



*“Learning is Fun ...
Together as One.”*



March 2025



Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ with me, Christ
before me, Christ behind me.

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down.

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



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CHAMPION SCHOOL

3rd March 2025

'Learning is Fun... Together as One'

Dear Parent/s

We are well into our second term, and as you are aware, we have lots going on in school. Our main priorities this term will be

- Updating Safeguarding Policies and Procedures
- Officially opening our new ICT suite
- Enhancing our Outdoor Learning Facilities
- Working towards our first Green Flag
- Consolidating our Pupil Voice
- Links with Our Local Community

Please keep this newsletter safe as a means of keeping you up to date with what's going on in school. Please also refer to our school website for menus, events and celebrations www.stpeterscollegeland.com

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Policies

Our main Safeguarding Policies have been updated and can be found on our school website under “Safeguarding”.

We had our Parent Consultation on Thursday 27th February; I am pleased to say that this main umbrella of policies have met the overall approval of parents.

Throughout March we will involve our pupils and governors in Safeguarding consultation and hope to have these main policies ratified by Easter.

We have also added additional recently updated policies to our website including Fire Safety and Attendance.

Safeguarding Team

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| Principal | Mrs Farrell |
| Designated Teacher for Child Protection | Mrs Bradshaw |
| Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection | Mrs Vallely |

*Chairperson of our Board of Governors is Mr Pat Brannigan

*Governor responsible for Safeguarding is Mr Thomas O’Hanlon

NO NUTS POLICY

Due to pupils with severe allergies we have a strict **NO NUTS** / nut products policy. Please ensure any birthday cakes sent into school are nut free / have no traces of nut.

Please also check all wrappers of lunch items and check that all spreads / toppings are nut free.

ONLINE SAFETY

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th March.

We explored potential online risks such as cyberbullying, online predators and general online safety.



As a follow up to this we have arranged two INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS to explore the risks and increase awareness of the dangers our children face on-line.

PARENT WORKSHOP - Facilitated by Community PSNI officers will take place in our school Assembly Hall on Wednesday 12th March @ 7:30pm

It is strongly recommended that each family is represented by at least one parent.

PUPIL WORKSHOP - Facilitated by Community PSNI officers will take place in school on Thursday 20th March for our P6/7 Pupils.

PREVENTATIVE CURRICULUM - FIRE SAFETY

This month our Preventative Curriculum focus is FIRE SAFETY.

We have introduced monthly Fire Drills in school and we are reinforcing the Fire Service Message of “GET OUT and STAY OUT” until it is safe to return inside.

We will also be teaching the children about the general dangers of electricity in the home and in public and how we can keep prevent harm happening.

Primary Five will have their Fire Safety Workshop on Wednesday 5th March.

MARY'S MEALS

Our wonderful Mary's Meals Committee have been given their Mary's Meals badges and they wear them with immense pride. Please continue to support our Mary's Meals Blue Cup collection by sending in loose change to your child's class for Mary's Meals Blue Cup.

Our Mary's Meals Committee will collect and count the totals for each class every Friday.

"If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

We are very proud of Eva and Jaime, these Primary 3 pupils, for their Random Acts of Kindness!!



PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

Huge thanks to our fantastic Parents Support Group who have presented our Digital Leaders with a cheque of an amazing £3000 to enhance and equip our newly repurposed ICT Suite

Thanks to Chairperson Mrs Aine Murray and our Parents Support Group for their ongoing financial support.

We hope to use this money to purchase new and up to date iPads to enhance our ICT teaching and learning.



EASYFUNDRAISING

If you have not already done so, our Parents Support Committee would really like all families to register with Easyfundraising.

This simply means that every time you shop on line with over 8,000 different retailers, including John Lewis, Amazon and Ebay, you could help raise much needed funds, at no extra cost to yourself!

It only takes a few minutes to sign up using the Easyfunding website or App and after that, each time you shop online, you are raising funds for St Peter's 😊

Stay tuned for the numerous activities / initiatives planned by our Parents Support Group for the rest of this year.

CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

We enjoyed lots of Fun Activities during Childrens' Mental Health Week.

These included:

- ✓ Learning relaxation strategies
- ✓ Exploring our emotions in fun and creative ways
- ✓ Being with our friends
- ✓ Enjoying High 5 Friday – wearing our cosy clothes, having hot chocolate and enjoying a sweet treat!



INTERGENERATIONAL LINKS

In order to promote Intergenerational Links, Mrs McKenna and our school choir visited Collegelands Nursing Home. They treated the residents to a selection of hymns and songs from their Spring Repertoire.

