



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
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'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 8 June 2018

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Looking back...

P7 Residential to Gartan Outdoor Education Centre

What a super trip we had last week. It was certainly action packed and there wasn't a moment to spare! Once again our Primary 7 pupils were simply excellent and a total pleasure to be with. Gartan staff were very impressed with our pupils. We hope you all enjoyed our tweets from Donegal keeping you up to date!

Welcome to our new Primary 1 Pupils

This week we welcomed our 60 new Primary 1 pupils to our school community. It was such a lovely day getting to know all the new faces. Thank you to our Primary 7 pupils who escorted parents from the car park and a very special thank you to our Primary 6 buddies who took on their special role with total enthusiasm. They had made cards and gifts for their buddies which made our new pupils feel so welcome. Parents of our new pupils were very impressed. Thank you to our Primary 1 team who worked so hard to make this a very special day.

Poetry Festival

Last week St. Joseph's held our very first Poetry Festival. What a lovely treat it was for pupils and parents alike. Pupils performed a selection of poems and were adjudicated by Mrs Geraldine McGivern who is a retired Theatre Studies teacher from Rathmore Grammar School. Mrs McGivern was very impressed by the standard of performance from all of our pupils and found it very hard. Well done to all the pupils who took part and a very big thank you to Miss Beatty for organising this lovely morning.

Sporting Success!

Athletics Success

Well done to Anna Broderick (P6), Eve Watson (P7) and Jack McMahon (P7) who represented St. Joseph's at the Inter Area Cross Country. 125 girls and boys participated in this race from across all of the North. We are delighted that Anna finished 14th overall in the girls' race, Eve finished 30th and Jack finished 15th overall in the boys' race. Well done!

Huge congratulations to Mia Law who was runner up in the girls' section of the Belfast Athletic Shield and Cup! She will attend an awards ceremony next Thursday 14 June at Mary Peters Track. Congratulations too goes to Isabel Barrett, Eve Watson and Ray Brady who were all placed in the top 30 in this event! What an achievement! Well done!

Congratulations to Jack McMahon who you will remember was our Antrim Schools' Boys' 4 wall handball champion. He has been selected to participate in the Annual Belfast- Dublin Games on Friday 15 June in Dublin and will play in Croke Park. What a fantastic achievement! Well done Jack!

Family Fund

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity to our family fund. To date we have raised £2060 which is just amazing. Thank you!

Smart Watches

In the interest of child protection and as smart watches have access to the internet we must treat them in the same way as we do mobile phones. They are not permitted in school unless parents have prior agreement with me. If mobile phones/ smart watches are brought into school they must be given to me in the mornings and can be picked up at home time. Thank you.



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Act of Kindness

I was very touched this week by one little girl's act of kindness. Katie Neill in Primary 6 had her hair cut last weekend and donated her hair to the Princess trust which collects hair to make into wigs for sick children. Well done Katie!

Looking ahead....

FUN DAY TOMORROW

We are looking forward to our annual summer fun day tomorrow from 11am – 2pm. Please come along and support this event. There's lots to do including tombola, big wheel, assault course and much, much more!

PTA Fun Run

There has been a super response to participation in the Lisburn Fun Run with over 100 runners. T shirts etc will be given out at tomorrow's fun run.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to tell you that Miss Beatty has gained a permanent position in St Teresa's Primary School. Our delight is also tinged with sadness as we will miss her being part of our school team. We wish her all the very best as she starts a new journey in St. Teresa's.

What's happening next week?

Monday 11 June 2018	Tuesday 12 June 2018	Wednesday 13 June 2018	Thursday 14 June 2018	Friday 15 June 2018
Miss Clarke: Active learning in Numeracy Course: SUB: Miss McNally	Miss Clarke: Active learning in Numeracy Course: SUB: Miss McNally	P3 school trip to Castle Ward	Mrs Gartland: PE Course at EA SUB: Mrs Twene	Mrs Gartland: PE Course at EA SUB: Mrs Twene
Ms Gibson on EA Course	P7 at Pottery	P7 at tennis	Robert Thompson (EA Numeracy Adviser): Numeracy training for classroom assistants 9.30am – 12.30pm	P6 at swimming
Summative book call in Literacy: Mrs Hanna: SUB: Mrs Twene	2pm YMCA Meeting re Shared Education project with Largymore PS	Shared Education Day: Mrs O'Hare: Ms Gorman	LACC Awards Ceremony in Lisburn's Island Hall at 1pm	
Board of Governors' Meeting at 6pm		Jo Jingles Workshop for Primary 1 in Lisburn Square		
		Tennis Tournament at Lisburn Racquets' Club		

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the fun day!
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