and Tag Rugby, starring Killowen's finest footy Dads, past pupils, local legends and sporting celebrities.

(with a little help from Mum subs!!)



And including mini break-out sessions of quick-coach skills and penalty shoot-outs.

*\*free rugby ball for every pupil attending\**

**School Gates Open: 1pm – 3pm**



Followed by **Craft stalls, Carnival games, Tombola Raffle, Music and Entertainment, food, drinks, ice cream, Neary Nogs hot chocolate and a BBQ at school.**



With visiting favourites **East Coast Climbing Wall, Newry Play Bus, The Fire Engine, Disco Tent and Bouncy Obstacle Course**

*\*free NISA goody bag for every child attending\**



## MAY/JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**27<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 education trip to Navan Fort Armagh fully funded by Shared Education

**30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Mid Term Break & Jubilee Days

**6<sup>th</sup> June** – Education Welfare Transition Talk for P7

- Community Police Presentation- Keeping Safe on Social Media for P6/7
- School nurse visit for P1

**7<sup>th</sup> June** - Launch of weekly GAA Coaching for all classes with new Schools' Coach, Ronan Mc Cartan funded by St Bronagh's GAA.

- Visit from St Mark's teacher for pupils transitioning in September

**9<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 celebration trip to Tayto Park fully funded by Shared Education

**10<sup>th</sup> June** - P6/7 Netball Tournament in St Colman's Kilkeel

- P7 school social disco & tuck shop @ 7pm by PSG

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – Presentation of The Barnabas Award for kindness

**15<sup>th</sup> June** – Armagh Planetarium Travelling Space Dome comes to school for P2/3, fully funded by The Edina Science Grant

**17<sup>th</sup> June** – Sport's Day

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – FATHER'S DAY FESTIVAL & FAMILY FAIR

**20<sup>th</sup> June** –P7 Outdoor Pursuits Residential Trip to YMCA Newcastle

**21<sup>st</sup> June** – Art Therapy Day with Grace Murdock

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** – School Prize Giving

- LMC Cookery Demonstration and tasting session for P6/7

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** – P7 Last Day & Leaver's Mass @ 7pm with Reception back at School

**24<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception class Graduation Ceremony

**27<sup>th</sup> June** – REC/P1 & P2/ 3 educational trip to Seaforde Tropical Butterfly House fully funded by The Edina Science Grant

**28<sup>th</sup> June** – **SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR PUPILS SUMMER HOLIDAYS @12PM**

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### **STAFF ONLY**

**29<sup>th</sup> June** – Killowen Staff attending an EA Well-being Day at Slieve Donard Conference Centre Newcastle.

**30<sup>th</sup> June** – School & Classroom organised clear-up.

