



Saint Patrick's Nursery & Primary School

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May & June 2018

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P1-P7 Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day for P1-P7 will take place on Thursday 31st May. We hope to get started at around 9.30am. This event has always been hugely successful and a day which the children really look forward to. As always, we would like to invite you all to come and join us on the day. The Friends of St. Patrick's will also be organising the tuck shop and if every child had at least £2 to spend that would be enough to buy some nice 'goodies' for the day. You are of course welcome to spend more if you wish! The Nursery children will have their Sports Day on Friday 8th June and we look forward to seeing all of the Nursery parents and families on this day.

The Friends of St. Patrick's

The Friends of St. Patrick's would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for supporting all of their fundraising efforts this year. The group has raised around £2000 for the school this year and it is all down to the generosity of all of the families in our school. This money, as always will be spent directly on the children. This year, the group funded 3 new ipads for the school and donated money towards the refurbishment of the infant playground - this is a job that is still on going and the school plans to add even more to this playground in the near future. The money that the group currently has in its account, will be used to buy more badly needed equipment for the school, ensuring that the children of St. Patrick's continue to avail of the very best resources and experiences that money can buy. Once again, thank you all for your generosity.

No Electricity Day

This Thursday, (the 24th of May) the school Eco Council will guide us as we try a day at school with no electricity. The use of electricity is one of the main pollutants of our planet and so we thought it would be useful to switch everything off and have a day where we really think about how much we rely on electricity and what life might be like if we had no electricity at school. This means switching off our interactive whiteboards, not charging our tablets and not using the photocopier for lesson preparation. This should be interesting!! It will be like stepping back in time for our children and we are really looking forward to this experiment. There will be school dinners as normal though, so no one will go hungry!

GAA Day At School

This Thursday, we will be celebrating the GAA at school. We would ask that pupils wear either a club or county GAA jersey to school. (No soccer tops please) If your child does not own a club or county jersey, then they can join in the celebrations by wearing their school tracksuit to school. We also have some GAA VIP's joining us at school to add to our celebrations and we are sure it's going to be a great day.

School Closures

School will be closed this Friday (25th May) for Staff Development. The school will also be closed on Monday 28th May for the Bank Holiday and again on Tuesday 29th May for Staff Development.

P7 Leavers' Assembly

The P7 Leavers' Assembly will take place in our school assembly hall on Thursday 21st June. The P7 pupils will perform for the whole school in the morning and then for the parents in the afternoon. The assembly for the families will begin at 1.30pm and there will be a short meeting after the assembly for all parents/carers in relation to the P7 end of year trip. When the trip meeting is over, the children can then go home with their parents/carers. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this very emotional and uplifting assembly.

P7 Retreat

On Friday 8th June and Monday 11th June, our P7 children will take part in a retreat with our Diocesan Advisor Sister Mercedes. This retreat will take place in school and will provide the children with an opportunity to think about their faith and life journey to date and what the next stages in this journey might be. Our P7 pupils always enjoy this relaxed experience and we are very grateful to Sister Mercedes for her time in facilitating this fantastic opportunity for our children.

End of Year Trips

P7 - Friday 22nd June - Carlingford Outdoor Adventure Centre

P6 - Friday 22nd June - Lisburn Pool & Omniplex Cinema

P5 - Wednesday 27th June - Annett's Warrenpoint

P4 - Trip date to be confirmed : Class teachers will keep you posted.

P3 - Monday 4th June - W5 in Belfast

P2 - Trip date to be confirmed : Class teachers will keep you posted.

P1 - Trip date to be confirmed : Class teachers will keep you posted.

Choir Trip - In recognition of all of their hard work, Miss Cullen will be taking the choir children who have attended both First Holy Communion and Confirmation to Newry Cinema on Tuesday 12th June.

Recent School Inspection

Recently St. Patrick's was visited by the Education and Training Inspectorate. It is with great pride that we can report that our school has passed this inspection with flying colours. The focus for the visit was on reading and promoting a positive reading culture within our school. The Inspectors who visited our school were bowled over, not only by the high quality reading and Literacy opportunities given to the children, but also by the enthusiasm and reading skills displayed by the children themselves. You can all read the full report on www.etini.gov.uk, where you can search for the report by entering the school name.

Dates For Your Diary

- Thursday 24th May - GAA Day & No Electricity Day
- Thursday 31st May - P1-P7 Sports Day (ALL WELCOME)
- SCHOOL CLOSED - Friday 25th May, Monday 28th May & Tuesday 29th May
- P7 Retreat @ school : 8th and 11th June
- Friday 8th June - Nursery Sports Day
- Wednesday 13th June - International Albinism Awareness Day: Children can wear spotted socks / hair ribbons and bows to mark the day.
- Thursday 21st June -P7 Leavers' Assembly