



Saint Patrick's Nursery & Primary School

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### **Summer Concert & Sports Day**

Many thanks, to you all for your attendance at our recent summer concert and Sports Day. I'm sure you will all agree with us that the two performances of the show were absolutely action packed and that the children's smiles said it all. Our thanks in particular go to Dara McCoy, who is a wonderful support to the school. Anyone who was here on sports day couldn't fail to have noticed the big screen that Dara provided to help make each of the events as visible as possible.

### **Friends of St. Patrick's**

The Friends of St. Patrick's have had a very successful year this year. They would like to thank everyone who attended the cookery classes at St. Joseph's High School. It was great to see so many parents turn out and everyone seemed to have lots of fun, as well as learn something new along the way. The group looks forward to trying out some new fun activities for parents next year. The Friends of St. Patrick's were also very busy sourcing money from the Council and other groups to enhance the school playground. The group managed to secure several thousand pounds from various sources and this money has been spent on the P4-P7 yard. We now have our new playground markings in place, our new seating areas developed and two new buddy benches currently under construction. Many thanks go to our resident joiner Brian Torley, who has helped the group enormously. We are currently awaiting the arrival of 4 new basketball net systems, which will complete the playground. The school is very thankful to the Friends of St. Patrick's who work so hard to contribute to the life of the school. Their recent efforts at Sports Day and at our sacraments are also much appreciated.

### **Health & Safety**

It has come to our attention that there are a number of children from Nursery to P2 who are returning to school after the school day has ended. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that your children should not be on the premises after home time, unless they are taking part in an authorised after school activity. This is in line with our Health and Safety & Risk Management Policies. Your child's safety and well being is of the utmost importance to us here at St. Patrick's.

### **A Fond Farewell - Retirement Beckons!**

Mrs Savage will be retiring at the end of this year. This of course is a very sad time for us all at St. Patrick's, but we realise that this is also an exciting time for Mrs Savage as she begins a new chapter in her life. We would like to thank Mrs Savage for her many years' service to the children of St. Patrick's and her contributions to The Meadow community. We wish Mrs. Savage many, many happy years in retirement with her family and continued good health to enjoy it.

### Recent Achievements

Congratulations go to Oran Mc Coy. Oran was selected to represent St Patrick's on the Down Primary Schools Team that played against Armagh Primary Schools Team on Sunday last, in Parc Esler, in front of 18,000 spectators. Oran was a credit to the McCoy family, St Patrick's Primary School, Bosco GAC & County Down. Many congratulations Oran. We hope your Gaelic career flourishes and maybe someday in the future you will represent Down GAA again at underage, minor or senior level.



### End of year trips.

Each year group will be in touch with you all to give you the details of their end of year trip.

P1 - went to Gosford on 9th June.

P2 -Gosford on 23<sup>rd</sup> June

P3 - Funny Farm on 14<sup>th</sup> June

P4 -Cheeky Monkeys on 27<sup>th</sup> June

P5 - went to Fort Evergreen

P6 - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Lisburn pool and cinema.

P7 - Carlingford Adventure Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### Eco Council

Many thanks go to our Eco Council members, assisted by Miss Kelly and Miss Mc Cann. They have done a super job attending to the Wildflower Garden located in our urban allotment area. We can now see that the plants are blooming well and are attracting all kinds of butterflies and bees to the area. The Eco Council are also holding a Smoothie Day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. A wide variety of smoothies will be on sale at a cost of £1. We look forward to tasting them all!

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### Dates For Your Diary - Important Meetings

- P1 Induction Day as Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June 12-30pm,
- P5 ( next Year) Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2-15pm
- P7 our current P6 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 2-15pm Parents only.

Thank you to you all for all of your support this year. We look forward to keeping you all up to date on school life in the next academic year! Have a wonderful summer holiday.