



March

2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur	March 2 nd
Mon	March 6 th
Fri	March 10 th
Thur	March 16 th
Fri	March 17 th
Wed	Mar 29 th
Fri	Mar 31 th
Thur	April 6 th
Mon	April 17 th
Mon	May 1 st
Mon	May 8 th
Thurs	May 18 th
Sat	May 20 th
Mon-Tue	May 29 th -30 th
Fri	June 30 th

World Book Day
Chinese New Year Celebration
Non-Uniform Day for Trocaire
St Patrick's Day Concert
St Patrick's Day school closed
P3 Mrs Acum- First Confession 11am St Therese Church
P3 Mrs Black- First Confession 11am St Therese Church
School closing at noon for the Easter holidays.
School reopening for Term 3
School closed for the Bank Holiday
School closed for the Bank Holiday
School closed for the Local Elections
First Holy Communion St Therese church-
10am Ms McClenaghan's class & 12pm Miss Norton's class
School closed for the Bank Holiday
School closing at noon for the summer holidays

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P7 pupils and their families on their lovely Service of Light and Sacrament of Confirmation. They are looking forward to working with Faith Friends from Blessed Trinity College over the next month who will be sharing their own faith development with our P7s.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is almost here, and we are counting down until Thursday! We will have various activities happening throughout the school, but our big highlight will be bringing all the potato book characters together in the hall. We saw fantastic creations last year and we are looking forward to another memorable World Book Day!



NORTH BELFAST FOODBANK

We are a referral agency for the North Belfast Foodbank and can issue foodbank vouchers. If your family is in need, please email info@stthereseoflisieux.belfast.ni.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs McTaggart, in complete confidence.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

PARENT ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

As part of Safer Internet Week 2023, we held a very interesting **Parent Online Safety workshop** in school. The Department of Education's '**Safer Schools NI**' parent app, alongside practical advice, tips and support for keeping children safe online was discussed.

The '**Safer Schools NI**' app helps parents navigate the digital world with tools to protect your child when they are online. The '**Safer Schools NI**' app is available in the App/Play Store. Follow the instructions to register and create an account, select St Therese of Lisieux PS and input 2030 when asked for a code to access content specific to our school.



All pupils took part in internet safety activities to increase their awareness of how to stay safe online, during Online Safety Week. We had an informative assembly lead by the P7 Digital Leaders, who, with their wealth of knowledge, provided pupils & staff with some important ways to look after their digital footprint. The Digital Leaders confident and detailed responses during a Q and A with the P4-7 children was hugely impressive. We definitely have some future public speakers, as well as IT experts in our midst!

ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT (P4 and P5)

Due to the huge numbers attending previous concerts we are going to have two concerts this year on Thur March 16th, one at 10am and the other at 1pm. The school orchestra, P4, P5 and dancers from P4-7 will perform at both concerts, so parents are most welcome to attend whichever suits best. Two tickets per family will be available in relevant year groups (£3 per ticket) from March 8-10th. After this any remaining tickets will be sold 'first come first served'. Money should be sent in an envelope to the class teachers.

LENT 2023 EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

In support of our annual Trocaire Lenten campaign, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 10th March. We are targeting our fundraising efforts in solidarity with the people of Turkey and Syria who have suffered so much after the recent devastating earthquakes. The children will each receive a donations envelope next week along with a gift aid slip. We appreciate that we are all living through financially challenging times so any donations will be greatly appreciated.

ART COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the very talented P4s who were winners in recent art competitions. Maisy and Jaden were winners in the Chinese New Year poster competitions and were invited to Stormont to accept their prizes. Aoife was a winner in the local Credit Union competition, and she was delighted to receive her voucher in school. Well done to all who took part!! The entries for the all-Ireland Texaco Children's Art Competition have just been sent away. Fingers crossed that the judges will be wowed by the talent and creativity in our community!



CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to our boys and girls cross country teams who have both qualified for the Belfast City Council finals day. Both teams finished in second place overall and 3 children in each team qualified for the individual races. Well done and good luck in the finals.



WORLD MATHS DAY IS BACK

Time to prime those brains and flex those fingers - World Maths Day is back! On Wednesday 8th of March 2023, students across the globe will battle it out to discover who is the world's strongest mathlete. On this day, millions of students across the world compete in live Mathematics challenges to determine a global winner, while also participating in fun activities that highlight the wonder of numbers. Students log into Mathematics and race against the clock to answer as many questions as possible within the 60 second time limit. **The event runs for 48 hours to cover all global time zones. The competition for our pupils will begin at 7pm on Tuesday 7th March.** The children can login before the event to start practising. Passwords will be given to each child by their class teacher. There will be a certificate for the child in each class who has earned the most points when the event finishes! Good luck everyone!

SCHOOL GARDEN

We have had some exciting developments in the school garden over the month of February. Our thanks to the Woodland Trust for supplying 30 native trees and for helping the P6s plant them. We have also planted lots of seeds, bulbs, shrubs and a few fruit trees. The plants were funded by a 'Live Here Love Here' Pollinator DAERA Grant and by a PTA 'Living Places and Spaces' grant from the Department of Infrastructure.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL & BTSFA

Congratulations to our girls participating in the Cumann Na mBunscol indoor tournament at the Colin Glen Sports Dome. Wonderful ambassadors for our school!



A fantastic performance from our P7s at the BPSFA 5-a-side at the Shankill LC. They topped their group with 2 wins and a draw and won their playoff against Campbell College Prep to qualify for the finals. Well done and good luck in the final!!

TWITTER

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