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Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH

Monday, 29th January, 2024.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- **Congratulations** to our **Year Six** and **Year Seven** pupils who represented our school so well in the **Credit Union Quiz** on **Friday** night in **Fintona Golf Club**. They were enthusiastic, polite and very well-behaved. Each child received a monetary gift for participating and our school received a cheque for **£50**.
- The theme of **Catholic Schools' Week** this year was **Communities of Service**. Our school community celebrated on **Tuesday** evening with a special **Prayer Service** for **Grandparents' Day** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. A large number of our grandparents were welcomed to a special prayer service to honour their work and their role in handing on the faith. Thank you to all our grandparents, children and their families who attended. A special thanks to our staff and pupils who made this a wonderful and special event for our grandparents. Thank You also to our **Parents' Association** who kindly provided light refreshments in Eskra Community Hall afterwards. Check out our website for some photographs.
- Please note the following **Saints Days** which occur this week.
31st January – St. John Bosco
1st February - St. Brigid
3rd February – St. Blaise
Pupils will be learning about these saints in school.
- Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week**. Teachers will be completing age-appropriate activities with pupils based on this important theme during the week. Please check out the following website for further information:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

- **Tuesday, 6th February** is **Safer Internet Day**. The theme is **Together For A Better Internet**. Please check out the following website for further information:
www.saferinternet.org.uk

- Our **Nature Rangers Clubs** continue this week, as follows:
Monday (2pm – 3pm): Year 1/2 with Miss. McNulty and Mrs. Dodenciu
Monday (3pm – 4pm): Year 3/4 with Miss. McNulty and Mrs. McGarvey
Thursday (3pm – 4pm): Years 5, 6 and 7: Miss. Devine and Mrs. Shevlin
Friday (2pm – 3pm): Year 1/2 with Miss. McNulty and Miss. O'Donnell

Please checkout **Forest School Families** on the **Forest School Website** – www.forestschooolsni.com and on our school website for fun ideas that all the family can get involved in the evenings and at weekends.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year Four:**
The **Sacrament of Penance** (First Confessions) will take place on **Thursday, 14th March @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

The **Sacrament of the Eucharist** (First Holy Communion) will take place on **Saturday, 18th May @ 12pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in **Eskra Community Centre**.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:**
A **Service of Light**, in preparation for Confirmation, will take place on **Thursday, 7th March** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**.

The **Sacrament Of Confirmation** will take place in **St. Macartan's Church (The Forth)** in **Augher** on **Sunday, 14th April @ 3pm**.

A **Confirmation Practice** will take place in **St. Macartan's Church (The Forth)** in **Augher** on **Thursday, 11th April @ 7pm**.

EA Connect will **open** tomorrow at **12 noon** and **close** on **22nd February, 2024** for **Year 8 Post Primary Applications**. Please read carefully the leaflet on our website **Applying for a Post Primary School Place 2024**.

- All pupils will be taking part in the **RSPB's Big Schools Birdwatch** this week. Why not join in at home by participating in the **RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch?** Check out the link below for more information.
[www.Big Garden Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](http://www.Big Garden Birdwatch (rspb.org.uk))
- Please see a flyer on our website from **South West College**.

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



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