



May

2024



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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed May 1st
Fri May 3rd
Mon-Fri May 6th-10th
Mon May 27th
Sat June 1st

Wed-Thur June 5th-6th
Fri June 7th
Mon June 10th
Wed June 12th
Thur June 13th
Fri June 14th
Sat June 15th
Tue June 25th
Fri June 28th

Community Open Day 10am
PTA Fundraiser-Break the Rules Day
School closed for Summer Half Term
School closed for the Bank Holiday
P4 First Holy Communion
Ms White/Miss Norton-10am/Ms McClenaghan-12pm
P7 production of Joseph
P1 and 2 Sports Day
School Photographer
P7 Sports Day
P5 and 6 Sports Day
P3 and 4 Sports Day
PTA Summer Fair
P7 Leavers' Disco
School closing at noon for the summer holidays

BREAK THE RULES DAY

Our PTA are also holding a fundraiser on Fri May 3rd called Break the Rules Day. Children can choose to break certain 'rules' by making a donation to the PTA. A leaflet explaining this was sent home on Monday. Funds raised will be used to make a donation to Cash for Kids, an excellent charity who have supported so many local families over the past few years and also to fund additional IT equipment for the school.

PTA SUMMER FAIR -SAVE THE DATE

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations the PTA are working hard planning a Summer Fair to take place on Sat June 15th in school from 12-3pm. It promises to be a wonderful community event with inflatables, petting farm, face painting, games, food and much more. Please put the date in your calendar and come along for a great afternoon!

SPORTS DAYS

Sports Days will take place in the main playground on the following dates and times. Hopefully, the weather will be kind and all dates will go ahead as planned!

P1 Fri June 7th 9.15-10.15am
P2 Fri June 7th 10.30-11.30am
P7 Wed June 12th 9.15-10.15am
P5 Thur June 13th 9.15-10.15am
P6 Thur June 13th 10.30-11.30am
P3 Fri June 14th 9.15-10.15am
P4 Fri June 14th 10.30-11.30am

SACRAMENTS

Please keep our P4 children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in June.

FIRST COMMUNION TEA

The PTA very kindly provide a lovely First Communion Tea in school after the two First Holy Communion ceremonies. However, they need volunteers, new and old, to help with this on Sat June 1st. We ask P3 and P5 parents in particular to consider volunteering for an hour or two as the P5 families were able to avail of the event last year and the P3 families will benefit next year. Please contact the school office if you can help.

TROCAIRE APPEAL

Huge thanks from Trocaire to everyone who contributed to our Trocaire appeal over Lent - £4288.31 was donated.

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Our Community Open Day was a great success-the children from P4-7 really enjoyed learning about life through the decades. Thanks to all the families who supported the learning at home. Our School Council, assisted by Mr McFerran & Miss Norton made a video commemorating 50 years which was premiered at the Open Day. It will be available on our website soon. Thanks also to **Mitchell Professional Cleaning Services** who helped us get the grounds looking so well for this special day.

THE GREAT MATHEMATICS BAKE OFF COMPETITION

Why not have a go at putting your child's measuring skills to good use by entering our annual mathematics 'Bake Off' competition? This will give your child an opportunity to practise measuring out ingredients, handling different quantities and monitoring time by baking a delicious treat! Encourage and help your child to measure ingredients and to read scales with an appropriate degree of accuracy. This could be a lovely activity to do with your child during one of our holidays in May. The competition is open to all children from P1 - P7. Each entrant must submit an **A3 or A4 poster of their work**. This can include photographs, pic collages, drawings, etc . **Don't forget to include lots of mathematical information!** All entries must be submitted to the class teacher by Thurs 6th June.

GOOD LUCK and HAPPY BAKING!!

TREK

Well done to all the boys and girls for their efforts and enthusiasm during the TREK programme last month. TREK is a 2 week Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (PDMU) programme which focuses on recognising, respecting and accepting difference in our society. Each class spent time discussing the 4 TREK values of **Truth, Respect, Empathy and Kindness** and the ways in which the children display these values in and out of class.

SPORTING NEWS

Both the P7 boys and P7 girls Gaelic football teams were in action in April. The girls' team were up first in their semi-final against a very strong Gaelscoil na bhFal. The girls started well and competed right to the end but unfortunately it was not to be. The boys played St Kevin's in their semi-final in a very evenly matched game. Although St Therese controlled the game for long periods, and played some excellent football, St Kevin's managed to score a couple of vital goals to secure victory. Well done to both teams on getting to the semi-finals.

Belfast Schools Cross Country Championships were also held last month. Boys & girls from P6 & P7 showcased their running skills across 4 final events at Mallusk Playing Fields, following heats held in February. Congratulations to all that took part in such an exciting day!

P7 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Huge thanks to all the staff who took our P7s on their residential trip to Ganaway Activity Centre in April. The weather was good, the activities challenging and enjoyable and the children a credit to their families and school!

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

A massive thank you for the support we received during our Book Fair Week. We had hundreds of books for sale, and it was so well attended every day! There was such a great buzz throughout the school about authors, books and stationery. With your generosity we received £2198 in commission to spend on resources and every year group will benefit from this additional money.



SAFE CYCLING

Hopefully, we will see an improvement in the weather soon and more children will be able to cycle and scoot safely to and from school. We just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all of a few safety tips:

- Please ensure your bike/scooter is locked during the day.
- Please wear a helmet when cycling/scooting.
- Please be aware of traffic.
- Please remember that school is a pedestrian zone-nobody should be cycling or scooting in school grounds.

SUN SAFETY

Hopefully, we will have lovely weather in May and June. Please make sure your child has a sunhat (labelled with name and class) and remember to apply sun cream if it is very hot.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Tempest Photography will be in school on Mon June 10th to take individual photographs of children in P1 and P7. If the P1 and P7 children have siblings in other year groups, they will facilitate family photographs, if parents wish. Each class will also have a group photo taken as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations.

HOLIDAYS 2024-25

The draft holiday list for next year is available [here](#).

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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



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