

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please request these vouchers if you shop in Sainsbury's. We are currently collecting these vouchers so that we can buy extra active play equipment. We gain valuable resources through this initiative.

Children can drop vouchers into the box in the front hall.

Swimming

Next term P6 will be participating in swimming at Lisburn Leisureplex on a Friday morning. Unfortunately the cost of the bus transport to and from the Leisureplex has increased and the weekly cost of swimming is **now £2.20**.



"May your hands be full of clay and your hearts full of imagination.."

P6's and P3's have certainly fulfilled that quotation during their three week ceramics session at the Island Arts Centre. Just wait until Father's Day to see what they have created for you.

On Tuesday 4 April Miss Beatty's P2 class and Mrs McCambridge's class will begin their three weeks of pottery at Island Arts Centre pottery studio. Our resident artist, Ms Therese Gorman will be delivering connected learning workshops in pottery to the pupils in this purpose built studio.

PTA News

PTA Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg Hunt

Show your creative talents by designing an Easter Bonnet and wear your creation on Holy Thursday. Each class will also participate in a traditional Easter Egg hunt on the day. A suggested donation of £1-£2 for PTA funds. Thank you.



Small Change 4 a Big Difference:

Once again each class will collect small change over a period of 2 weeks, week beginning 2nd May. The winning class will be provided with a lovely Pizza Party with the pizzas provided by Pizza Base in Castle Street.

Lisburn Fun Run:

Our PTA are entering a team into the Lisburn Fun Run on Wednesday 21st June.

If your family would like to join us, please leave your name into the school office, email stjosephsptaandfriends@gmail.com or leave us a message on our Facebook page.

It will be a really fun event, with a warm up before hand with Brian Magee. Face paint will also be provided for each child and/or adult taking part!!

Application forms will be sent home to those who have already expressed an interest soon. Further details of payment and arrangements for the day can be found on the form.

Summer Fun Day:

Saturday 10th June - details to follow closer to the time.

Laneway traffic

Can we remind parents, grandparents and child-minders that the lane down into the school is **strictly for staff use only at all times**. This is especially relevant after 4pm, after school activities and transfer club. This is to ensure the safeguarding and welfare of all children in the school. Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Primary 1 September 2017

On Thursday 27 April we will be issuing letters to parents of next year's Primary 1 children.

This is a very exciting time for parents and children as they begin their primary school journey. We will host a Primary 1 induction meeting for parents of next year's **Primary 1 pupils**

on **Tuesday 30 May** at 6pm and our induction afternoon for pupils will be on **Wednesday 7 June from 12.30pm**. To facilitate this we will ask current Primary 1 pupils to be picked up at 11.30am on this day.

P6 Transfer Meeting

We will host a meeting for P6 parents on **Tuesday 25 April at 6.15pm**. This meeting will provide parents with an outline of the 'Transfer Procedure' for 2017/2018 as well as an outline of the Primary 7 curriculum. It is important that at least one parent attends.

Pupil Voice in Maths

On Tuesday 4th April, Miss Clarke will be talking to pupil representatives from each class about how maths has improved in school this year. This is known as 'Pupil Voice' monitoring. Pupils will be able to express their opinions about the maths development completed so far this year. As with all of our monitoring the results will be shared with you and further action will be taken to help improve and develop maths here in school.

Joseph!

What a treat our P7 musical will be this year as for the first time ever our musical will be performed in the Island Hall in Lisburn's Civic Centre. We are delighted to be able to use this amazing facility to showcase all of the musical, singing and dance talent we have here in school. We appeal to all of our parents to support this event and come along to see the show. It is a musical which is suitable for all ages and we will begin at 7pm so it shouldn't be a late night for our younger children. Tickets for the show will **ONLY** be sold through the Island Centre Box Office and will go on sale on Monday 24 April. They are sold on a first come first served basis so if your child is in the show please make sure you buy your tickets early as we will not be able to 'squeeze you in' as we would in previous years.

First Communion

Saturday 13 May at 10am in St Patrick's Church

We look forward to celebrating with our children and their families.

HELP! Parents needed to help prepare and serve the First Communion Breakfast. If you could commit to one or two hours to help please give your name to Mrs Connolly. We need parents from 9am-11am to help prepare the food and from 11am-1pm to serve and clear up.

The more help we have, the more efficiently we can serve the hundreds of adults and children. As a school we do this for every family to make First Communion Day are most memorable occasion.

In preparation for making their First Communion P4 children will celebrate their **'Breaking of Bread'** Service on **Wednesday 26 April at 11am** in our school assembly hall. Parents of Primary 4 children making their First communion are asked to come along to this service as we will be sharing important information about First communion day with you then.

First Confession

Many of our Primary 3 pupils made their First Confession on Thursday 30th March in St Patrick's Church. We were so proud of their maturity and reverence during the service. Their singing and participation was excellent as well. Well done! Thank you to Fr Dermot, Fr Eamon and Fr Brian and to Miss Clarke, Ms Kitt, Mrs Allen and Ms Brown for preparing the children so well. Thank you also to our choir and folk group who enhanced the ceremony and thank you parents for being with us on this special occasion.



