



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.

Autism NI: A huge thank you for your very generous donations to Autism NI which raised a fantastic £2,771.20.

PEACE PROMS: Our children will participate in the Peace Proms on Sunday 1st March at 7pm in the SSE Arena. This is a wonderful opportunity to sing in front of 10,000 people. A huge thank you 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.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation for P7 children will take place in St Bernard's Church on Monday 9th March at 11am. The school will remain open for all other pupils on this day.

Positive Behaviour Policy

Following on from the extensive work completed in 2018/19 on Anti-Bullying, a review of the Positive Behaviour policy began in May 2019. Mrs Niblock consulted with the Education Authority and together, they planned a way forward for the policy review. The school have worked with the staff to audit our current policy. All teachers are in the process of finalising their Class Plans for Learning, which are developed with the children and support staff. The aim is to create an environment that enables everyone to learn and achieve. Once agreed, it should be fully implemented by both staff and pupils. The plan will be kept under review and is used to ensure that a climate conducive to learning is created in every classroom.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th March:

Visit to P6 & P7 by the Belfast Giants

Friday 6th March:

P2 Trip to Carrickfergus Castle

Friday 20th March:

P3 Visit to the Planetarium

Whole School Day of Culture:

A concert will be held in the hall for all pupils on Friday 13th 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 12th March. All pupils are welcome to attend. Cost is £2.60. To book please login to School Money.

School Closure - Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March 2020

P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for P3 pupils will take place on Thursday 19th 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 £2,600.

Trócaire Week commences Monday 30th March 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 9th April at 12 noon and reopen on Monday 20th April 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS - PUPIL OF THE MONTH

Photographs are displayed in the main foyer of the school.

P1A	Caolan McLaughlin	P1B	Ciara McCleave
	Amy Hall		Cara Russell
	Grace Kelly		Michael Mulholland
P2A	Hannah Szymanska	P2B	Nikola Lesniak
	Reid O'Hare		Sean Loye
			Erin Carr
P3A	Erin Brownlie	P3B	Eli McFarlane
	Noah Devlin		Charlotte Murphy
P4A	Oliwia Czyz	P4B	Rory McAlister
	Marcus Gilvary		Hannah Muldoon
P5A	Holly McCusker	P5B	Damien Saunders
	Aiden McCoy		Abbie O'Hare
P6A	Andrea Bradley	P6B	Daisy Dempsey
	Owen Roslton-McVeigh		Jack Moran
P7A	Lucy McFarlane	P7B	Joel Hanna
	Cara Gallagher		Emily MacHugh

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

P1A: Charlie Maxwell, Kyla Logue

P1B: Freddie Mooney, Clíodhna Neill, Conall Roe

P2A: Daniel Kornacki, Isla McGarvey, Evie Wagstaff

P2B: Molly Neill, Aine Pollock, Zara Reilly

P3A: Zach Lawrence, Euan Madde, Tomas Magee

P3B: Aidan McStravick, Marissa Burke, Dylan O'Kane

P4A: Farrah O'Hagan, Eva Carr, Dillon Foy

P4B: Rory McAlister, Conor McKinley, Maeve McMenamin

P5A: Eabha McLaughlin, Mona McCleery, Megan Erwin

P5B: Leilah Ay-Mahoney, Neva Yildiz, Ryan Mallon

P6A: Rosa Hamilton, Natalia Kornacka, Charlie McGarvey

P6B: Sophie McKinney, Jude Rooney, Daisy Dempsey

P7A: Danny McNally, Ben McCann, Eamon Loye

P7B: Jake McCleery, Lara Duracova, Rachael Williamson

WORLD BOOK DAY:

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th 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.

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.

MASSES/ASSEMBLIES

P4 Class Mass: Tuesday 3rd March

P7 Class Mass: Tuesday 10th March

P5 Class Mass: Tuesday 24th March

P6 Class Mass: Tuesday 31st March

P6B Parental Assembly: Fri 6th March @ 9.20am

P5A Parental Assembly: Fri 27th March @ 9.20am

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.

Update - Positive Playgrounds

In conjunction with the work being undertaken on the Positive Behaviour policy, a review of Playground activities is also being undertaken. The school is developing an Action Plan focusing on aspects that can be implemented to create a Positive Playground. The Action Plan was discussed with pupils during an assembly. There will be regular meetings with Mr O'Brien and Mrs McIntyre on the implementation and progress. The School Council will also have their voice heard in regard to specific games/equipment they would like to see being brought into the playground. The overall aim is to ensure that Break and Lunchtimes are given more structure to ensure that pupils can enjoy the time they have away from the class, where all members of the school community are treated with respect.

Parenting NI will be running a 2-hour workshop for parents focused on supporting you to manage your child's challenging behaviour. This workshop will take place on Tuesday 31st March 2020 from 10am-12noon at Currie Primary School, Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AB

The session will help parents to:

- Understand the feelings behind their child's behaviours;
- Explore strategies to prevent challenging behaviour;
- Develop strategies to help manage their child's less positive behaviours

The cost is £12 and registration is via EventBrite - <https://pccbelfast.eventbrite.co.uk>.

School Council Update

The School Council are invited to visit Mossley Mill in April and have their School Council Meeting with the Mayor in the Council Chambers.

They will also visit the Northern Ireland Assembly on the 26th May at Stormont.

