



# April 2017

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thur	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Sacrament of First Confession in St Therese Church at 1pm	
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> – Wed	12 <sup>th</sup> April	P7 Trip to the Share Centre
Thur	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Thursday. School closing at 12 noon. No dinners served.	
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> - Fri	21 <sup>st</sup> April	School closed for <u>Easter Holidays</u>
Mon	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens for Term 3	
Fri	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Armagh Rhymers performing for all classes	
Mon	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>School Closed</u>	
Thur	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-sacramental meeting for P4 parents in school at 5pm	
Fri	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day (Weather permitting)	
Fri	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	<u>School Closed</u>	
Mon	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	<u>School Closed</u>	
Fri	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P1 and 2 Sports Day	
Sat	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Holy Communion 10am in St Therese of Lisieux Church	
Fri	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	P3 and P4 Sports Day	
Thur	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	P7 Leavers Mass in St Therese of Lisieux Church 7pm	
Fri	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	School closing at 12 o' clock for the summer holiday	

## **UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES**

P6 year group – Thur April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

## **PTA DISCO**

The PTA have arranged a Spring disco in the school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, and all pupils of the school are welcome. There will be a tuck shop and hopefully weather permitting a barbeque.

**Primary 1 – 3**

**6pm – 7pm**

**Primary 4 – 7**

**7.15 – 8.15pm**

*Children must be collected after the disco.*

## **P3 FIRST CONFESSION**

The P3 children will receive the sacrament of First Confession on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm in St. Therese Church. We will keep the children in our thoughts and prayers.

## **DUNCAIRN ARTS PROJECT**

The P7s visited Duncairn Arts Centre on Mon 3 April in the final part of their World Around Us art project. The children have been working with artists making 3d models of the Eiffel Tower and the Giant's Causeway. The children enjoyed meeting the other 2 schools involved in the project, Cavehill PS and Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin.

Barry Kerr (the renowned artist and musician and artist in residence) entertained the children. Chloe Dougan (designer) and Aisling Kane (photographer) did an art workshop, and Marnie Kennedy, the shared reading/stories co-ordinator did a poetry workshop with them. A very enjoyable project!

## **TROCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL**

The theme for the Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2017 is 'Climate Change Climate Justice' and the children are exploring a range of activities in class to help them develop a better understanding of these important issues in our world today. Thanks to everyone who has generously donated to the children's fundraising activities.

## **EASTER BALLOT**

Tickets for a lovely basket of Easter treats are on sale at 50p per ballot. A big thank you to the McCready family for the donation. Funds raised will go to the school council for adding to the lunchtime activities equipment.

## **EXTENDED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Extended schools activities will end on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> for the term, with the exception of the Breakfast Club and the 123 Club. 123 Club will finish on Wed April 12<sup>th</sup> and the Breakfast Club will finish on Thur April 13<sup>th</sup>.

As Term 3 is relatively short, children will be able to pay to continue attending the same clubs as they attended in Term 2, starting Mon April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please return forms asap.

## **BUDDY READERS**

Congratulations to our brilliant P7 and P3 Buddy Readers who have now completed their reading time together.

Great friendships and a love of reading were forged during this fantastic collaboration. Well done everyone!

## P7 RAINBOW COMMUNICATION BLITZ

Unfortunately due to Confirmation commitments our P7 boys were unable to attend this 5 a side competition. However the P6s stepped up and represented our school in an exciting afternoon of football at the Shankill Leisure Centre. These enthusiastic boys played against strong competition and displayed a true sense of teamwork, drive and determination. It was a pleasure to watch and gave the boys an opportunity to see what is expected for next year.

## BELFAST SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER TRIALS

Congratulations to Malachi Mc Gibbon, Ronan O' Hara, Josh Briggs and Leo Griffin who all participated in trials for the Belfast School Boys' Soccer Team. This was a wonderful opportunity for these boys to experience and a primary school memory to be very proud of. We are delighted to share the fantastic news that Leo Griffin has been selected to represent our school on the team. This is the highest accolade within primary school soccer and we wish him every success in his competitive match in the coming months.

## GAELIC NEWS

The quarter-final of the Championship consisted of an afternoon of matches under harsh and challenging weather conditions from the start. The boys managed to hold off the pressure in all matches to obtain four wins. This was a magnificent afternoon of football and provided the boys with a hunger for their next challenge. In the semi-final the boys' displayed tremendous spirit and commitment against Oliver Plunkett PS at the Grosvenor Leisure Centre this week. Unfortunately they were defeated by a stronger team but showed immense character all over the field. Every player showed a 'never give up attitude' to the final whistle. Finally many thanks to all the parents who came out to support us on our championship campaign.

In recognition of the training, effort and commitment these boy displayed, they were invited to participate in an exhibition match at half-time during the Allianz National Football League match between Antrim and Longford on Sunday 2nd April in St John's, Corrigan Park.

## HURLING NEWS

We are delighted to have Simon McCrory, a senior Antrim hurler, on board as a new coach in the school. After Easter, he will be delivering sessions to P5-P6 classes during the school day. We look forward to him sharing his skill and expertise with the Antrim hurlers and camogs of the future.

***A big thank you to Miss McMullan for her work, effort and commitment as PE Coordinator, and for sharing her love of Gaelic Games with the children.***

## CROSS-COUNTRY NORTH BELFAST HEAT

The weather on Monday 27th March provided our Cross-Country teams with perfect running conditions. The girls were up first and came home in 2nd place, with Sophie McMahon coming 10th overall. Next up were the boys and they continued with success by taking 1st place with Josh Briggs coming 3rd, Daanan Strong 4th and Eoin Matthews 7th. This was a magnificent achievement for all runners and recognition for all their hard work and training. The next race will be in Ormeau Park on Wednesday 26th April and we look forward to another day of hard fought competitive running.

## THE BIG PEDAL

A massive thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Pedal 2017. As a whole school we worked very hard to complete the circuit in the set time.

As the good weather draws in we would ask you to encourage your children to cycle or scoot to school in this our final school term. Our Primary 7 Bike Buddies will be doing spot checks, giving prizes to those children who regularly bring their bike or scooter to school.

## SHARED EDUCATION

On the 20th & 21st March, the Primary 2 children had a Shared Education visit to Cavehill Primary School to work on our joint topic 'In the Garden'. After a lovely walk to the school the children had a chance to make a plant for their mums in their Polytunnel and completed a short World Around Us lesson on parts of the flower. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and we are looking forward to hosting the children from Cavehill next week.

## CANCER FOCUS NI

On the 28th March the Primary 1,2,3,4 and 6 children had a visit from Cancer Focus. Each year group had a short workshop on various health related topics including healthy eating and keeping fit. The Primary 1 and 2 children even had a visit from Genevieve the Goat, who encouraged them to eat plenty of fruit and vegetables!

## ERASMUS STUDENTS

The staff and pupils of St. Therese of Lisieux would like to say a massive thank you to the Erasmus Students who have been with us for nearly six weeks. We have really enjoyed hosting the students and finding out all about their countries, culture and traditions. We hope that they have enjoyed their time with us too. We wish the girls; Anna, Eva, Lotte and Christina all the best in their future careers. **Auf Wiedersehen, adiós, tot ziens,**

## PARKING

We know that parking to drop children off in the mornings can be very difficult. However, the school has been asked to remind parents to please adhere to parking regulations and show consideration to local residents when parking.