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Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

It's always lovely to welcome back all our pupils and it's great to see all our children back enjoying school life. A special welcome to our 12 new pupils and we wish them all every happiness in their 7 year journey in St Theresa's Primary School.

Hello to:

Cillian **Molly** **Clodagh** **Sarah** **Daisy-Mae** **Faith** **Hugo**
Ayda **Noah** **Autumn** **Hollie**

As always, if you have any questions or queries about anything, please contact the school and we will be happy to help. I look forward to sharing a successful and enjoyable year with you at St. Theresa's Primary School!

Our School Community

Our staff in St Theresa's are looking forward to the year ahead and working with your children. Here is a breakdown of our current class arrangements and staffing.

Class	Teacher	Classroom Assistant
P1/2	Joanne McCool	Patricia McGonagle Roisin Devine
P3/4	Carol Duffy	Marian McCauley Aimee McColgan
P5	Bert McNulty	Shauna Brolly
P6	Gabriel Brogan - 3 days Cliona McDermott - 2 days	
P7	Shane Coyle	Brenda McLaughlin

Senior Clerical Officer
Building Supervisor / Cleaner
Catering Staff

Kim Mallon
Paul Martin
Wendy Reid (Head Cook)
Maria O'Kane & Sheila Devine

Child Protection & Safeguarding Team

As we settle into the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Safeguarding Team

- Chair of the Board of Governors – Orla Quinn
- Designated Governor for Child Protection – Erin Quinn
- Principal – Gabriel Brogan
- Designated Teacher – Carol Duffy
- Deputy Designated Teacher – Joanne Mc Cool

A copy of our Child Protection Policy can be viewed on school website at the following link:

<https://www.sttheresaspsglebe.com/our-school/policies/>

You will find included with this newsletter an overview leaflet outlining our aims and what you should do if you have a worry or concern about any young person.

GDPR Permissions

Thank you for completing GDPR Permissions for your child. These permission slips will allow the school to collate the relevant information if you allow photographs and videos of your child, as well as their work, to be used on our school website, social media platforms, school promotional purposes and examples of good practice.

Check Us Out!

Remember to follow St Theresa's on social media and our school website. An opportunity to see the great things taking place in our school and the wealth of experiences your child is a part of.

FB: **St. Theresa's Primary School Glebe**

X: **@sttheresasglebe** (The rebrand of Twitter)

www.sttheresaspsglebe.com

Drop Everything and Read

As a school, we are moving our focus in Key Stage 2 towards independent readers and novels. Each child has a novel they bring home with them every night to read at home. Please listen to your child reading every night to encourage and motivate them. Your child will also bring the novel to school daily and participate in reading sessions at designated times during the day. Teachers will also be continuing group reading in class, where necessary.

2-3 Wrap Around Club

As a school, we will be moving forward with WrapAround for the incoming year with it commencing on Monday 23rd September. WrapAround Club will run everyday during the week **except a Friday**. The 2-3 WrapAround Club is open to all Primary 1-3 pupils so please avail of this facility because as a school we are delighted to offer this opportunity. £2 per day but payment must be made every Monday for the number of days that week.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to our classroom assistant Hannah on the recent birth of her baby girl, Croía. Wishing Anthony and Hannah every happiness with Baby Croía.

Welcome!

We welcome our new members of staff Roisin, Aimee and Brenda this year to St Theresa's Primary School. We also welcome back Mrs McDermott and Marian back from maternity leave.
St Theresa's P.S. Glebe

Principal: Mr. G. Brogan

Invitation – Good Relations Week 2024

Woven Housing and Rural Housing Association are inviting Primary 6 children from St. Theresa's Primary School to a celebration of Good Relations Week 2024 - 'Cultures From Around The World.' There will be an opportunity for children to explore African warriors, Mayte & one dance, Arts & crafts, Greek Musicians and Food tasting. Please complete permission slip if you have a child in P6, when you receive the link by text.

