



MARCH'S EVENTS

Dear Parents

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the support and cooperation that you offer myself and the staff over the course of the year. During this last number of months we have run numerous events eg. concerts, workshops, information days, assemblies and these have been greatly attended. Your kind words of encouragement are always very much appreciated. We are fortunate to have such supportive parents working with us to ensure that our children get the best possible education we can offer.

We hope you have noticed the new signage around the school celebrating us being awarded 'Digital School' status.

Kind regards,

PEACE PROMS: Thank you to all the children for their participation in the Peace Proms on Sunday 24th February. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to sing in front of 10,000 people and, as usual, the choir excelled. A huge thank you must go to Mr McEvoy for organising and preparing the children. He already has a heavy work-load being a class teacher and we thank him for going above and beyond to give our children the opportunity to be part of something as wonderful as the Peace Proms. Many of our parents turned up to watch the children singing and the school has received some very positive feedback.

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation for P7 children will take place in St Bernard's Church on Wednesday 13th March at 11am. The school will remain open for all other pupils on this day.

A big congratulations to Faye McCusker, P5A, who is one of the winners of the Newtownabbey Road Safety Committee and Road Safe NI P5 Poster Competition. Faye's poster will be on display, with all the other winning posters, in the Abbey Centre for a week from Monday 4th March. Faye's poster highlighted the importance of using the green cross code when crossing the road.

THANK YOU for your contribution to the St Enda Buy-a-Brick Campaign. We raised £355 which will entitle us to buy a brick, engraved with the school name, for the new clubhouse.

SchoolMoney

We appreciate your cooperation in the early stages of rolling this system out to you. We propose to begin to use the system on **Monday the 11th March** where parents will register and pay for dinners, the Waiting Club and the Breakfast Club. Passwords will be sent to parents by email and text week beginning Monday 4th March.

Whole School Day of Culture:

A concert will be held in the hall for all pupils on Friday 15th March to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick. Children are asked to wear something green eg. hat/badge/ green baubles / socks.

St Patrick's Day Dinner

Mrs Butler, our school cook, will serve a St Patrick's Day dinner on Thursday 15th March. All pupils are welcome to attend. Cost is £2.60.

School Closure - Monday 18th March 2019

P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for P3 pupils will take place on Thursday 21st March at 11am in the Church. Further details will follow.

TRÓCAIRE WEEK

As in previous years the charity we are supporting this term is Trócaire. Last year we raised a magnificent £2,900.

Trócaire Week commences Monday 8th April and the children will be involved in a range of challenges and fundraising activities. Details will follow.

EASTER HOLIDAYS: The school will close on Thursday 18th April at 12 noon and reopen on Monday 29th April 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS - PUPIL OF THE MONTH

P1A	Kamil Wysocki Muire Diver	P1B	Erin Carr Noah Leonard
P2A	Kayden Whyte Erin Brownlie Liam Mulholland	P2B	Dara Snoddy Beth Hanlon
P3A	Anna Savage Erin Savage	P3B	Conor McKinley Adam Olver
P4A	Sofia Reilly Sophie McConville	P4B	Keeley Lawlor Gabriela Maksymiuk
P5A	Fabian Biernat Rosa Hamilton	P5B	Daisy Dempsey Cillian McMullan
P6A	Adam Wieczorek Lauren Briers- Tumelty	P6B	Joel McNally-Lawlor Niamh Mullan
P7A	Oliver Kelly Maebh Downey	P7B	Thomas Mooney Tania Dellish-Vamattam

Photographs are displayed in the main foyer of the school.

Congratulations to our ECO warriors—with their help we can work together to reduce energy costs.

P1A: Molly Clayton, Ellis Cheadle, Stephen Fox-Butler
P1B: Erin Carr, Noah Jimenez-Dorta, Noah Leonard
P2A: Sophie Cranston, Jacob Collins, Zach Lawrence
P2B: Tess Mullan, Dylan O’Kane, Charlotte Murphy
P3A: Natalia Czyz, Oliwia Czyz, Marcus Gilvary
P3B: Paige Stewart, Sophie Agnew, Conor O’Kane
P4A: Kiera McGarvey, Sophie McKay, Eabha McLaughlin
P4B: Leilah Ay-Mahoney, Joseph O’Kane, Caolan McCready
P5A: Olivia Dunn-Moran, Emily McConville, Matthew Brennan
P5B: Michael McArdle, Kabisha Chhetri, Harry Feeney
P6A: Ciaran Porter, Danny McNally, Orlagh Smyth
P6B: James O’Kane, Rachael Williamson, Grace Connolly
P7A: Hannah Pollock, Ciara Teggart & Pearce Morrison
P7B: Ciara McGuigan, Jack Montgomery & Lorna McArdle

WORLD BOOK DAY:

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March. To celebrate the reading achievements of the children in our school, we invite all pupils to dress up as their favourite book character on this date. There will be lots of fun-filled activities, Accelerated Reader Quizzes and Storytelling sessions for the children to take part in.

MASSES/ASSEMBLIES

P4 Class Mass: Tuesday 5th March
P7 Class Mass: Tuesday 12th March
P6 Class Mass: Tuesday 19th March
P5 Class Mass: Tuesday 26th March
P7B Parental Assembly: Fri 1st March @ 9.30am
P6B Parental Assembly: Fri 8th March @ 9.30am
P5A Parental Assembly: Fri 29th March @ 9.30am
P4 ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass: Sun 10th Mar @ 12

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTINGS:

We love the opportunity to share what is happening with you, our parents and grandparents, by inviting you to various events that take place in the school such as assemblies and concerts. May we ask, in the interest of safety and child protection, that photos and videos taken during these events are not shared on social media websites. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this sensitive matter.

CHURCH CAR PARK: Thank you for your cooperation in trying to alleviate the difficulty of congestion in the car park. By turning left when exiting the car park is certainly helping with the flow of traffic.
Please use the designated parking spaces or drop off zone. Children may be left in the playground from **8.45am** when supervision commences. No child should be left before this time. Parents who need to drop their child off earlier should register with the Breakfast Club. Teaching will begin at 9am.

HEADS UP PROGRAMME:

As part of the ‘Heads Up’ Programme for P7 children, the Antrim Youth Information and Counselling Centre is providing a number of Health Education sessions on Alcohol and Drugs and Substance Misuse. The programme is due to start on Friday 8th March.

Congratulations to the winners of the McMillan Art Competition:

P3A: Winner—Otylia Tarnowska
Runners up—Maeve McMenamin & Aleksander Slezak
P3B: Winner—Aidan Rolston McVeigh
Runners up—Farrah O’Hagan & Dylan Flaherty

Eco Council Update Our Eco Council of 2018/19 have been very busy! We have applied for a second Green Flag. In doing so, we are introducing a new activity for P4-P7 called Walking Wednesday. The children will complete one mile by doing laps of their playground. We are hoping that this will be a mindful activity which will help us focus better. We also like that it will get us out in the fresh air and improve our fitness. As part of our application we had to create an Eco Code for our school. We have chosen 'Learn to recycle, love to recycle' to tie in with our school motto. We will keep you updated on the work we do. Thank you. India Lewis & Aaron Carter (members of the Eco Council)