



# April

## 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs	April 18 <sup>th</sup>
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Mon	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Thur	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Mon	May 6 <sup>th</sup>
Sat	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mon-Tue	May 27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Wed-Thur	June 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>
Wed	June 12 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	June 14 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	June 28 <sup>th</sup>

The Passion Play performed by P6  
School closing at noon for the Easter Holidays  
School reopening for Term 3  
School Closed for Local Council Election  
School Closed for Bank Holiday  
P4 First Holy Communion in St Therese of Lisieux Church at 10am  
KS2 Sports Day (weather permitting) P5-7  
School Closed for the Bank Holiday  
FS Sports Day (weather permitting) P1-2  
P7 Show  
P1 Induction Day (for children starting in Sept 2019)  
KS1 Sports Day (weather permitting) P3-4  
School will close for the summer break at noon.

### ASSEMBLIES

P3 Year Group – Fri May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am  
P1 Miss Bannon – Fri May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am  
Parents are very welcome to attend.

### TROCAIRE

The children are planning some fundraising activities to raise vital funds to help with the work of Trocaire. Great credit is due to children who are donating money from their own personal sacrifices (giving up treats/comics etc.) to help those less fortunate.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL BALLOT

We would like to thank the McCready family for the fabulous Easter Basket they have donated to the school. The school council are selling ballot tickets for it and some Easter Eggs at 50p per ticket. They will use the money raised will be used to buy small games/ equipment for lunchtime activities.

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Right of the Month for April is Article 24 – We have the Right to good healthcare. This links into our fundraising for Trocaire and to highlight the huge differences of resources around the world. The children will be talking about what this right means and how it affects people in our country and around the world.

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

**Please make sure that each child's uniform is clearly marked with their name. It makes returning lost property to its rightful owner much easier.**

### SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P7 pupils who received the sacrament of confirmation last month and our P3s who had their First Confession last week. Both year groups were very reverent, prayerful and well behaved during the long ceremonies. Please keep them in your prayers and also our P4s who will be making their First Holy Communion in May.

### SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Well done to all the boys and girls who performed in our St Patrick's Day Concerts. They put on a wonderful feast of poetry, music, drama, song and dance to help us celebrate St Patrick's Day. All classes also had a chance to learn some Irish, with an engaging lesson 'as gaeilge' from Miss Connolly, one of our substitute teachers. Mrs Mulholland and some of the older orchestra members also performed for the residents of the Ambassador Nursing Home.

### PUNCTUALITY

All children should be in school at 8.55am. Congratulations to Saorlaith, Joseph and Sophie who won our punctuality prizes over the past few weeks. We will have a few more surprise punctuality prizes before the end of the year so make sure you are in the line on time and you might win one of our fabulous prizes.

### CYCLING SAFETY

Please make sure that children who cycle or scoot to school wear a helmet, and that bicycles and scooters are locked during the school day.

## VOTE FOR ADAM'S AUTISM ADVENTURES

One of our families' benefits from attending Adam's Camp N.I. - a therapy camp for children with autism. They are through to the final round of the National Lottery's People's Projects and your vote could help secure £50,000 funding. This would massively help the charity to deliver this therapy model to many more families. Please give them your vote, Adam's Autism Adventures

<https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/adams-autism-adventures>

## ILLNESS

One of our younger pupils has a compromised immune system and coming into contact with infectious conditions, especially chickenpox, may have implications for his treatment. If your child may have come into contact with chickenpox please let the office know so that we can pass this information on.

## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Science Starz have been helping us celebrate National Science Week during March/April. All children have had the opportunity to wear a lab coat and get fully involved in an experiment related to their World Around Us topic. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the 'hands-on' experiments and investigations. These sessions have been partially funded by a grant from the Edina Trust. Thank you to everyone who has sent in the requested £1.50 to cover the rest of the cost.

## YOUNG AUTHORS COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Faye Donaldson who won a Young Authors prize. Faye received a medal and gift card at Belfast City hall last month.

## CREDIT UNION QUIZ

We were represented at the credit union quiz by two P6 teams. Both teams did very well but special congratulations to TJ, Patrick, Aoife and Conal who got through to the regional final.



## CASH FOR CLOBBER

A big thank you to all who took part in our Cash for Clobber. We raised an amazing £304 from the clothing donations. With the money raised we were able to buy beautiful plants and planters that can be seen around our school grounds adding lots of colour as well as helping to attract butterflies and bees. The children were also able to make a bug hotel in the garden and a bird café in the small playground hoping to attract lots of new wildlife to our school.

## CYRIL MURRAY CUP

The Primary 7 boys took part in the Final of the Cyril Murray Cup against Christ the Redeemer PS. In a competitive game played against the backdrop of Storm Eric, the boys lost 1-0 in a close fought game that went all the way to the whistle. Huge congratulations to the boys on their performances all season.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thanks to everyone who supported our annual book fair this year and made it such a success. As well as promoting a love of reading, the books you have purchased means that St Therese has received a book voucher which will be used to buy new books for our school reading scheme. Thank you also to those who donated wish list books; the children and their teachers were delighted to receive them.

## ECO SCHOOL

Huge congratulations to the ECO Leaders, the ECO Team and Miss Scannell for their hard work and commitment to ECO Schools. We are delighted to have been awarded the ECO Schools Green Flag for the fourth time. The ECO assessors were very impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication of the children in our school to being ECO friendly and caring for our environment. They were also very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of the importance of energy conservation, bio diversity and the need for recycling. A fantastic job by the whole school!



## TIN WHISTLE CLUB

Tin Whistle after school club is on Wednesdays from 3-4 pm. Lessons are provided by Andersonstown Traditional & Contemporary Music School. The class is open to beginners and more experienced musicians. Some places are still available. Children need to have their own instrument. Please contact the office to book a place.