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May / June 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A period of exciting change is upon St. Finlough's PS and the extended community. As you are aware I will become Principal of Crossroads Primary School, Kilrea as and from Monday 10th June 2024 and will be sadly leaving St Finlough's. However, I'm delighted to welcome [Mrs. Fiona Patton as the new Principal](#). Mrs. Patton, a longstanding teacher and champion of our educational setting will be taking up her role as principal as and from Monday 10th June 2024. Mrs. Patton will be a fantastic Headteacher; we congratulate her on her new post and wish her well. The future of St. Finlough's PS is in safe hands.

[Sadly Mrs. Geraldine Herron, our P6/7 teacher will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term](#). Miss Herron has been a fantastic teacher here for almost twenty years. On behalf of the governors, staff and children I'd like to formally acknowledge and thank Miss Herron for her years of hard work, dedication and service. We will greatly miss her input and lovely demeanour. However, we wish her well as she embarks upon her new teaching role in St. Eugene's PS, Derry City. We are very pleased that [Miss Caoimhe Mulholland, our capable P4/5 teacher will remain with us at St. Finlough's next year](#). The P6/7 teacher who will replace Miss Herron will be confirmed imminently. We wish our P7 leavers all the luck and love in the world as they embark on a new chapter. We have loved being your custodians and had so much fun especially in Shannaghmore, Newcastle which was certainly a highlight this academic year. We hope the P7 children will stay in touch with us at St. Finlough's.

Thank you again to the Children, Staff, Parents and Governors at St. Finlough's PS for their longstanding support and kindness. St. Finlough's has a unique, caring, close knit community ethos that is really something special. The way in which the pupils here treat each other and look out for each other is unique and rare. They are all a credit to their school and their families. I have very much enjoyed my tenure At St. Finlough's, Glack. Thank you all most sincerely.

Warmest Regards,
Mrs. Louise Lagan
Principal

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

- 1) North Derry Football Championships for boys Thursday 23rd May 2024 at Owenbeg. Miss Herron & Miss Morgan to escort the boys.
- 2) **P7 Leavers Night: Wednesday 5th June 2024 (Takeaway Dinner provided by school / Disco & Treats / Leavers Cake). 5:30-7:30pm.**
- 3) Fan the Flame Mass in Derry P7 - Thursday 6th June 2024.
- 4) Homework stops week beginning Monday 10th June 2024.
- 5) Wednesday 12th June – Streetwise workshop for P7 children 09:30-11:30 Limavady. This Session is to support P7 pupils in staying streetwise and safe during Summer Recess.
- 6) George Murphy Coming into School on Tuesday 18th June 2024 to entertain children. 09:30-10:30 P1,2,3,4 & 10:50-11:50 P5-7.
- 7) Mrs Patton P123 Summer Trip 'Jungle King' Derry – Friday 21st June 2024.
- 8) P4-P7 Summer Trip 'Day of Surfing' Benone– Monday 17th June 2024.



- 9) Sports Day at school Week Beginning Monday 17th June 2024.
- 10) Love for Life P6/7 – Tuesday June 25th 09:30-12:30
- 11) Summer Reports will be sent home with children on Wednesday 26th June 2024. We will post out extra copies as needed.
- 12) P7 Induction Days St. Marys Thursday & Friday 27th & 28th June 2024

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- *Off school Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024 inclusive
- *St. Finlough's will close for Summer recess on Friday 28th June 2024 at 11:30am.
- * School re-opens P2-P7 Thursday 29th August 2024
- * P1 Children Begin: Friday 30th August - Friday 13th September 2024 / 9am-12 noon (on these dates children won't stay for dinner however they need to bring a morning snack).
- * P1 Children / Full Days from Monday 16th September 2024 onwards / 9am-2pm.

Warmest Wishes to all our parents and families for the Summer Recess. Not Long now...

