



March

2024



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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	March 6 th
Thur	March 7 th
Thur	Mar 14 th
Mon	Mar 18 th
Thur	Mar 28 th
Mon	April 8 th
Mon	April 15 th
Thur-Fri	April 25 th -26 th
Fri	May 3 rd
Mon-Fri	May 6 th -10 th
Mon	May 27 th
Sat	June 1 st
Sat	June 15 th
Tue	June 25 th
Fri	June 28 th

P3 First Confession at St Therese Church at 10am
World Book Day
St Patrick's Day Concert (P4 and 5)
School closed for St Patrick's Day holiday
School closing at noon for the Easter holidays
School reopening for Term 3
Book Fair Week
P7 Residential Trip to Ganaway
PTA Fundraiser-Break the Rules Day
School closed for Summer Half Term
School closed for the Bank Holiday
P4 First Holy Communion
PTA Summer Fair
P7 Leavers' Disco
School closing at noon for the summer holidays

SACRAMENTS

Our P7s made their Confirmation in February in two beautiful ceremonies. The ice cream treat provided by the PTA was well deserved. The children are now working with their Faith Friends from Blessed Trinity College who are great role models and are sharing their own faith development with our P7s.

Please remember our P3s in your prayers as they prepare for their First Confession.



ST PATRICK'S CONCERT

The orchestra, P4 and P5 year groups, P7 tin whistle group and dancers from P4-7 will perform at our St Patrick's Day concerts on Thur March 14th at 10 am and 1pm. The programme will be the same for both performances, so parents/carers are most welcome to attend whichever suits best. Tickets (£4) on sale at the door.

SAFER INTERNET WEEK

Huge congratulations to the P7 Digital Leaders who hosted a very informative assembly for Safer Internet Week 2024, followed by a Q and A session. They gave a wide insight into this year's theme '*Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online*', and gave very helpful tips on how to stay safe online to our P2-P7 pupils which is available online [here](#). The Digital Leaders confident and detailed responses during the Q and A sessions with their peers was hugely impressive.

Our Student Council and pupils from P1-3 created a Family Online Safety video. This details practical advice and support on how to keep children safe while navigating online resources. The video is only 5 minutes long and is suitable for families to watch together, to spread awareness of how we can all stay safe online and support one another. As our video narrators say, "BE SAVVY, NOT SORRY!" Available [here](#)



Remember the '**Safer Schools NI**' app funded by DE has a host of helpful information/ advice about online safety. To access, download the app, create your account, select our school and input **2030** when asked for a code.

SPORTING NEWS

A very busy start to 2024 for our boys and girls! There were three strong performances from our P7 girls' and boys' gaelic football teams at the Cumann na mBunscol 5 aside competitions.



The P6 soccer team were narrowly defeated 2-1 by Braniel P.S. in an evenly contested cup game. There was some great team play and excellent individual performances from the boys and girls! Some of our P7 girls had a great afternoon at the BPSFA indoor 5-a-side competition at Shankill Leisure Centre. Most of the girls played their first competitive games and they all enjoyed the experience.



Our P7s took part in 'Around the World Cup' at Crusaders' Seaview Stadium with our Shared Education partners Cavehill PS, funded by the Good Relations Programme.

They had a fantastic time competing in a soccer tournament and working collaboratively on a Titanic themed problem-solving challenge. Everyone got to cheer on the football tournament finalists from the stands.

Congratulations to the P6 and P7 children who took part in the North Heat of the Belfast Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. We had 12 medal winners and a school trophy. Well done everybody, we are so proud of each one of you! Special congratulations to Eva who came first in the P6 girls' race and Molly who came second in the P7 girls' race. Good luck for the final in April!!



SCHOOL HARDSHIP PROGRAMME

We are using our Belfast City Council School Hardship funding to offer Free School Meals (FSM) more widely during the month of March, to families that are impacted by the recent increases in the price of heat/food/rent/mortgages/fuel etc. If your child is **not** currently entitled to FSM and you would like to be considered for this support, please email info@stthereseoflisieux.belfast.ni.sch.uk asap. Please put **School Hardship Programme** in the subject line of the email.

We aim to respond to all requests and ensure a fair distribution of our allocation so that as many families as possible can benefit. However, the funding is limited and once it has been allocated it is unlikely that more will be made available. Information on FSM eligibility is available online [here](#).

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is almost here, and we are counting down until next Thursday! We are really looking forward to seeing all the potato and junk materials book characters. It's a great opportunity to help celebrate this special day. Click on the link below for a reminder of the amazing creations from last year. [World Book Day \(stthereseoflisieux.co.uk\)](http://stthereseoflisieux.co.uk)



SCHOOL COUNCIL EASTER BALLOT

Thanks to the McCready family who donated a lovely Easter themed prize to be raffled amongst the children. The School Council will be selling tickets at 50p each after St Patrick's Day. They will use the money raised to top up our lunchtime activities for the summer term.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

A big thank you to everyone who donated clothes to Cash for Clobber. We collected a fantastic 760kg and raised an amazing £304. All money raised will go towards our Biodiversity topic and the fun ECO projects planned for Spring and Summer terms. The raffle for the class party will take place on Friday 1st March. Good Luck!

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thur: 8.30am-4.15pm Fri: 8.30am- 3.15pm



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