



# June

## 2017

### IMPORTANT DATES

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| Fri  | June 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | P1 and 2 Sports Day (Weather permitting)                          |
| Sat  | June 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | First Holy Communion 10am in St Therese of Lisieux Church         |
| Thur | June 8 <sup>th</sup>  | <u>School closed for the election</u>                             |
| Tue  | June 13 <sup>th</sup> | P7 Show at 7pm. <u>School will close at 2pm for all children.</u> |
| Wed  | June 14 <sup>th</sup> | P7 Show at 7pm. <u>School will close at 2pm for all children.</u> |
| Tue  | June 20 <sup>th</sup> | <u>P3 and P4 Sports Day (new date)</u>                            |
| Thur | June 22 <sup>nd</sup> | P7 Leavers Mass in St Therese of Lisieux Church 7pm               |
| Tue  | June 27 <sup>th</sup> | P7 Leavers Disco  |
| Fri  | June 30 <sup>th</sup> | School closing at 12 o' clock for the summer holiday              |

### **GENERAL ELECTION**

The school will be used as a polling station for the election on Thur June 8<sup>th</sup> and will be closed for pupils and staff.

### **SACRAMENTS**

Best wishes to the girls and boys in P4 who are making final preparations for their First Holy Communion on **Sat June 3rd at 10am in St Therese Church.**

The PTA would like to thank those who have donated biscuits, cakes and traybakes for the Communion tea. Donations can be left at the office. **Volunteers to help serve the tea are also needed. Please leave your name if you can help.**

### **RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

In St Therese we have started our journey to become a **Rights Respecting School.** Last week the student council and anti-bullying ambassadors took part in an assembly for the whole school explaining RRS and what it means for us. Schools work with Unicef UK on a journey to become fully Rights Respecting. The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC or UNCRC) into practice within the school and beyond.

We are currently at the recognition stage of our journey and hope to work through the award over the next 3 years.

### **MUSIC EXAMS**

**Dr Close from the CBSM will be in on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** to rehearse with all children doing a music exam in June. Please make sure your child has their instrument and music with them on this day.

### **MUSIC FEES**

All term 3 music fees are now due.

### **TROCAIRE**

Thanks to everyone who supported the children in their various activities to raise money for Trocaire. A very generous total donation of **£3,651.46** was made by the school in support of this year's Lenten campaign.

### **CHILDREN'S CANCER UNIT**

Thanks to everyone who supported the parents and staff who walked and ran in the marathon on Monday to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Unit Charity. A grand total of £10,000 was raised for this very worthwhile charity.



### **TREK**

All classes took part in TREK (Truth, Respect, Kindness and Empathy), a PDMU initiative, which focusses on recognising, respecting and accepting difference in our society. This is a cross-community project involving our local primary schools. Mrs McIlwaine's P7 class represented the school at the TREK celebration in the Girls' Model where they got to sample cuisine from around the world, experience Bollywood dancing, try their hands at Chinese calligraphy, dress up in costumes from Poland, as well as finding out more about our own culture.

## **SPORTS DAY**

A fantastic day of fun and competition was had by all at the KS2 Sports Day. Congratulations to all medal winners and to everyone for taking part with such energy. Good luck to our P1 and P2 pupils on Friday 2nd June and our P3s and P4s on Tue 20<sup>th</sup> June on their Sports Days. We hope the weather will be kind.

## **GAA ANTRIM SCHOOL BOYS' TEAM**

Congratulations to Malachi McGibbon who lined out for Antrim in the School Boys' Team during the half-time of the Donegal against Antrim game in Ballybofey on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. This was a wonderful opportunity for Malachi and a big accolade to add to his sporting achievements.

## **CROSS COUNTRY FINAL**

The Boys' Cross Country team participated in the Inter Area Final on Thursday 25<sup>h</sup> May at the Ormeau Park. It was a tremendous achievement for the boys to reach this level and I would like to congratulate Aaron Lynch, Callum Magee, Louis Rooney, Eoin Matthews, Alessandro O' Hara and Josh Briggs for all their hardwork and dedication. A big congratulations goes to Josh Briggs, who was placed 30<sup>th</sup> out of 88 boys. All of these children will be leaving us in June and we wish them every such in their running careers.

## **HURLING BLITZ**

The boys' hurling team attended a blitz on the 25th May in Sarsfield GAC. During the afternoon they defeated both St Marys on the Hill P.S. and Gaelscoil na bhFal , however they were unfortunately beaten by Holy Child in a playoff game. Under warm conditions the boys displayed tremendous skill and we saw some magnificent scores from Oisín Magee and Eoin Brown but Holy Child just seemed to have that little bit of extra energy going forward to capture a win. We wish them the very best of luck in the next round.

The boys will have another opportunity on 1<sup>st</sup> June at St Enda's in another blitz to possibly bring home some silverware. We wish the boys the best of luck.

## **PE UNIFORMS**

Truly Fare now offers a click and collect service for uniforms. Please visit their website for further information [www.trulyfareuniforms.com](http://www.trulyfareuniforms.com) Alternatively PE uniforms can be purchased in the Kennedy Centre and 483 Falls Road.

## **AFTER SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES**

After school activities finish this week, except the 123 Club and Breakfast Club. Homework club is also finishing this week.

## **ORCHESTRA AND P5 CHOIR**

The orchestra and P5 choir are working very hard in preparation for the end of year show Calamity Jane and are sounding great! Please continue to learn the words and practise the music as the show date is fast approaching!

## **MUSIC ENDEAVOUR AWARD**

Massive congratulations to Beth Stewart for being awarded the Music Endeavour Award by the CBSM. This award celebrates the talent and musicianship of children who are extremely dedicated and show great commitment and enthusiasm in their lessons and during the Saturday morning orchestra. This is a fantastic achievement as Beth was chosen from pupils across all Belfast primary schools.



## **CBSM SATURDAY MORNING ORCHESTRA**

Good luck to all those children who auditioned for a place in the CBSM Saturday morning orchestra. Being part of this orchestra is an excellent opportunity for children to further enhance their musicianship by improving their playing, sight reading skills and developing their social skills by playing and integrating with children from different schools all over Belfast. Currently we have 20 children who attend the CBSM groups and they recently performed brilliantly in the Ulster Hall, where Beth was awarded her Music Endeavour Award.

## **DANCING QUEEN**

Congratulations to Rachel Donnelly who won first prize in two Dance Supreme Hip Hop competitions. She won the Solo and the Pairs competitions.

## **POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Staff and pupils have reviewed our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy and our Antibullying Policy over the past few months. We have had a Golden Rules poster competition and the results will be announced shortly. The winning posters will be enlarged and displayed around the school and playgrounds. The policies will be on the website for consultation next week.