



FEBRUARY'S EVENTS

Internet Safety

Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 5th February with the slogan 'Together for a Better Internet'. Mrs Jenny Burke from C2k will give a presentation on Internet Safety at 9.15am in the Assembly Hall to which all parents are invited. The presentation highlights the dangers that your child may face when using the internet and social media websites. She will provide strategies to help keep your child safe while using the internet, social media and all associated apps. This is an extremely valuable presentation and one that I would urge you to attend. Following this there will be a presentation for P5 – P7 children. For further advice on keeping your child safe online go to www.thinkuknow.co.uk

P3 Service of Enrolment

Parents are invited to attend a Service of Enrolment on Wednesday 6th February at 2pm in the school assembly hall. This is in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Thursday 21st March at 11am in the Church.

Confirmation:

Primary 7 pupils will be confirmed on Wednesday 13th March at 11am in St Bernard's Church.

Service of Light & Commitment:

In preparation for Confirmation this service will be held on Monday 4th February at 6.30pm in St Mary's on the Hill Church. For both services children will need a light blue shirt and the school will supply a tie. We would also ask that girls wear blue socks.

Confirmation Practices:

There will be a number of Confirmation practices in advance of the Sacrament: 26th & 28th February, 5th & 11th March. These practices will take place in St. Bernard's Church.

Poetry in Motion: P7B were lucky enough to have the opportunity to participate in the *Poetry in Motion* project, funded and organised by the Community Arts Project. It aims to develop and promote creativity in young people, by engaging with language skills, poetic devices and of course, imagination! We welcomed our poet, Diane Morrison, in October and she facilitated four poetry sessions with the children over a number of weeks. Every child has put forward at least one individual poem to be considered for publication in the annual anthology. Our three class poems, *Unprepared*, *Transforming* and *I'm for Sale* will be recorded in early February. We will attend a final celebratory event in the Ulster Hall in March and can't wait to put our talents on display. It was a pleasure to be involved in this highly esteemed project. Well done to the children of P7B.

PTA School Disco: The PTA school disco will take place on Friday 15th of February at 1.00—1.50pm for Primary One to Primary Three and from 2.00-2.50pm for Primary Four to Primary Seven. Children can wear their own clothes on this day if they choose. The cost of the disco is £2.50 or £5.00 per family.

Primary One Admissions—September 2019

Parents can provide documentation to their first preference primary school in support of their application (e.g. birth certificate or other information as per the admissions criteria of the parent's selected preference(s) no later than 12 noon on Friday 8 February 2019.

Road Safety Quiz

St Mary's on the Hill Primary School took part in the Antrim and Newtownabbey heat of the NI Road Safety Quiz in Mossley Mill on 16th January. Congratulations to the team. Unfortunately they were defeated by a very close margin. Well done to the team members who competed: Aaron Carter, Maria Mallon, Daniel McKeating and Cora Burke and a very special thank you to Mr Carter who prepared the children and accompanied them to this event. Look out for Mr Carter who has taken part in the BBC programme 'Eat Well For Less' due to be aired late Summer!

We wish Miss Dougan every success in her new role as Principal of Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School.

Cross-Community Arts Project

P6 classes are taking part in the above project organised by Clanmil Housing Association. On Tuesday, four professional artists came to school to work with the P6 classes. They produced some lovely pieces of art. A few pupils will work alongside representatives from four local schools to combine the artwork. This will then be scanned, printed and used to decorate the building site beside the library. When the work is complete, the artwork will be printed on aluminium and become a more permanent piece within the housing development.

CONGRATULATIONS - PUPIL OF THE MONTH

P1A	John-Paul McMullan Hanna Szymanska	P1B	Riley Callaghan Molly Neill
P2A	Sophie Cranston Niamh O'Reilly	P2B	Joseph Feeney Manon Parker
P3A	Natalia Dzyz Rory Makin	P3B	Aleksander Slezak Evie Wilson
P4A	Michael Ginn Holly North	P4B	Aodhan O'Neill Aine Gavin
P5A	Faye McCusker Conor Devenny	P5B	Aodhan Adams Clodagh Smyth
P6A	Srijana Sapkota Aaron Connolly	P6B	Grace Connolly T J Weatherup
P7A	Erin Teer Lorcan McCann	P7B	Nathan McKeown Niamh Ferguson

Photographs are displayed in the main foyer of the school.

Peace Proms

The Peace Proms 2019 takes place in the SSE Arena on Sunday 24th February @ 3pm. Tickets are available from the SSE box office or online at www.ssearenabelfast.com but don't leave it too late – it's sure to be a sell-out. This is an amazing opportunity for our children to sing along with other children from schools throughout Northern Ireland. The school choir will take part in the Peace Proms Workshop on Wednesday 13th February in Whitla Hall, Queen's University.

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

P1A: Riona Gallagher, Mya McKay, Kamil Wysocki
 P1B: Cali McManus, Riley Callaghan, Zara Reilly
 P2A: Noah Devlin, Niamh O'Reilly, Katie McCann
 P2B: Mela McManus, Ruairi McMullan, Aidan McStravick
 P3A: Lenny Dempsey, Erin Savage, Anna Savage
 P3B: Emily Nugent, Joe Brennan, Cruz O'Neill
 P4A: Mona McCleery, Aiden McCoy, Holly McCusker
 P4B: Damien Saunders, James Snoddy, Malachy Walsh
 P5A: Oran Morgan, Caitlin Neeson, Kara Long
 P5B: Daisy Dempsey, JJ McVeigh, Jack Moran
 P6A: Mollie Grehan, Joel Hanna, Eamon Loye
 P6B: Niamh Scott, Emily MacHugh, Lewis O'Hare
 P7A: Emma McAllister, Eliza McArevey, Shae McAtamney
 P7B: Aoife Nugent, Niamh Ferguson, Abbie McKnight

P1 Medical Appraisals

The School Nursing Team will carry out P1 Medical Appraisals in school on Friday 15th February.

MASSES/ASSEMBLIES

P7A Parental Assembly:

Fri 1 February @ 9.30am

P4B Parental Assembly:

Fri 8th Feb @ 9.30am

P4 'Do This in Memory' Mass:

Sun 10 Feb @ 12

Class Masses:

P7 Tues 5 February

P6 Tues 12 February

Ash Wednesday—6 March

Many thanks to :

- Parents for their Christmas Charitable Donation for Huntington's NI in the sum of £361;
- UPS for the generous donation of bibs used by our Playground Pals;
- Mr Neil Hanlon & Podium Sport for their very kind donation of the basketball equipment.

Valentine's Dinner

Throughout the year the school cook, Mrs Butler, organises a number of special dinners. On Thursday 14th February we will have our Valentine's Dinner. All pupils are welcome to attend. Cost is £2.60. Please ensure that dinners are paid on Monday of each week to help ease administration.

Class Events:

P7—Poetry in Motion—1 February 2019
 P2—Pets Home Store Visit—4 February 2019
 P5 & P6—Dairy Council Visit to School—7 February 2019

School Closures:

Mid-term Break – Mon 18th to Fri 22nd February (inclusive)

Easter Break – School will close at 12 noon on Thurs 18th April and will re-open for the third term on Mon 29th April.

Medics in Schools Programme

In collaboration with Queen's University Belfast P7 pupils will be introduced to a series of Science lessons presented to them by trainee doctors. This is a great opportunity for the student doctors to work with our pupils and to give our pupils an insight into the world of Science.

Contractor's works to the school have now been completed. The school now has new fire doors throughout, automated doors in the assembly hall and re-wired for emergency lighting.