



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

**Friday Note**

**Friday 25th September**

**No. 6**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our last Friday Note for September!

As the Executive announces stricter restrictions, we ask you once more to continue to follow the guidelines in your daily life and maintain social distancing around the school. Robin Swann, in his nod to Van Morrison, explained that these tighter rules can only help us to move "from the dark end of the street to the bright side of the road."

**Curriculum Information**

Covid 19 restrictions means that we are not able to facilitate Curriculum Meetings for parents this year. Curriculum PowerPoint presentations for P1 – P6 have been uploaded onto the school website. These presentations will give you a flavour of the learning that is to come for your child this year.

The Primary 7 Transfer PowerPoint presentation was emailed to parents during lockdown and provides the information needed for parents of pupils in Primary 7.

**School dinners**

There remain a number of children who are not being booked online for dinners. Our canteen caters for four schools in the area and they need accurate numbers each day in order to avoid food waste.

If you require support with School Money, please contact the school office.

**School Nurse**

The school nurse was unable to visit the school this week as planned, due to a backlog. In speaking to her though, she provided anecdotal evidence that children's vision seems to have been affected during lockdown. The school nurses have reported a higher percentage of pupils they have tested requiring a further test. If you have any concerns, it might be worth making that optician referral.

**Mathletics**

As you are aware, our budget deficit is of some concern. For this reason, we are unable to renew our Mathletics subscription for the year ahead.

**The week ahead – 28/9/20**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IFA coaching P5-7	P4MC Art & Wellbeing Day with Mrs Gorman  Music tuition - clarinet	Music tuition – violin	P4AH Art & Wellbeing Day with Mrs Gorman  Music tuition - flute	

**Charlie's Garden**

Over the summer we have been designing and creating a special garden in memory of our friend, Charlie. This week there has been great excitement as the dinosaurs for the garden have come to life! A big thank you to past pupil, Ronan McQuillan of McQuillan Companies, who arranged the new fencing for around the garden as well as erecting the dinosaurs free of charge for us. We cannot thank him enough for this very kind gesture. We have a few more finishing touches to do but soon Charlie's Garden will be a place of peace and reflection for our pupils at break and lunch.

Check out our photos of how this space has been transformed!



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**Thanks to our P7 Leavers**

This year we could not celebrate with our past P7 pupils the way we normally do, but that did not stop us from presenting our past pupils with awards and a half day pass to 'Let's Go Hydro'. We were delighted to receive some photographs, emails and letters from the parents and the children. We are so proud of you all and we hope you are all enjoying your new schools. We will see you all again soon. The very best of luck, boys and girls.

Below is a selection of photos and comments we received. They really made our day! Thank you!



Dear Mrs O'Hare and Mrs McCambridge,  
Roisin, Peter and I were so delighted about this, not just that she won such a fantastic award but for the beautiful words you both wrote about her.  
We are very touched, thank you both for your part in getting her to this point  
All the best,  
Grainne Quinn



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*'Thank you so much for Naomi's award and gift, she is completely over the moon.'*  
Emma (Parent)

*'Thank you for the Let's Go Hydro voucher and the Gaelic Games Award. My mum says she'll get a frame for the scroll. I'm looking forward to going to Hydro with some of my P7 friends. It will be class!'*  
Darach (Pupil)

*'Well done Callum for the ICT pupil of the year and thanks St. Joseph's Lisburn and all the teachers for the last two decades'*  
Damian (Parent)

*'Thank you so much, how happy was this boy.'*  
Sinead (Parent)

*'Thanks so much for Charlie's present today, he was well chuffed. It was a lovely surprise for him and he's now planning 'Let's Go Hydro' with some friends.'*  
Gillian (Parent)

*'We have a very proud little girl. Thank you'*  
Dianne (Parent)

*'Dear Mrs Gartland and all the teachers, thank you very much for my sports award - you taught me to play so many sports and gave me so many opportunities in my whole time at St. Joseph's. I am now playing on a good team in my new school thanks to you.'*  
Dylan (Pupil)

*'Rosie is delighted with her award, It was very generous of the school. Thank you.'*  
Ceara (Parent)

*'Two St. Joseph's boys with their trophies. Thank you for your very kind gift and words.'*  
The Greens (Parents)

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Barry McMahon  
Acting Principal

**“Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true.”**

**Ruth Bader Ginsberg**



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