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Dear Parents / Carers,

26/4/2024

Families First Nominations Celebrations

Today the children had a non-uniform day, a movie morning, and a visit to our amazing park in the afternoon! We also had a few treats along the way and even a hail stone shower!!! I hope everyone had fun and realise without the families of our community and all the wonderful children we, the staff would not have anything to celebrate. Thank you again to everyone who nominated, voted, and shared the link.



Save the Date – Big School Clean Up

Tomorrow **Saturday 27th April at 10am** Our fabulous PTA and school council have organised a Great Big School Clean Up. Please come along if you have a free hour tomorrow morning. Many hands make light work!

Thank you all for you continued support!



All County Hurling Champions: Division 3

The awards and trophies continue, we have another accolade to celebrate at our funday on Friday!

We are all so proud of our KS2 Hurling Team who won today's All County Hurling Championship

Such a great achievement for our team and school! Well done to everyone involved and to our coaches - Mr O'Kane, Seamus, Miss O'Neill & Andrena!



Farm Safety Talk

Thank you to Gemma Mooney from the HSENI who visited our school on Wednesday afternoon to present a farm safety talk to all classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and were full of stories, questions, and comments. Gemma also brought some leaflets and pencils/ rubbers for our younger members of the school.



First Penance – Primary 4

Congratulations to our P4 pupils who received the sacrament of First Penance on Wednesday. Thank you, Fr Seamus Kelly, for the beautiful ceremony, Patricia who prepared the chapel, Sally the reader and to everyone who helped organise.

A huge thank you also to Miss Doherty for preparing the pupils so well, they were so well practiced and rehearsed. We are so proud of you all, you all read so well and the singing with Aoife Mullan was beautiful. Well done everyone!



Kind regards,

Ciara Walsh

Ciara Walsh, Acting Principal

St. Mary's Gortnaghey Primary School

Next week: Assessment Week

School Dinner Menu - Week 3

Monday 29 th April	<p>BOOSTER CLUBS - Selected children will be invited by class teachers to attend Booster via Seesaw</p> <p>NEW – Irish Club week 1 – KS2 – 3-4pm</p>
Tuesday 30 th April	<p>PE Uniform for all pupils (PE with Skill school)</p> <p>Dry Arch Building Buddies Programme for selected students – Week 4</p> <p>Skills School After School – P1/2, 2-3pm - P3 to P7, 3-4pm</p>
Wednesday 1 st May	<p>After school music club – P1/2 (all welcome) – 2-3pm with George Murphy</p> <p>After school tin whistle club – P5-7 (all welcome) – 3-4pm with George Murphy, please bring a tin whistle to be used during the club.</p>
Thursday 2 nd May	<p>PE Uniform for all pupils (PE with Andrena O’Kane)</p> <p>Singing practice for all classes, between 9-12noon with Aoife Mullan</p> <p>GAA club with Mr Dillon & Mr O’Kane– 3 to 4pm (Can all KS2 children bring their hurls and helmets for PE and Club)</p> <p>Mr O’Kane – Sports Club 2-3pm – P1/2</p> <p>NEW – Relaxed Kids After schools 3-4pm for P3/4 children, all welcome, please bring a small, labelled blanket.</p>
Friday 3 rd May	<p>Swimming for KS2 boys</p> <p>Lorna Moore Cup, St. Colm’s Drum pitch beginning 10am</p>
Looking ahead...	
Monday 6 th May	School closed for May half term holiday, school reopens Monday 13 th May
Wednesday 8 th May	All County Camogie Championships
Tuesday 14 th May	<p>North Derry Girls Football Championships</p> <p>The Art and Design Factory – Art Work shop – Day 1, all pupils</p>
Wednesday 15 th May	All pupils will attend Mass at 9.15am
Friday 17 th May	Primary 7 children will attend Love for Life programme, further details will follow
Saturday 18 th May	Year 8 admission for September 2024 – application outcomes received
Monday 20 th May	KS2 NI Water assembly and visit
Wednesday 22 nd May	The Art and Design Factory – Art Work shop – Day 2, all pupils

Thursday 23 rd May	North Derry Boys Football Championships NSPCC – Speak out, stay safe workshops (Details to follow)
Saturday 25 th May	First Holy Communion, Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11am
Monday 27 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed, reopened Tuesday 28 th May
Tuesday 28 th May	Primary 4 Communion Celebration in school
Wednesday 29 th May	The Art and Design Factory – Art Work shop – Day 3, all pupils
Thursday 30 th June	St. Patrick's Dungiven, Parents Transition Night
Sunday 2 nd June	Do this in memory Mass for primary 4 children, Feast of Corpus Christit
Wednesday 5 th June	Adoration
Thursday 6 th June	Fan the Flame Mass, primary 7 children, Celtic Park
Monday 10 th June	St Patricks Dungiven, Pupils Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th June	Sports Day 1 (weather permitting)
Thursday 13 th June	New Primary 1 intake induction and parents information morning
Friday 14 th June	Final week of KS2 swimming – Fun Day Francis Lagan Finals Night, Owenbeg, 7pm
Monday 17 th June	Castle Cup - hurling and camogie, St. Patrick's Maghera
Wednesday 19 th June	Primary 7 leavers Mass & prizegiving
Thursday 20 th June	Castle Cup - football, St. Patrick's Maghera
Friday 21 st June	End of Year trip – Brunswick Complex
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day 2
Friday 28 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays, 11am