



# 'Being the best that we can be'

'Friday Note'

Friday 3 February 2017

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#### Looking back...

### **Transfer Interviews**

It's been a busy few weeks for me meeting all of our Primary 7 parents to complete their transfer form. Thank you to all of you for coming along ...it was lovely to catch up with you all and discuss our choices for post-primary school. Next week I will forward all of the completed forms to the EA for processing. Then it's a long wait until 20 May 2017!

## **First Trust Banking**

Our next banking day is next Wednesday 8 February. Please send lodgement books in with your chilld to leave at the office for collection. Keep saving!

#### Celebrating Maths week here in St. Joseph's!

Next Friday, 10th February is our 100th Day of School. (I know it's hard to believe!)

The 100th Day of School is a great way to have fun with the number 100 whilst exploring counting, sorting, patterns, measuring and lots of other maths skills and concepts. We are going to mark this by having a Maths Week to raise the profile of Maths in St Joseph's.

Throughout the week teachers will be promoting maths in their classroom just to make things more special! Why not celebrate maths at home next week through mental maths games, board games etc!

This month we have been developing the 'Finding all Possibilities' problem solving type. All classes have carried out at least 2 of these types of problems in January...why not ask your child to explain it a little for you this week.

#### **Literacy Update**

Next week Miss McAnerney will meet pupils from each class in the school to talk about their learning experiences in Literacy...how they learn, what they learn etc. This is part of our on-going monitoring and evaluating process here in school. We call it 'Pupil Voice'. We will let you know the outcomes in a few weeks.

### **Celebrating Catholic Schools' Week**

Unfortunately the weather was against us on both days this week when we tried to celebrate Mass for Catholic Schools' Week...but it didn't dampen our spirits here in school. Classes celebrated St. Brigid's day on Wednesday 1 February by making St. Brigid's crosses and Miss Clarke's class delivered lovely assemblies to all pupils to celebrate the week!

#### **February Newssheet**

The February Newssheet will be out on Monday...it's a busy month so have a look and see what's happening.





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# Looking ahead...

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February 2017	February 2017	February 2017	February 2017	February 2017
Monday 6 February 2017  Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews  Mathematics: Problem Solving Training for all staff at 3pm	Tuesday 7 February 2017  Safer Internet Day  12 P7s to Leisureplex for indoor athletics  P4 at pottery  P7 representatives at Road Safety Quiz  Mrs Fleming at CCMS Meeting in St. Michael's Primary School  Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews  Mrs Gorman: Beginning Teacher Active Learning Course: SUB: Mrs Loughran	Wednesday 8 February 2017  Mrs Fleming at CCEA all day  P5 at tennis in Wallace Park  Miss McAnerney monitoring literacy through pupil voice SUB: Ms Gorman  Mrs O'Hare VP Professional Development Day: Miss McNally  House Meeting for P4 – P7 pupils	Thursday 9 February 2017  P5 at Feltmaking workshop Mrs Gartland's 9.30am and Mr Reid's at 10.30am	Friday 10 February 2017  100th day at school: Lots of mathematical celebrations  Primary 1 Valentine's Day celebrations at 1pm in their classroomsnot to be missed  Mrs Fleming at Education Authority AM  Mrs Gartland at coaching course SUB: Miss McNally  Mrs Kitt absent: SUB: Ms Gorman
	Mrs Gould: ICT Training for classroom assistants and Internet Safety Assemblies for all pupils			
	P7 Service of Light at 7pm in school assembly hall			

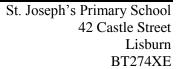
Have a great weekend. See you all on Monday. Pauline Fleming





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