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## March 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After four years as Principal of St. Finlough's I bid an emotional farewell to the extended school community past and present who have made me feel so welcome and at home. I would like to thank the whole school community from the deepest realms of my heart for the love which enveloped my children and I when Francis was killed. I will honestly never forget your kindness and unwavering support...Thank You!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure and leave with a heavy heart. However, I feel the decision is the best thing for my young family. I need to be in a school setting which is close to my home in Maghera. I feel blessed to have benefitted from such a dedicated governorship, wonderful staff and supportive parents. The children are like no other group I have ever worked with. They are the warmest, funniest, most enthusiastic bunch who I will greatly miss. The warm ethos of St. Finlough's will travel with me to my new school and will remain as a constant compass in my life. I will continue to be a strong supporter, advocate and regular visitor to St. Finlough's. I will become Principal of Crossroads Primary School Kilrea as and from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Warmest Regards,  
Mrs. Louise Lagan  
Principal

### KEY DATES & INFORMATION:

#### FUND RAISING:

Our Easter Raffle will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Children can buy tickets for the Easter Prizes in their classroom at a cost of 50p per ticket or three tickets for £1.00. The money will go towards our school funds. Our PTA and staff have decided that we will use some of the school funds that were raised at Christmas to purchase a nice new Gaelic kit for the school. We will purchase new Jerseys, shorts and socks so that the children who are attending blitzes are well kitted out. If there is anyone in the community who would like to sponsor these twelve kits please get in touch with the school.

#### The Book Fair

We all had a lovely time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. We have a Book Fair currently in school. The children will have an opportunity to peruse the books and can purchase a new book with their teacher on Thursday and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March. If your child would like to purchase a book please send money into school on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. We have kept the World Book Day £1 tokens in school for safe keeping. Should your child wish to purchase a book the token will be taken off the cost of the book.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

We would like to congratulate our own P7 girl **Katie Curley** who will be representing her school, county and her family on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March in Celtic Park, Derry. She will be playing at half time at the Derry V. Roscommon League Game. We wish Katie well, we are so proud of you! If you are free, please pop along to the game and support Katie.



**Key Dates for your Diary:**

\* **Green Day** in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. All children can wear something green to mark the beginning of St. Patrick's Weekend. The School will be closed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March but will re-open as normal on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

\*School Finishes at 11:30am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for Easter Recess (No dinners / After School Club) and reopens Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

\*Confirmation Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 5pm Christ the King

\*Communion Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 5pm St. Finlough's Church

Thank you again for your continued support and kindness. I hope everyone enjoys a lovely St. Patrick's Weekend. For those families travelling down to the Derry V. Mayo match on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March in Castlebar...safe travels!  
Take Care.

**Mrs. Louise Lagan**  
Principal