Date: Fri. 20th Sept. 2024 **Time:** 10am - 11:45am **Venue:** Melvin Sports Complex, Strabane

Music Provision

We look forward to beginning Tin Whistle with Noel again in St Theresa's from P4 to P7. Tin Whistles can be purchased from the school office at a price of £4. Lessons with Noel will begin on Wednesday 25th September. We are also delighted to have Miss Una back again every Thursday taking P1-4 children for Musical Pathways.

Mrs McCool's Class:	Primary 1 and 2	11:00-11:30
Miss Duffy's Class	Primary 3 and 4	11:30- 12:00

Violin Tuition also continues with Lauren this year. For those children availing of lessons, please bring their violin to school every Tuesday and practise regularly at home.

Sport Provision

We are delighted to welcome back both Sean (Monday P1-7) and Fiachra (Tuesday P5-7) who are continuing to develop our children's skills in Gaelic.

Irish

We welcome Antaine back from Wed. 18th Sept. and he will be continuing Irish lessons with our children in St Theresa's. We want to continue promoting the Irish language in our school having been recognised as a Scoil Spreagtha at the end of last year. This recognition was for our efforts as an English medium school encouraging the use of Irish in our school community.

Pomeroy Forest: Autumn Trip

On Fri. 27th Sept. all our pupils will be going on a planned trip to Pomeroy Forest. Children will leave at 9:30am from the school and return to St Theresa's for 2pm approximately. To visit the Forest Venue is Free of Charge and Glebe Cross Community Association have kindly offered to pay for the cost of the bus. Thank you to our local community group for this wonderful gesture.

We encourage all children to be in school for 8.45am as we are also hosting a free hot food breakfast before leaving for Pomeroy. St Theresa's will cover the cost of the breakfast. On the day, children will take a packed lunch with them for the trip. Those children entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch for the trip, if they wish to avail of it. Children do not need to wear their uniform and are to bring a coat, hat and footwear suitable for a forest. Year 1 & 2 can bring their own wellies for the trip. An online permission form will be issued next week by school text.

Feast of St Theresa

Children will attend 11 am Mass on the feast of St Theresa's Day (Tues. 1st Oct.) in St Theresa's Church Sion Mills. Fr. Malachy looks forward to welcoming us down. Parents are also invited.

Coming Up...

Events in September

- 2nd Start of new school year
- 3rd Start of Violin Tuition with Lauren
- 5th Start of Musical Pathways lessons
- 9th Start of PE with Sean
- 10th Start of PE with Fiachra
- 20th Registration Closes @5pm for Entrance Assessment
- 25th Start of P4-7 Tin Whistle lessons
- 27th Autumn Trip to Pomeroy Forest
- 30th Staff Development Day – School closed for children

Tuesday 1st October – Feast of St Theresa

Upcoming Dates in 2024/2025

Registration for Entrance Assessment

Closes: Friday 20th Sept @ 12 noon

Staff Development Day

Staff Training: Monday 30th Sept

Mid Term Break (Halloween)

Staff Development Day: 28th Oct

School Closed: 29th Oct to 1st Nov

Children return on 4th Nov

Flu Vaccine: Mon 18th Nov

Entrance Assessment (SEAG)

16th & 23rd Nov (Results: 25th Jan)

Christmas Holidays

School Closes on 20th Dec at 12 noon

Staff Training: 3rd Jan

Children return on 6th Jan

August Birthdays

- Year 1 Molly & Autumn
- Year 3 Shea
- Year 4 Ellen
- Year 5 Stephen & Mason
- Year 6 Ellen & Tiernan

September Birthdays

- Year 1 Daisy-Mae
- Year 5 Jos & Meabh
- Year 6 Alice & Shauna
- Year 7 Kelsey & Kelvin

Repeating Weekly Events:

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

HOT FOOD FRIDAYS EVERY WEEK

2-3 Wrap Around Club: P1-3 **Starts Mon. 23rd Sept**

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

Tuesday Violin (P5-7) with Lauren

Tuesday Tyrone GAA with Fiachra (P5-7)

Wednesday Tin Whistle (P4-7) with Noel

Thursday Musical Pathways: (P1-3) with Una

Friday Whole School Assembly: (P1-7)

Further events to be added at a later date.