



Learn to Love, Love to Learn

# SMOTHtalk

SUMMER 2024

It is with great pleasure that we bring you the third SMOTH Talk of this academic year. There have been many activities and learning opportunities the children have been involved in throughout this second term and it is through the fabulous work of our dedicated staff that they are able to gain these experiences. If you would like to see more of the life of our school, please go to our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysOnTheHillPS/> .

I hope that each of our families have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. While you are able to take time to relax, please read through our SMOTH Talk and enjoy finding out about the children's experiences. Enjoy the Summer holidays.

## Jacob's Football Trip

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. It all started in the airport. My managers were late! We went straight to Manchester City's ground and got a tour. We loved exploring. We did a competition to see who could lift the most weight – I won!! We watched a video in the Changing Rooms. It was all about determination. We got kits! My favourite player is Rodrigo and I got to sit where he sits in the changing rooms!! It lasted for 15 minutes but felt like 2 hours! Then straight to training with the UEFA/ Ex-managers. We did a lot of goal-keeper training and then a bit of outfield. I had to change my boots – thank goodness I brought two pairs! We got changed into our tracksuits and headed back to the hotel to rest before our match. There were singsongs on the bus to entertain us.

## Match Time!!

I was running for the warm-up and sweating like mad. It was so warm, 18 degrees! I did a bit of warming up in nets. The match starts and I played well in the first half, but fell apart in the second half, exhausted! We went back to the hotel and chilled. We got a Domino's delivered and played a bit of PlayStation and pool.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> was a relaxing, but mad day! We got up, played a bit of pool and then went to Toby's Carvery for breakfast. I had a large Ulster fry. It was nice and set me up for the day and the big match ahead. We travelled to the Etihad, where Man City played Luton and city comfortably won 5-1. Toby's Carvery was so good that we went again for dinner!

Sunday came around. We did Yoga before the match to get relaxed and went out to play Tottenham Utd. This one, we won 3-0 and I kept a clean sheet! Nothing got past me!

Our team travelled home to Belfast, exhausted, but it was a class experience that I would recommend, never mind the price tag! **By Jacob C P7KC**

Recently Max's mum Laura came into P5. She is a dentist. She talked about dental hygiene including how to take care of you teeth. We learned so many new tips and facts:

1. Take care of your teeth by brushing twice a day;
2. Toothpaste has fluoride;

3. There are different types of toothpaste including whitening and kid's tootpaste;
4. Adults have 32 teeth;
5. Only 4/5 people have wisdom teeth;

Beth, Max's sister also came in to help. She challenged us with a quiz. If you got more than 3 right you win a prize. The prize was a star rubber. Overall it was a wonderful experience!

## The Jungle Book



P7's have been creating the Jungle Book for our Leaver's Play. We have been performing over four days, Monday 10th June -Thursday 13th June. The P7's have thoroughly enjoyed performing for our families as well as children in classes P1 to P6.

There are a range of different characters in the play. We kept some originals like Mowgli, Bagheera, Sheer Khan, Baloo, Kaa, Raksha and Akela. We have also added some new faces to the mix, like Ikki, Tabaqui, and the crazy couple Chil and Bill. And we can't forget about our groups of animals- monkeys, wolves and elephants!



We would like to thank all of the staff and our parents for helping to create the play- the background, the costumes, the face paint and to Rebecca from Activity NI who has done brilliantly choreographing for our dances.

We have had a brilliant few months preparing for the play and we hope you enjoyed the performance!



Our Primary One children had a great adventure in the forest! We finished off our Forest School lessons for this term with a lovely trip to the forest at Clandyboye Estate. We had great fun making s'mores, climbing trees, playing in the dens and exploring nature all around us!

*Kyrstal Chhetri drew a beautiful picture of our day in the forest.*

### P7 Show Review

Yesterday we watched the P7 Show 'The Jungle Book' and it was very funny. Everyone in the show was very good. My favourite part was my brother Leo coming up on stage. He played a lion called Shere Kahn and he was the best in the show! He even jumped off stage and ran around everyone in the assembly hall. I really enjoyed it and am going to see it again with my Mummy and Granda.

**by Caiden Cairns (P2MMA)**



### P1 Outdoor Play

P1 children have been enjoying the outdoor area. We have been making water slides, playing in our sandhouse and building with our large construction toys.

### Our Ice-Cream Day

We were invited to Carnmoney for an ice-cream. On the day, they sang a song and then we met our buddies. Then the ice-cream man came to Carnmoney. Then it was my turn for an ice-cream. After we went outside and I was climbing tress then I played football. It was super fun! **by Ashton Lynch**



### The Caterpillar Experience

“When we got them, they were tiny and they made their cocoon very quick. As soon as they were born, they made their cocoons 10 days after! Then they came out of the pot and into the net. When they were

in the net, they got some oranges and sugary water. Then 10 days after they became butterflies. There were some cocoons still there, but we let the butterflies out into the garden. One butterfly didn't fly, he just stayed on the ground and Bobby even touched the butterfly wings! The butterflies looked really nice, and they are called 'a Painted lady'.”