The residents were delighted when, after their performance, our pupils took the time to introduce themselves and to have a friendly chat. The choir members also read out letters which they brought to share with each resident.



P2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 11th February Primary Two performed their wonderful Class Assembly for their parents and family members. They told the story of St Brigid's Cloak through story, song and prayer. An excellent performance for children so young 😊

Well done to Mrs McKenna, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Devlin and Niamh for all their work in preparing the children.

A special word of thanks to Miss Gorman's Mum, Catriona, for kindly making and donating a beautiful St Brigid's Cloak which we hope to use for years to come!



ROSARY GROUP

Our Rosary Group, led by Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Lennon, continues each Tuesday and Wednesday morning in Mrs Bradshaw's classroom.

Please free to join us any Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 8:45am – 9am.

POPE FRANCIS

Primary 3 wrote their own 5 Finger Prayer. Pope Francis created the 5 Finger Prayer many years ago to help children pray.

We include Pope Francis in our prayers as we remember the sick and infirm.



HEALTH AND WELL- BEING

We will have our third **High Five Friday on Friday 14th March.**

This will also be **GREEN DAY** in school.

Activities will include:

- Wearing Green
- “Fun Green” Activities
- Attending P1 St Patrick Assembly in the hall.
- Taking part in Traditional Song and Dance
- Taking a “treat snack” for break

DAILY MILE

Our Staff and Pupil Well Being Initiative, the Nature Daily Mile, has been a very popular activity which we are all already reaping the benefits of!

Rosy cheeks, fresh air, time out of class, increased mood and beaming smiles are proof of 20 mins well spent ... and that's just the staff ... 😊



We also will be continuing our **Nature Daily Mile** for pupils P3 – P7 throughout March and April. Pupils have a designated day and should bring wellies / old trainers to school.

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| Monday | P3 |
| Tuesday | P4 |
| Thursday | P5 |
| Friday | P6 and P7 |

ARMAGH INTERNATIONAL ROAD RACE

We were delighted to have such a huge number of entries for Armagh International Road Race on Thursday 13th February.

Congratulations to the 45 runners who braved the extremely cold conditions on the night!



A special CONGRATULATIONS to Sadie in P3 who came 3rd in her age group and to Ellie who came 8th in her category!

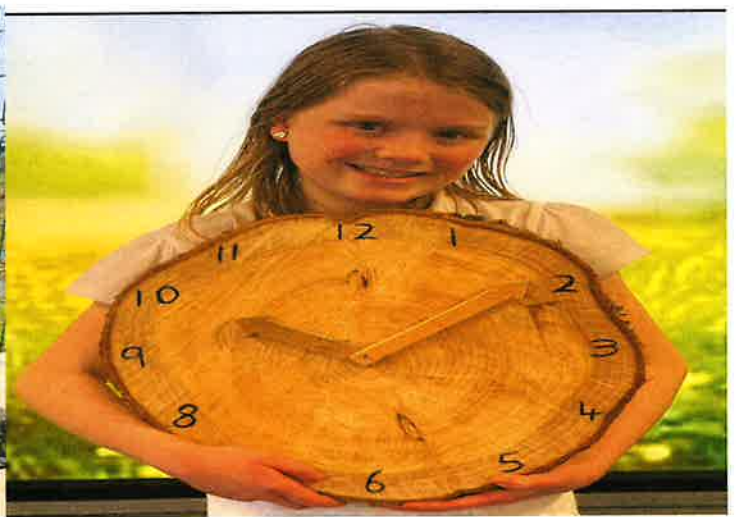
WELCOME BACK !

Huge thanks to Past Pupils, Petr and Seainin, who worked closely with Miss Gorman, our Outdoor Learning Team and our Eco Council to enhance our learning provision.

Petr worked over his half term to construct a bird watching hut / writing shed as well as a “hands on” clock for our Outdoor Learning Area.

Seainin also spent some of her half term break working with these teams and using her artistic talents for painting jobs in school.

Well done to both Past Pupils – such a delight to have them back!



Well done also to Maeve (P4) and her Dad, Colin, who after being inspired by these Outdoor Learning initiatives, crafted a wooden teaching clock and donated it to our school! A fabulous creation and much appreciated!! 😊

BATTERY RECYCLING PROJECT



Our Eco Council have launched their BATTERY RECYCLING PROJECT.

We encourage all families and members of the Collegeland Community to drop off used batteries into the clearly labelled bin inside the Assembly Hall entrance door 8:45am – 9:00am (Mon – Fri)

Pupils from P1 & P2 should be accompanied by an adult when handling or dropping off batteries.