Cross Country

Congratulations to the P6 and P7 children who took part in the Cross Country 1.5km race at the Billy Neill Soccer Centre, Dundonald. The sun was shining and the children all thoroughly enjoyed participating, despite the course being quite tough. The first girl home was Enya Daye who finished 14th out of 125 participants and the first boy home was Conor Broderick who finished 6th out of 122 boys. Conor proceeds to the regionals and we wish him all the best.

P7's Donegal Trip

P7 children are on the countdown to this exciting trip. This is first time we have arranged a residential trip in a number of years so we are very much looking forward to an exciting, enjoyable and most of all safe trip. They will visit Gartan Adventure Centre from 15 - 17 May. Mrs O'Hare, Mrs McCambridge, Mr Reid, Miss Gray and myself will be accompanying P7s on the trip.

Museum Research

Some of Mrs O'Hare's Primary 7 class will be involved in some research around museums with Colette Brownlee, Education Services Officer at Lisburn Linen Museum. Colette will be working with 10 - 12 children to help her formulate some questions for her research project on museums. This will help the children involved to think about what museums are for and what their ideal museum would look like.

ASCET for P2

In the third term Miss Beatty's P2 class will be involved in the ASCET (Additional Support for Children in Education Team) Team's 'First Steps Programme'. This programme is designed by ASCET therapists and their social and emotional well-being team. It is a whole class programme that lasts for 6 weeks with a one hour session each week. This session will take place either in our assembly hall or in Miss Beatty's classroom. It involves games, crafts and relaxation activities and helps support children to develop gross and fine motor skills, follow instructions and regulate emotions. We are very lucky to have a place in this programme so we are looking forward to taking part. The first session will take place on Thursday 27 April. Parents in Miss Beatty's class will receive parent leaflets soon.

Cash for Clobber Thursday 27th April

Have a good clear-out over the Easter break and bring in all your old clothes in the week beginning 24th April. Drop them in the clothes bank in the back car park.

Olympic Handball

The P6 Olympic Handball boys have made it through to the regional final of the P6 Olympic Handball league in May where they will compete against teams from other boards. Since Mrs Gartland introduced Olympic Handball as a new sport 7 years ago, the children from St Joseph's have consistently year on year made it through to the regional finals. Unfortunately this year the girls only missed out as they were unable to attend day 2 of the qualifiers due to a clash with the Camogie Final. We wish the boys all the best in their preparation for the final in May. Let's hope we make it three in a row, having already won the Camogie and Athletics.

Swimming Gala Fri 12 May in Lisburn Leisureplex

P4/P5 -9am -12 noon

P6/P7 -12.45pm - 3.15pm

As this is a competitive event the standard is very high so we have to pick competent swimmers to represent the school.

Parents are all welcome to come along to watch the competition. More details closer to the time.

Sports Days Advance Notice

I know...it's hard to believe that we are planning these already but we thought we would give you advance notice of our proposed dates for these events (weather permitting) especially if you need to book time off work. The proposed dates are as follows:

Wed 17 May	Foundation Stage P1 & P2 9.30am - 12noon
Wed 24 May	Key Stage 1 P3 & P4 9.30am - 12noon
Thurs 1 June	Key Stage 2 P5, P6 & P7 9.30am - 12noon

Post-Inspection Update

This term has again been busy with post-inspection actions for improvement. On Monday 10 April we will have our second Post-Inspection Action Plan review meeting (PIAP Review) with the EA, CCMS and representatives from the Board of Governors. The purpose of this meeting is to report progress and improvements so far, the impact on learning and teaching as well as future actions. A summary of the improvements made so far:

Mathematics

- Miss Clarke has delivered staff training in 3 types of problem solving and staff are teaching 2 examples of each type per month.
- Miss Clarke and Mrs O'Hare have carried out a 'Book Scoop' of Maths books in each class and have analysed these and provided feedback to each teacher. A further book scoop is scheduled for early May
- IZAK 9 interactive resource has been purchased and in use in upper school classes

Literacy

- Miss McAnerney carried out pupil voice monitoring with pupil representatives from each class and fed back to each teacher
- The school celebrated World Book Day 2017 across all key stages

ICT

- Mrs Fleming carried out classroom observations in ICT across all classes with very positive outcomes
- Teachers attended further iTeach training in the use of ipads to enhance the curriculum.
- Our ICT tracker has been completed by all teachers for Term 1 and Mrs Gould will analyse the data and evaluate the tracker with all teachers this week

Special Educational Needs

- Learning support in Literacy and Numeracy has been targeted at Primary 3 and 4
- Lexia continues with 50 children
- IEPs have been reviewed and new targets developed
- Annual reviews for all statemented children

Quality Learning and Teaching

- Our original success criteria in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT have been redrafted taking account of monitoring and evaluating findings and all year groups are working towards this success criteria
- Planners and evaluations of learning have been analysed and feedback given to all teachers and targets set
- Sharing of good practice: teachers have been involved in the sharing of good practice through lessons in the last few weeks

As you can see there has been lots going this term and we will continue this successful journey in the 3rd term.

