

# In Spires



May 2022



We are delighted to share the news that Spires Integrated Primary School has been awarded Gold by UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting School programme.

We want to say a huge well done to all the pupils and staff on displaying their continued commitment to encouraging understanding of rights and respect in our school community.

## Right of the Month:

Article 17: Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand.

## Break the rules day

Everyone in school had a great time taking part in our 'Break the Rules' day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The event raised a fantastic £568.00. The Pupil Council will meet to discuss and plan how to spend this money.

## Uniform

As we move to warmer weather, we ask that pupils maintain uniform requirements by wearing black or grey knee length shorts or red or white check dresses. Please note : Jogging bottoms should be plain black with NO logos on them or stripes down the sides.

## Online Safety

As parents, we need to have open and honest conversations with our children about the dangers that may be online. Please watch this useful ParentNI video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cqXUcO>  
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## GL Assessments

This year we return to standardised testing. Pupils in P3-7 will complete online computer assessments in Literacy, Reading and Numeracy throughout the month of May.

**Parents Community:** We are looking forward to the Family Fun Night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 6-8pm. Your child will have brought home a flyer about the event and on the back is a volunteer form. If you could offer some help on the night, we would really appreciate it!

## **Eco-Schools: Walk to School week**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May marks the start of our 'Walk to School' week. We encourage pupils to walk/cycle/scoot to school not only this week but during the summer term also as it's good for our health, good for the environment and it reduces congestion in the school car park. An information letter about our morning meeting place and time will be sent out beforehand

## **Dates for your diary:**

- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May –Minecraft workshop in P2 and P4
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May- P5 Minecraft workshop
- w/c 16<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May- Confirmation at 1pm (Church of our Lady of the Assumption, Magherafelt)
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May-Sports Day @ Meadowbank

## **Sports Day**

This year sees a return to holding our Sports Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at Meadowbank. Children should go straight to Meadowbank and not to school on Friday morning. Parents are welcome to attend and enjoy the event from the gallery. Further details will be sent home via letter.

## **Outdoor play**

We are always trying to develop our outdoor area for the benefit of all children. We need things such as small tyres, crates, pipes, guttering, electrical spools, small patio flags and any fresh gravel. If you are able to donate an item, please contact the school office.

**Thank you.**

## **RSE**

RSE lessons will be taught in Term 3. There is a different programme per class. Please let us know in writing if you do not wish your child to participate in these lessons.

## **Queen's Jubilee.**

School is closed on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for the Spring Bank Holiday and to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To mark this occasion, pupils are asked to design a crown as their homework and to bring this in on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June for a cultural display.