FUN FAMILY MORNINGS

In order to develop our Outdoor Learning Area, we have assigned two Saturday mornings where we are inviting our P4 – P7 pupils, all available parents / grandparents, past pupils, local trades people and members of our Community to come along and assist us in enhancing our current provision.

We hope to spend the morning den building, creating new learning spaces and dedicated play areas, upcycling, painting and generally tidying up.

We are very excited about this concept and we look forward to the opportunity to showcase our vision, “ Learning is Fun ... Together As One.”

The dates for these 2 mornings are:

Saturday 8th March 9am -12 noon

Saturday 22nd March 9am -12noon

JURASSIC ARK ENCOUNTERS

What a fun learning workshop for Primary One and Primary Two when they got to meet some of the incredible animals from the Amazon Rainforest and the African Desert. "Hands on Learning" at it's best!!



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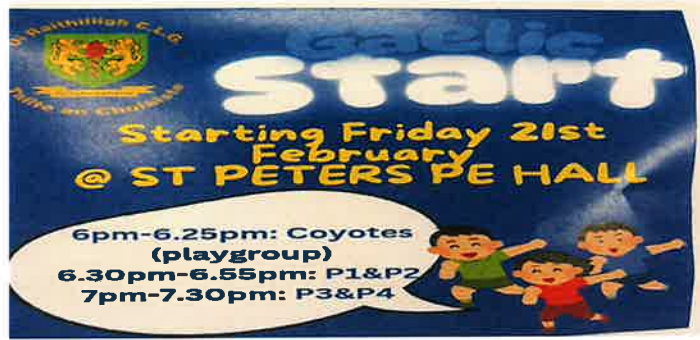
Cumann na mBunscol

Mr Martin and our hurling team were presented with the All County Indoor Hurling Cup by Ard Mhacha Cumann na mBunscol Chairman, Gary Farrell, after winning the All County Indoor Final.

A remarkable achievement for these young hurlers, who will go forward to represent Armagh at the Cumann na mBunscol Ulster Indoor Hurling Finals.

Thanks also to Duiche Neill and KMAC coaching for all of their input into developing and nurturing the skill of hurling in our young people.





We are delighted to facilitate this wonderful initiative in our school hall for our junior pupils.

Big thanks to the coaches and volunteers who give up their free time to deliver this very worthwhile programme to our Playgroup – P4 pupils.

We encourage all our younger pupils to join in this Fab Friday Fun.

FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS


GAA coaching for P1 - P7 started last Thursday with Coach Owen McCormack.

The children are absolutely loving this specific skills based programme and look forward to the rest of the 11 week block.

We sincerely thank Collegeland O'Rahilly's and Mackle Pet Foods for sponsoring and facilitating this excellent initiative.



MARCH DATES

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| Tuesday 4 th March | Pancake Tuesday - £1 donation for school funds  |
| Wednesday 5 th March | Ash Wednesday – Children will receive blessed Ashes |
| Wednesday 5 th March | P5 Fire Safety Talk |
| Thursday 6 th March | P5/6 and P3 Dr Rok Nazic POP ROCKET WORKSHOP |
| Thursday 6 th March | WORLD BOOK DAY – photo of favourite / unusual place to read, email to teacher between Mon 3 rd March – Friday 7 th March |
| Saturday 8 th March | <u>DAY 1 Fun Family Morning</u> Morning 9am – 12noon Outdoor Learning / Construction / Den Building / Eco Work |
| Wednesday 12 th March | St Jarlath's Lion King Production – Craic Theatre 2 Ambassadors |
| Thursday 13 th March | PSNI Parents Online Safety Workshop @ 7:30pm in Assembly Hall One Parent to represent each family. |
| Thursday 13 th March | P1 St Patrick's Assembly @ 9:30am for P1 Parents and Grandparents. |
| Friday 14 th March | Green Day / High 5 Friday Pupils may wear green P1 St Patrick's Assembly for whole school Traditional Mini Concert |
| Monday 17 th March | St Patrick's Day – School Closed |
| Thursday 20 th March | PSNI On-line Safety Workshop for P6/7 |
| Thursday 20 th March | P1 Health Assessments |
| Friday 21 st March | P1 Health Assessments |
| Saturday 22 nd March | <u>DAY 2 Fun Family Morning</u> 9am – 12noon Outdoor Learning / Construction / Den Building / Eco Work |

**May Saint Patrick guard you
wherever you go, and guide you
in whatever you do and may his
loving protection be a blessing
to you always!**



Thank you for your continued support and co-operation,

Best Wishes,

Brenda Farrell

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Principal