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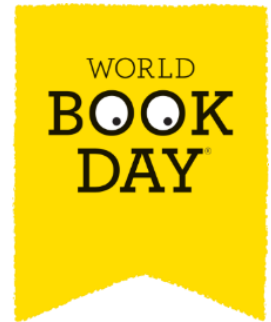
March

2024

Literacy Activities to celebrate World Book Day

Thursday 7th March was World Book Day and we marked it in St Theresa's in the following ways

- Dress Up as your favourite book character
- P5-7 Book Reviews about your favourite book
- P3&4 Designing their own book covers and blurbs
- P1&2 Book Hunt
- Book Buddies Paired Reading
- Teacher swap – Teacher read part of their favourite book to another class
- Student Council delivered book tokens to our friends in Little Flower
- All children were given a book to take home to keep at home and read with their family.



Sacraments: Key Dates

Confirmation for Primary 7 (St Theresa's Church Sion Mills – Sat. 16th March at 11:00am)

First Confessions for Primary 4 (No confirmed date as yet)

First Holy Communion for Primary 4 (St Theresa's Church Sion Mills – Saturday 4th May at 11am)

Primary 4&7 – Sacramental Preparation

A huge congratulation to our Primary 7 pupils, who attended Mass on Thursday 29th February with St Eugene's PS Victoria Bridge and Sion Mills Integrated Primary School. Next up is Primary 4 who are leading Saturday night Mass with Father Malachy in St Theresa's Church at 6:00pm. *All pupils in Primary 4 are to wear their school uniform this Saturday evening (9th March).*

Exterior Fencing

Over this past week, there have been huge changes around the perimeter of our school with the removal of trees and hedging. This is to allow us to erect a new exterior fencing around the boundary of the school. With recent storms, we have had a lot of trees that had fallen, showing that they are weakening with age. This has presented huge health & safety issues within our school grounds. Whilst the school grounds will also be more secured at specific points, there won't be any fencing erected at the front wall at the main gates. It has always been our desire to keep the school as a community school and we have respected the wishes of the community in doing this. New hedging will also be planted around the boundary of the school to maintain and continue our Environment Projects once again. We appreciate your support and patience regarding this, and like yourselves have been amazed at the quick turn around, which none of us expected when the maintenance teams were instructed to begin at very short notice by the Department of Education.

Grandparents Intergenerational Project

Huge congratulations to our 6 family members who joined our 6 Primary 7 pupils for our Grandparents Intergenerational Project on Wednesday 6th March with Gloria and Anna. Each family created a beautiful paverpol sculpture, and we look forward to showcasing these to the other Primary Schools at the Extended Schools' Celebration Activity.

Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE)

We are planning to continue our delivery of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) after Easter. We are committed to delivering RSE in such a way that reflects our strong Catholic Ethos, and very much in partnership with our parents who play a fundamental role. The core programme used is called "In The Beginning" and we are willing to provide a refresher talk to any new parents and those who didn't make it last year. This is scheduled for Monday 25th March in Mrs McCool's classroom. It will be an opportunity for you as parents to have a look at the available resources and gain more information about the content of the Programme which is delivered from Primary 2 to Primary 7. Primary 1 -3 pupils can be supervised in school on that day until 3pm, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend the Information Meeting.

Rotary Young Writer Competition 2023-2024

Congratulations to our Primary 5 - 7 pupils who have entered the Rotary Writing Competition. It was based on the theme of "Rebuilding" and we wish all our entries every success in the competition.

Outdoor Learning Area

Thank you to our Parents who attended our Parental Workshop which allowed us to showcase our Outdoor Learning with the younger pupils. We continue to develop our play provision and have been working closely with Clare Devlin Early Education Consultancy. In recent webinars, Clare has used our school as an example of good practice but most importantly our children are happy and engaged when learning outdoors with their peers.

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel begins on Monday 11th March. All children are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school next week to promote Active Travel. Additional space will be made available for safely parking any bikes/ scooters during the school day.

Holy Cross College Talent Show

Our Primary 6 pupils are looking forward to Holy Cross Talent Show on Tuesday 12th March. Primary 6 parents please complete online permission form that has been sent out via text.

St Theresa's Primary School: Merchandise

We are thrilled to announce that our new sportswear is now available from MFC Sports. Visit the link today to check out and purchase our fantastic range of St Theresa's Merchandise.

Link: <https://link.mfc-sports.com/teamwear/code/BF4C69>

Link closes 26/03/24. Also included with March newsletter is the sizing guide. A huge thanks to Mr Coyle who worked closely with MFC in designing this new Merchandise.



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Coming Up...

Events in March

- 1st Well-Being & Resilience Workshops - P5 with Rois Kelly
- 1st P4 Art with Gloria Perry
- 5th P4 & 7 Music with Jamie Donnelly
- 6th Grandparents Intergenerational Art - Paverpol Sculptures
- 7th World Book Day - Dress Up
- 8th Well-Being & Resilience Workshops - P5 with Rois Kelly
- 9th P4 Mass (6:00pm - Sat. evening)
- 10th **Mother's Day**
- 11th Start of Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel Event (11th - 22nd March)
- 11th P5-7 Confessions @1pm
- 12th Well-Being & Resilience Workshop - P5 with Rois Kelly
- 12th Holy Cross College Talent Show - P6 attending. 9am to 11:30pm
- 15th **Green Day**
- 16th **Confirmation at 11am**
- 18th **St Patrick's Day - OFF SCHOOL**
- 19th Trocaire Talk (P1-7)
- 20th Dental Hygienist (P1/2)
- 22nd Mrs Kerlin's Placement Ends
- 22nd Autism Support Café Strabane (Melvin Sports Centre 11am-1pm)
- 22nd Girls' Netball - Sion Mills 1:30-2:30pm
- 25th RSE Parental Workshop
- 28th School Closes at 12 noon - Easter

March Birthdays

- Year 2 Eireann, Lochlann & Alfie
- Year 5 Kacie & Eimer
- Year 5 Nicholas & Leah
- Year 7 Brogan & Leah

Have a great day everyone!

School Closures in 2023

St Patrick's Day: School Closed 18th Mar
Curriculum Meeting: RSE Parental Workshop: 25th Mar at 2:15pm

Easter Holidays

School Closes on 28th Mar at 12 noon
School Closed: 29th Mar to 5th Apr
Children return on 8th Apr

May Bank Holidays: 6th and 27th May
Staff Training: 28th May

End of School Year-Fri 28th June(12noon)

Repeating Weekly Events:

Breakfast Club Daily - 8:30am to 8:50am

2-3 Wrap Around Club: Daily (P1-3)

Monday Sean O'Kane: Gaelic Coach (P1-7)

Tuesday Violin (P5-7) with Lauren

Wednesday Tin Whistle (P4-7) with Noel
Irish (P1-7) with Antaine

Netball with Marty Gormley (P5-7 girls)

After School's Gaelic - Mr Coyle (P5-7 boys)

Adult Irish Classes with Antaine 7:30-8:30

Thursday Musical Pathways (Una) (P1-3)

Roots of Empathy with Primary 5

Friday Whole School Assembly: (P1-7)

Art with Gloria Perry

Rois Kelly: Well-Being and Resilience (P5)

Hot Food Fridays: Breakfast Club