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Monday 20th February 2023

Dates for your Diary

- Tues 16th-26th Feb:** NI Science Festival
- Mon 27th Feb:** families Connect for P1 & P2 Parents
- Tues 21st Feb:** Nursery Big Bedtime Read 5pm-6pm
- Wed 22nd Feb:** Ash Wednesday: P5-P7 will attend 10am Mass. To facilitate parish congregation all other years will watch via Webcam & receive ashes in school
- Mon 27th Feb 5.00pm:** P7 Confirmation in Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- Tues 21st Mar:** School Confession P5-P7
- Fri 23rd Mar:** St Patrick's Day – School closed
- Wed 1st March 7.00pm:** Friends of Steelstown Meeting. Everyone Welcome
- Thurs 2nd Mar:** P7 Carlingford meeting for parents 3.10pm
- Tues 16th May:** P4 First Confession 6pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- Sat 3rd June 11.00am:** Primary 4 First Communion Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- Mon 26th-Wed 28th June:** P7 Residential trip to Carlingford Outdoor Pursuit Centre



Ash Wednesday - P5-7 to attend Mass at 10am and other children to receive Ashes in school afterwards.

Post Primary Transfer Meetings

Mrs Gillen is providing Primary 7 parents with a meeting to support families on Post Primary Applications. If you have not met with Mrs Gillen, please contact the school office for an appointment.

Post Primary School Applications

Online applications for Post Primary places for September 2023 are open via EA Connect until Thursday 23 February and are not considered on a first-come, first-served basis. ❌

Please watch the video on the link below, which provides some helpful information for when you are applying. For more information on the admissions

process www.eani.org.uk/admission_s#EAadmissions

We have created our own Post Primary Page <http://www.steelstownps.com/pages/post-primary/> with all the information you need before you apply. Check it out!

Veg Power ! Eat them to defeat them

The multi-award-winning Eat Them to Defeat Them campaign and associated schools' programme has been a huge success, with the 2022 campaign reaching over 1 million children in 3,850 primary and special schools. 57% of participating parents say their children ate more vegetables, including over a third of those fussy eaters who rarely eat any vegetables at all. Steelstown will take part in the campaign between February 20th – March 31st 23 – Watch this space!

Check out the campaign at the following link: <https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/schools/>



Attendance Champions

Well done to the following classes;

- P1A Mrs Kelly**
- P2C Miss Mallon**
- P3B Miss Lynch**
- P4B Mrs O'Doherty**
- P5B Mrs O'Hara**
- P6B Mrs McGlinchey**
- P7B Mr Feeney**



who were our Weekly Attendance Champions last week. If you miss School, you miss Out!

Nerve Centre Training

P5 Children have the great opportunity to learn about the power of the green screen with the Nerve Centre on Thursday 23rd February in our computer suite. This is a full day course and one they will not want to miss.



New School Barrier

Our school has been fitted with a new security barrier over the mid term break. Only staff vehicles are allowed beyond the barrier into the staff carpark. This will use a fob entry system to allow staff into the school grounds. No unauthorised persons are permitted to park within the school grounds. If the designated layby is full at the top gate please park in the Chapel carpark and walk your child to school. Thank you for your co-operation in helping keep all our children safe.

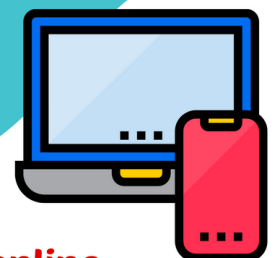


Lynch's Eurospar Sponsor Netball Kit

Thank you to Lynch's Eurospar for sponsoring our beautiful new netball kit. The girls love it. Your support is very much appreciated.



Post-Primary Admissions



Apply online

Deadline - 23 February





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Primary 4 Do This in Memory dates

Sun 12th Mar: 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Sun 2nd Apr: Psalm Sunday
 Sun 23rd Apr: 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Sat 3rd June 11am: First Holy Communion
 Sun 4th June: Thanksgiving Mass



Assembly Timetable: January – April 2023

Date	Assembly
Friday 24 th Feb	Principal's Awards
Friday 3 rd Mar	Key Stage 1 Assembly – Miss McElhinney P2A
Friday 10 th Mar	Key Stage 2 Assembly – Mrs McGlinchey P6B
Friday 24 th Mar	Principal's Awards
Friday 31 st Mar	Key Stage 1 Assembly – Mr Mulhern P3C
Friday 21 st Apr	Key Stage 2 Assembly – Mrs O'Neill P2A
Friday 28 th Apr	Principal's Awards
Fri 5 th May	Key Stage 2 Assembly – Mr Lowry P5B

All Parents, Guardians and families are very welcome to attend their child's Class Assembly in the School Hall at 9.15am on given dates.

Safer Internet Day 2023

Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day 2023, some of our children took part in a workshop online all about online safety. They learnt lots of valuable information. We then completed some fun activities about keeping ourselves safe online.



World Book Day 2023

Monday 27th February will mark the beginning of Literacy Week. Throughout this week we will celebrate and showcase some of the amazing work that is happening in our school. Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day @WorldBookDayUK and we would like all the children to come to school dressed up as a character from a book. We do not want this day to be an added expense so look for costumes that you already have and recycle them or do a swap with someone else. If anyone has any unwanted costumes which may be suitable, we would be delighted to have them to share with others.



Dress to Impress – Children's Mental Health Week

Children dressed to impress on Friday 10th February to show support for Children's Mental Health Week. Check out the photographs on our school website. Well done boys and girls.



Road Safety Quiz

Well done to our Quiz team who took part in the NI Road Safety Quiz on Friday 10th February. They did so well. They will represent Derry and Strabane District Council in the Northern Ireland Final on March 6th.

