

St Joseph's Primary School

Newsletter - June Extra 2016



On behalf of all the staff I hope that you have a lovely, peaceful, fun and sunny summer break.

We thank all of our parents for their support and encouragement throughout the year and we look forward to welcoming everyone safely back to school on Tuesday 30th August 2016.

Mr Gallagher

Dates for your diary:

Term 1

Tues 30th Aug – School reopens for Term 1
Fri 28th Oct – Reporting To Parents
Mon 31st October – Fri 4th November
(inclusive)
– Mid Term Break

Classes for Next year

P1 Mrs McManus
P1 Miss Gorman
P2 Mrs Awada
P2 Miss McAnerney
P3 Mrs Kitt
P3 Miss Clarke
P4 Mrs Connolly
P4 Mrs Gould
P5 Mrs Gartland
P5 Mr Reid
P6 Mrs Hanna
P6 Mr Gallagher
P7 Mrs McCambridge
P7 Mrs O'Hare

Mathletics

We are delighted to have introduced Mathletics to St Joseph's. Mathletics is a fun and innovative approach to improving the Maths attainment of our pupils that will complement the curriculum delivered in our school. The pupils are already very excited about using Mathletics which is wonderful to see. Please encourage your child to use the programme over the summer months as this will help keep their 'Maths Brain' in gear and will benefit them when they return to school for the new academic year.

As the year draws to a close we say thank you and farewell to a number of members of staff.

We thank teachers Miss Coleman & Miss Beatty for their hard work and commitment this year in P1 and P2.

We also say goodbye to a number of our Classroom Assistants... Mr Flanagan who is embarking upon training to become a teacher and to Mr Law who is moving on to pastures new as well.

Also, to Mrs McGlade and Miss Cushnahan who are moving on to new and exciting ventures beyond St Joseph's.

We thank each member of staff for their dedication and commitment to St Joseph's and we wish them every success in the future.



Talent Competition

Congratulations to all those who took part in the recent St Joseph's 'Got Talent' competition. Every finalist received a certificate. We had a huge range of acts so prizes were awarded for each category. Then we had an overall audience choice winner and a judge's choice overall winner. It was a most enjoyable experience for the children as they were able to show their talents that we may not have seen before.

Winners:

Drama: Hannah Gartland (P6)

Dance: Irish Dancers (Niamh Wilkinson (P5), Erin Kerr (P7) and Sarah Vance (P7))

Musical Instrument: Emma Duffy (P5)
Piano

Singing: Alicia (P7) and Emily (P5)
Scanlon, Conn Rush and Eoin Ryan (P5)

Other Category: Cara Murphy and Olivia Frazer (P6)
Gymnastics
Justine Bigornia and Auguste Sukacaite
(Dance (P6))

Overall Judges Choice: Tom Lavery
(Drums) (P6)

Audience Choice: Olivia Crilly and Zara McAuley (Football Chants and dance (P7))

Art Exhibition

Our recent Art Exhibition helped raise almost £400 for the school. This money will be reinvested in Art resources for your children – thank you to Therese Gorman for organising this lovely event that does so much to raise the profile of Art but more importantly – celebrate the work of your children and encourage each one of them to have pride in their unique pieces.



P7 Leavers

On Monday night we said farewell to 53 P7's and 21 families as we celebrated the achievements of our P7 Pupils at their Presentation Evening.

This was a lovely event for each pupil and for their parents, with a mixture of sadness and pride for all concerned.

We wish all of our 'Leavers' every success in their Post Primary Education.

We hope that they will continue to be ambassadors for St Joseph's.

To view the photos of the Primary 7 Presentation Evening visit our school website <http://www.stjosephsschool.org/>

PTA

Thank you once again to our dedicated PTA who have supported us throughout the year by providing us with almost £10,000 of resources for school and most importantly the education of your children.

Some of the resources the PTA have purchased this year have included:

- 15 iPads to enhance teaching and learning across the school
- Foundation Stage 2 Build a Profile App
- P1 Play Resources
- P2 Play Resources
- P3 Activity Based Learning Games
- P4 Activity Based Learning Games
- P6 Games and Blinds
- iPad Teacher Training
- P3 and P4 iPad Workshops on Mine craft – September 2016
- Internet Safety Information Night for Parents
- New Netball Bibs and Balls
- Frame for P7 Art Work
- Pantomime Deposit
- Communion Refreshments
- P7 Autograph Books



The PTA have organised some fantastic fundraising events this year including Halloween Fun Day, the Christmas Bazaar, Small Change for a Big Difference, a Quiz and the Summer Fun Day.

Not only do these events provide much needed funds to support our school, they are great family and social events for the community of St Joseph's. Thank you to all of the parents for your continued support and generosity. We couldn't do it without you!

For photographs of recent events and for more information on the role of the PTA visit our page on the school website:

<http://www.stjosephsschool.org/pta-and-friends/>

Or follow us on Twitter @stjlisburnpta

