



## *'Being the best that we can be'*

**'Friday Note'**

**Friday 27 January 2017**

**No.14**

### **Looking back...**

**It's busy, busy here....have a read and see what we've been up to.....**

### **It's a boy!**

Congratulations to Mrs Hanna and her husband Kevin! She had a baby boy on Sunday morning. Earlier than expected but all safe and sound. At 7lbs 3oz., James Patrick is a new baby brother for Dominic. We all send Anne and Kevin our very best wishes at this lovely time.

### **A Post-Inspection Action**

This week our district inspector, Ms Jill Garland visited the school. On Tuesday morning she was able to observe 2 lessons along with myself. The feedback was excellent on both lessons so we are delighted with that. We were also able to share the progress made in Numeracy, ICT and Special Educational Needs even from our Interim Follow-Up Visit. This is another step towards progress.

### **Catholic Schools Week (30th January – 3rd February)**

This is an annual event for all Catholic schools, a week set aside to acknowledge the work that goes on in St. Joseph's and to celebrate our ethos and identity. To mark this occasion, the school will be celebrating Mass at 10am on Tuesday 31 January with the teachers and pupils from P4 – P7. Please come along and celebrate with us. We will also be celebrating St. Brigid's day on Wednesday 1 February and holding special assemblies for all year groups.

### **Confirmation Meeting**

On Tuesday night we met our Primary 7 parents to outline the preparation for Confirmation on Monday 20 March this year. Thank you for the fantastic turn out to this meeting. We thank you very much for your continued support.

### **PTA News**

Tuesday night was a busy night as we also had a PTA meeting at 7pm. The PTA are planning some fabulous fundraisers over the coming months and these will be detailed in the February Newssheet out on Monday 6 February. However there are a few events that we would like to highlight to you now:

- The **PTA's Annual General Meeting** will be held here in school on **Tuesday 21 February at 7pm**. It would be great to welcome new members along on that evening if you can spare some time. New officers will be elected on the night so come along if you can.
- The PTA is entering a school team in **Lisburn's Annual 3k Fun Run on Wednesday 21 June**. They would love it if a lot of our families could join them in raising money for the school. If you would like to enter along with the PTA then let any member know as soon as possible. A 'Just Giving' page will be set up for donations and it promises to be a fun and enjoyable event. More details later...

### **Congratulations to.....**

Our school camogie team this week as they are through to the Cumann na mbuscol indoor final on Friday 27 January. The girls won their first match against Gaescoil nabhfal 3-0 and went on to win 5-3 against Holy Rosary Primary School in extra time. Well done girls! We are very proud of this achievement.

Congratulations to the boys' P6 soccer team who beat Killowen P.S. on Wednesday by 3 goals to 1. It was a great team performance which ended with a well-deserved victory. The boys will now play their quarter final match at Laurelhill Sports Zone on Thursday 2 March.

It was contrasting fortunes for the P7 girls' soccer team who, despite spirited performances, exited their tournament at Ballymacash P.S. suffering 2 narrow defeats and drawing their other match. Well done girls on a great team effort.



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### **Waste Free Lunchboxes**

Thank you so much to all of our pupils for embracing this new initiative this week and thank you to you too as well. It has meant a huge decrease in the amount of waste generated here in school. Thank you!

### **Employment Opportunity...**

Have you experience of working with children, do you have exciting ideas about how to develop effective play, are you available Monday – Friday between 1.30pm – 5.30pm? If so, please drop your CV into the school office for the attention of Mrs O'Hare as we are currently recruiting staff for our Wrap Around Care facility 'Cool Kids' on or before Monday 6 February.

### **A message to Primary 7...**

Many of our Primary Sevens will be receiving results from GL and AQE tests tomorrow. We would like all of our Primary 7 pupils to remember that we are very proud of them this year, proud of how they approach their work, proud of their behaviours and very, very proud of how they are brilliant ambassadors for our school.

### **Looking ahead...**

<b>Monday 30 January 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 January 2017</b>	<b>Wednesday 1 February 2017</b>	<b>Thursday 2 February 2017</b>	<b>Friday 3 February 2017</b>
<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews  P4 – P7 Quality Learning and Teaching Literacy training from EA Advisor Annemarie Flynn  P1 – P3 ICT Assessment and Tracking	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  P4 – P7 at Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel at 10am...please join us if you can  Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews  P4 at pottery in Island Arts Centre Mrs Gould's class at 9.30am  Ms Gallagher at 'Roots of Empathy' training on Emotional Literacy  P1 – P7 Athletics Meeting	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  St. Brigid's Day  Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews  Miss Clarke at Izak9 (Newly developed interactive maths resource) demonstration at 11am  P6 Education Visit From Water N.I	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  Assembly for Catholic Schools' Week  Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews  Mrs Connolly at Child Protection refresher training at EA HQ	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  Assembly for Catholic Schools' Week  Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews  Mrs Connolly reviewing IEPs at work in Key Stage 2

Enjoy the last weekend of January! See you on Monday!

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