Literacy News

Books, books, books!

Since January, a large number of novels have been bought through Scholastic to add to those already used by each year group. This will help to ensure that children from P3-P7 are given many opportunities to engage in shared reading as



a class. These texts will also be used as a resource for much of the literacy skills covered in each year group with a particular emphasis on punctuation and grammar.

World Book Day

Wow! What a brilliant celebration of reading throughout the school. There was a fantastic response to the 'Extreme Reading' competition, making it very challenging to choose the overall winner per class. P1-4 winners have received their prizes and P5-P7 pupils will find out at the upcoming awards assembly. Photographs of the winners and their prizes will be added to the website shortly.

Island Arts Centre Competition

P3-P7 classes were busily selecting sample pieces of short story writing, poetry, drama, visual art and music to represent the school in the 37TH Annual Schools' Arts Competition – this is always a popular competition, good luck to all who have been entered!

Monitoring and Evaluating Literacy – Looking ahead...

After the success of the literacy pupil voice carried out in February, the findings from which are being used to inform current planning across year groups, there will be a Literacy 'Book Call' in Term 3 – this will be used to ensure that literacy across all years meets the intentions set out in planning, is differentiated to suit all pupils and is assessed effectively.

Value of the Month

This month's Value of the Month is Forgiveness. This is very apt as we move closer to Easter. We will be hoping that pupils show forgiveness this month as well as a willingness to say sorry at times when they should.

"Forgive others as quickly as you expect God to forgive you"

Anon

PTA Mother's Day Raffle Winners

Well Done to all the winners of the PTA Mother's Day Raffle. We hope all our mummies had a very special day. Thank you to our PTA for organising the raffle which raised an amazing £400!

Class	Winner
P1 Mrs McManus	Ryan McCaffrey
P1 Mrs Crilly	Beth Hutchinson
P2 Miss McAnerney	Klara Heyes
P2 Miss Beattie	Eve Trimble
P3 Mrs Kitt	Leon McGrady
P3 Miss Clarke	Charlie Carleton
P4 Mrs Gould	Darragh Kennedy
P4 Mrs Connolly	Tomas Fay
P5 Mrs Gartland	Etain Lavery
P5 Mr Reid	Alice Scott
P6 Mrs McCambridge	Chloe Quinn
P6 Mrs Gorman	Dearbhla Lynch
P7 Mrs O'Hare	Katie Nelson
P7 Mrs Adair	Lewis Hook

The Moat Project

We are delighted that Mrs O'Hare's Primary 7 class are going to be involved in a Young at Art Project over the coming weeks. The project is funded by Lisburn and Castlereagh Council and involves a number of schools from this council area. The children will be exploring the topic 'the Normans' through the mediums of drama, art and PDMU. We will keep you updated on progress.

Value of the Month: Resilience

P1	Nicola Zabicka Charlie Neill
P2	Mia McGinn Dominik Zabicka

P3	Dara Gorman Sophie Mateer
P4	Sophia McConville Patrick Hooks
P5	Sarah Joseph Yasemin Taci Danius Visomirskis
P6	Privia Saji Kyla Marshall
P7	Oliwier Nejmo Kai Nelson

Pope Francis Award

P1	Conor McGhee Patrick Feeney
P2	Eliza Belle Faulkner Andrew McLorinan
P3	Orla Gallagher-Turtle Ellie Campbell
P4	Owen O'Hanlon Luca Kent
P5	Donal Wright Patrick Crilly
P6	Isabel Barrett Ronan Boylan
P7	Caelin Loughlin Meabh Quinn

Writer of the Month

P1	Matthew Schumann Daisy O'Brien
P2	Ieva Braskite Eve Trimble
P3	Nara Beggs-McCormack Oisin Holman
P4	James Barrett Katie Roache
P5	Daire KIELTY Tadhg McMaster
P6	Ella Maloret Chloe Quinn
P7	Ruari Gallagher Rihanna Lawlor

ICT Whizzkid of the Month

P1	Matthew Healy Eva Maxwell
P2	Raigardas Martin Quinn
P3	James Bownlees Darragh Patterson
P4	Adrianas Ramanauskas Kieran Marsden
P5	Sofia Enrique Gascon Zara Johnston
P6	Emma Rooney Eoin O'Neill
P7	Connor Broderick Dean Graham

Mathlete of the Month

P1	Dylan Johnston Daniel Johnson
P2	Caleb English Ethan McKeown
P3	Jack McCann Benjamin Jeffrey
P4	Sophia McConville Finn Lappin
P5	Rebecca English Yzabelle Pacia
P6	Richard Mathew Felix Jose
P7	Amanpreet Kaur Benedict Onattu