

**JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER**

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PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12NOON ON MONDAY 3rd JUNE FOR ALL CHILDREN AS CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS ARE ON STRIKE AND WE THEREFORE CANNOT PROVIDE LUNCH TIME SUPERVISION. CHILDREN WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS WILL HAVE DINNER BEFORE GOING HOME. There will be no Ulsterbus available, however, Yellow Bus will run as normal (morning and at 12 noon)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

* To our Year 7 children who made their Confirmation on Friday 3rd May and Year 4 children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May. The children’s behaviour and participation were excellent – they were a real credit to their families, and we are truly proud of them.
* Thanks to all the staff who prepared the children for their Sacraments. A special word of thanks and huge congratulations to the school choir and orchestra for the beautiful singing and music.
* To our Hurling team who won the Southwest Antrim Blitz recently and will represent the school at the all-county finals later this month.
* To our Camogie team who won the Southwest Antrim shield competition.

**MARATHON CHALLENGE**

A huge thank-you to Mrs Martin, Mrs McAtamney, Mrs Hegarty, Mr Gribbin and Mr Lavery who completed the Belfast marathon for the school.

Well done to all those children who completed their own marathon challenge and thank you for the sponsorship money, we raised £2,700.

**SUMMER BALL**

Our P.T.A. are organising a summer ball for the children on Thursday the 6th of June in the Parish Centre. Children in P1 to P4 will attend from 4-6pm and children in P5 to P7 from 7-9pm. Payment can be made on ParentPay.

**TAKE 5**

Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June is Take 5 week for the whole school. Our Wellbeing ambassadors have helped plan a week of activities, lessons and fun to raise awareness of the Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing.  We will receive the level 3 award for the third year in a row at the Take 5 celebration event on the 12th of June in the Tullyglass hotel.

**Nursery and P1 Induction**

An information evening for parents of children starting Nursery and P1 will be held on Thursday the 13th of June. Nursery at 6pm and P1 at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Sports Days**

Sports Days will be held as follows:

* Nursery–P4 Tuesday 11th June
* P5 to P7 Wednesday 12th June

Both events will take place at Tir Na nÓg pitches and we are indebted to the club for the use of this fantastic resource. Further details have been issued.

**CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

Children will meet their teacher for September on Thursday the 20th of June.

**P7 Show**

Rehearsals continue for our production of The Lion King. The P7 cast and crew are working hard in these last few weeks to put on a fantastic performance. Performances will be held on the 19th and 20th of June at 7pm each evening in the Parish Centre.

**Leavers Mass**

The Leaver’s Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 25th June at 10:00am in the Church. Children in all classes will attend and all parents are most welcome to join us as we bid farewell to the P7’s. Refreshments will be available for P7’s and their families immediately after the Mass. *Please note: This is also the last day of school for P7 children.*

**Free School Meals and Uniform**

Anyone who feels that they may qualify for Free School Meals can apply via The Education Authority website - <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

School uniform should be worn to school every day. Can we remind you that only plain navy trousers or bottoms should be worn to school or navy skirts for girls. Our uniform supplier Gotto Sports will attend the induction evening for Nursery and P1. If you wish to order uniform for children in any other year groups, you can order online at [www.gottosports.com](http://www.gottosports.com)

**HOLIDAYS 2024/2025**

School re-opens 29 August for P2 to P7

Staff Training Day 30 September

Halloween 28 October – 1 November inclusive

Christmas 24 December – 3 January 2025 inclusive

School re-opens Monday 6 January 2025

February Mid Term 10 – 14 February inclusive

St. Patrick’s Day 17 March

Easter 18 –25 April inclusive

May Day 5 May

May holiday 26-30 May inclusive

School Closes 30 June