**Cillian Campbell P2MI**



### **KS1 Sports Day**

We celebrated sports day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It was a bit of a windy day, but it was still fun! I liked the football shoot out most. My Mummy, Granda and my Granny came to see me and my Daddy got to come watch at the end. My team was Greece and when we came back into school we made a Sports Day poster.

**Aidan McAvinney P2MMA**



### Our First Holy Communion

P4s made their First Holy Communion on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in St Bernard's Church. All of our families and teachers were there. They were so proud of us. We all looked fabulous in our dresses and our suits. We worked really hard before the mass to be prepared and we all knew our songs and prayers brilliantly. During the mass, we sang like angels and we even made a few people cry tears of joy and pride. We had a great day with lots of celebrations after. Our lovely class photos show just how ecstatic we were! **by Amelia Brady and Malachi Hegney**

### The Best Forest School Day

When we were making the smores it felt like we were actually in the forest camping. Both P4 classes were there, there were different activities to do while you waited. We lit a fire with flint and steel, then we got sticks with our marshmallows on them. We put them over the fire, we were careful so that our stick didn't catch fire! After that we had chocolate biscuits to put the marshmallows in. They were very delicious and sticky! **By Ciaran Boyle P4AW**

### The Best Day I'll Never Forget

We went to Carnmoney PS for an ice-cream day. The week before, we wrote a postcard to our buddies. The day finally came. I was so excited. Our morning work in class made me hungry. It was to design your own ice-cream flavour. When we arrived, they sang a welcome song and then we went to find our buddies. We danced then we got ice-cream. We went to play outside. we said goodbye. We will see each other in P4! **by Chara Murphy**

### Our Buddy Day

We were invited to Carnmoney PS to see our buddies. We wrote postcards to each other first and I loved the one my buddy sent me. When we got there our buddies sang a song and then they played a song and we all danced to it. Next we got ice-cream. It was so yummy and creamy. After that, me and my buddy played hide and seek in the garden. I had a great time. (I love my buddy!) **by Olivia Simpson**

**P6JK:** This term, our topic in Literacy is Poetry. We have been reading and interpreting a range of different poems and looking at key features within these texts. We worked together to create our own rhyming poem reflecting on our year in Primary 6. We hope you enjoy!

### Goodbye Primary 6

Oh what a year it's been,  
So many things we have seen,  
We have had so much fun,  
It's such a shame there was a lack of sun.

We played handball all the time,  
During drama we did a mime,  
We went to Peace Proms and sang along,  
Thank goodness we didn't get the lyrics wrong.

At the disco we danced to our hearts were content,  
And in forest school we all built a huge tent,  
Miss Kerr let us try different delicious fruit,  
In the museum, we tried on an ancient Viking boot.

During Mother's Day assembly we showed our love,  
For everything they do for us over and above,  
Mama Mia was the song we chose to sing,  
Showing our mums, they mean everything.

The time is near to say goodbye,  
P6 we will miss you we'll try not to cry.

**By Louisa, Oisin, Mya, Yousif and Reid**

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### Our Trip to Carnmoney

On Tuesday we went to Carnmoney Primary School to meet our best friends. I was happy because I had not seen them in a long time. When we arrived at Carnmoney they sang us a nice song. Then we found our buddies. After that we ate our delicious ice-cream in their dinner hall. When we finished our ice-cream we went to dance with our buddies. Then they showed us their playground. I loved their garden, and I had great fun. **By Luca Barnes P3SR**

### Our Trip to Carnmoney to get ice-cream

On Tuesday we walked to Carnmoney Primary School to meet our buddies. I was excited because we were going to get ice-cream. When we got to Carnmoney our buddies sang us a welcome song. After the song we got to find our buddies and talk to them. There were 6 groups. Blue group was the first to get their yummy ice-cream and eat it in the dinner hall. Before we went back to our school they showed us their playground. I climbed trees and hung from the trees. I had a lot of fun.

**By Aoife Downey P3SR**

### Our Trip to Carnmoney

On Tuesday I went to Carnmoney to get ice-cream. We walked to the school. When we got there we met our buddies then we went to the ice-cream van to get ice-cream. We danced in the hall and after that I played with my buddy in the garden. It was fun. **By Robbie McGlone P3SR**

### Ice-Cream Day!

When the P3s walked to Carnmoney we all had fun on the way there!  
When we arrived they sang a song for us to welcome us then we started dancing: 'It's time for Africa!' It was really funny!  
Then we had ice-cream which was really, really DELICIOUS! And then we went outside to play football and they wone with two more goals! It was fun on our long, fun journey! **by Sanjit Sapkota**