



June 2022 Newsletter



Congratulations to our wonderful Primary 4 Children who Received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 28th May in St. Columb's Church.



Pictured are our Girls Gaelic Team who recently won the Doire Trasna Schools Gaelic Cup. They now go onto the Derry Schools final in Celtic Park on Wednesday 1st June! Good Luck Girls!

The children really enjoyed our Literacy Week Celebrations as we continue to promote a love of reading throughout the school. Thank you to everyone who participated and to Ms Forbes for organising our book fair.





The Friends of Good Shepherd are holding a school disco on Tuesday 21st June.

- 6pm-6.45pm Primary 1 & Primary 2
 - 7pm-7.45pm Primary 3, Primary 4 & Primary 5
 - 8pm-9pm Primary 6 & Primary 7
- More information to follow!



Sports Day will be held on Friday 10th June for Primary 1-Primary 7 children, and then on Thursday 16th June for the Nursery children (weather permitting). Children should come to school wearing appropriate schools/sports- wear on this day.

Again this year, we are unable to invite parents/guardians into the school for this event. This decision has been informed by risk assessment and the large numbers which we would potentially have to facilitate in the school. We hope that this aspect of school life will resume again next year. **There will be a focus on fun, inclusion and everyone's efforts being celebrated.** There will also be a special treat for each child on Monday 13th June for their participation.



Our uniform swop shop is back! Please leave any donations of clean, good quality uniforms into school on Monday 27th June to the school office.

Uniforms will then be organised for parents/guardians to browse and collect on Tuesday 28th June 9-4pm from the school assembly hall. All Free!

Any uniforms donated which have not been collected will be donated to a local charity.

We welcome donations of: any uniform items, coats or shoes.

FAO: PRIMARY 6 PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Registration for those pupils wishing to sit the Transfer Exam (AQE and/or GL) opened on 4th May. Parents/Guardians should make their application before the closing date of 23rd September 2022 at 4pm. Please contact Mrs McCafferty at the school office if you need any support or guidance.



As the temperature increases with the good weather, please ensure your child is wearing sunscreen/hat when necessary. Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school each day to stay hydrated.



Teaching and Learning starts at 9am each day. Please ensure that your child is dropped off for school on time

Covid-19 Information

- **Thank you for your ongoing support and communication to date!**
- **Check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school**
- **If your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school**
- **Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe 😊**

What's on?

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Our final month of school is extremely busy... 😊

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1/6/22	City GAA Girls Gaelic Championships @Celtic Park
1/6/22	Dance Club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3, P4 & P5
2/6/22	School Closed
3/6/22	School Closed
6/6/22	*Maiden City Soccer finished on Monday 30 th May for P5, P6 & P7
7/6/22	Multi-sport after school club LAST WEEK 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
8/6/22	Primary 4 visit the Ulster American Folk Park
8/6/22	North West Swimming Gala
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9/6/22	Primary 7 Fan the Flame Mass @ Celtic Park.

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9/6/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
10/6/22	P1-P7 Sports Day. Children to wear appropriate sports clothes/shoes.
13/6/22	Primary 6 Ms Grant's class visit Magilligan Field Centre
14/6/22	Primary 1 & Primary 2 School visit to Lurgybrack Farm
14/6/22	Nursery Stay and Play Sessions
15/6/22	Nursery Stay and Play Sessions
15/6/22	Primary 6 visit St. Patrick's & St Bridget's College, Claudy
16/6/22	The Oxford Bulls Soccer Team visit 1.30pm
16/6/22	Nursery Sports Day. Children to wear appropriate sports clothes/shoes.
16/6/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
17/6/22	Primary 6 Mrs Houston's class visit Magilligan Field Centre
17/6/22	Primary 5 Mrs Connor's class swimming
20/6/22	
21/6/22	School Disco
22/6/22	Nursery Visit Jungle King
23/6/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club LAST WEEK 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
24/6/22	School Reports Issued to Parents/Guardians
24/6/22	Nursery Graduation @9.30am
24/6/22	Primary 3 School Visit to Tropical World
24/6/22	Primary 5 Mrs Connor's class swimming (double session)
27/6/22	Uniform Swop Shop- donations welcome!
27/6/22	Primary 7 School visit to Carrowmena Field Centre
28/6/22	Uniform Swop Shop- open for browsing/collections!
28/6/22	Primary 5 Mrs Connor's class swimming
29/6/22	Primary 7 Leavers Mass @1.30pm in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road
30/6/22	School Closes at 12noon for the Summer Holidays- Non-uniform day
The School Reopens on Thursday 1st September 2022	

Safeguarding Information



I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians that **no cars are permitted inside the school grounds at any time** unless this has been pre-arranged with Mrs McCafferty or you are a blue badge holder. Please share this information with grandparents and childminders as refusal often causes offence. **Please ensure that the school gates are kept clear. Cars should not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates at any time.** Please talk to your child about general road safety. Please cross the road using the school crossing patrol. Enter and exit the school using the pedestrian gates only. Once your child is collected from school, please keep them beside you at all times. These measures are in the interest of everyone's health and safety. Thank you!

Members of the Schools Safeguarding team are:

The Chair of the Board of Governors (Mrs M. Hegarty)

The Designated Governor for Child Protection (Mr M Gormley)

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Maria Harley)

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs S. McCafferty).

Other members of Safeguarding Team:

Mrs P. Houston/Mrs R Warne /Mrs Kyle/ Mrs F Desmond/Mrs M Mc Cormack/Mr D Herron.

School policies can be found on the school website under the 'My School' section. There is also a wide range of support information for parents in the 'Parents Section' of the school website. This is updated regularly. The holiday list for the next academic year and updated menus for school dinners can also be accessed here.