

Newsletter – October 2018



Autumn has well and truly arrived.....with crisp mornings and some lovely sunshine this week. The children have had lots of fun trying to find conkers falling from the trees in Castle Gardens.

With the colder weather, please make sure your child wears a coat to school as it really is too cold to go out without one at this stage.

Pauline Fleming, Acting Principal

New Morning Routines

The new morning routines have started well. Classes have been able to settle down to work much earlier than previously.

Please remember that school starts at **9am sharp**. The morning bell will go at this time. Pupils arriving after this time are LATE and will be marked so on the register. Pupils arriving after 9.15 are not only marked late but are also marked as an unauthorised absence for the whole morning session.

Please remember that only children attending Breakfast club can be dropped off before 8.45am.



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations for P2 - P6 pupils will take place in the week beginning **Monday 22 October**. School will close at 2pm each day that week to facilitate the meetings. **No after school clubs will operate but Cool Kids will still be in operation.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR COOL KIDS PLACE BEFORE FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER BETWEEN 8AM AND 8.45AM AT THE SCHOOL RECEPTION WITH MS MANSON.

Digital Schools Award!

We are delighted to tell you that we will have our Digital Schools Validation Visit on Friday 5 October. Mr Victor McNair will spend the morning in school with us, talking to teachers and pupils as well as our digital leaders. We will let you know the outcome very soon.



Label, Label, Label

Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled. This includes ties, coats, jumpers and shirts. This week alone I have found 5 coats with no names on. Sew on or stick on labels can be purchased online at a reasonable price.



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P4 Do this in Memory of Me Programme:

Thank you to all the P4 parents who attended the Do this in Memory of Me information meeting last week in St Patrick's Church. Fr Eddie and Fr Dermot were delighted with the attendance. The enrolment Mass is on Sunday, 7th October at 10am in St Patrick's. We would encourage the P4 children to attend as this is an important Parish based programme in preparation for First Holy Communion. The dates of the Masses are as follows:

Sunday 7th October 2018 - Enrolment Sunday
Sunday 28th October 2018
Sunday 25th November 2018
Sunday 16th December 2018
Sunday 27th January 2019
Sunday 17th March 2019
Sunday 14th April 2019
Thursday 18th April 2019
Sunday 5th May 2019
Sunday 23rd June 2019

First Holy Communion for our P4 children will be on Saturday 18th May 2018 at 10am.

Positive Behaviour

These new routines have been implemented across P1 - P7 and are proving very successful. We have seen a reduction in the number of incidents in the playground at lunch.

This is a key area to improve within our school development plan this year. As always we will need your full parental support to implement this policy fully within the school. Please take a look at them on the school website.



Kindness Club

We are delighted to tell you that our very own 'Kindness Club' achieved an everyday award published in a National Newspaper called the "Happy News. Well done everyone.

Our Kindness Club is back in full swing this term. P4s to P7s meet on Thursday lunchtimes working out ways to spread the love. Be on the lookout for random acts of kindness from your little ones.



PTA News:

The first PTA meeting of the year got off to a great start last Tuesday night. Lots of ideas and plans for the coming year were discussed to help raise funds to support your child's education. This is very important particularly with the recent budget cuts.

Thanks to your support, the PTA were able to use the money raised at events to purchase the following for the school:

- 2 CleverTouch Interactive Whiteboards (£3600 each)
- Classroom Resources
- Pantomime deposit
- First Holy Communion refreshments
- iPad Apps

The first event of the year is a quiz night on Friday 12 October in Lisburn Racquets' Club at 8pm. Please come along and support this event.



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Mathletics

Below you will find a really interesting summary of our Mathletics usage last year. It really does prove what a useful tool this is for pupils to use at home and in school. Please encourage your child to use Mathletics for at least 20 minutes each day.

Values of the Month

Our "Value of the Month" for October is COURTESY

We have been exploring this value through one of our new Golden Rules:

Magic Words: Please, Thank you and Sorry.

"Life is short but there is always time enough for courtesy" Ralph Emerson

We will present awards to those pupils in each class who display the value consistently throughout the month.



School Fund

Thank you so much for all your donations to our school fund. To date we have raised almost £2100. Thank you so much. This will go towards the payment of Mathletics for every child in the school.



Halloween Fun

This year our Halloween dress up day will be on THURSDAY 25 October. Children can come to school dressed up and scare us!

We will also host our very own SPONSORED DANCEATHON on Wednesday 24 October (P1 - P3) Friday 26 October (P4 - P7) with our in-house expert Miss Gray. This will be a school fundraising event. Children will receive sponsorship forms in the coming weeks.

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Road of Hope Shoe Box Appeal:

Every year, we at St Joseph's always support the Road of Hope charity by filling shoe boxes with items to help provide Christmas Gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves in Eastern Europe. Last year we collected around 150 shoe boxes which was fantastic. For information on what to include in the shoe boxes please have a look at the flyer that was sent home this week or further information can be found on our school website.

Shoe boxes should be returned to school by **Tuesday 6th November.**



Board of Governor Update

The Board of Governors has been reconstituted for 2018 - 2022 as follows:

- Mr Eamonn Broderick Chair of Governors
- Mr Paul Glover Vice-Chair of Governors
- Fr Dermot McCaughan
- Mrs Anne Cormican
- Mr Paul Corr
- Mrs Siobhan Quinn
- Mr Dale Ashford
- Mrs Ciara Lagan (Parent Governor)
- Mrs Nuala O'Hare (Teacher Governor)
- Mrs Pauline Fleming (Acting Principal)



After School Activities Collection Points

Our whole school After School Activities programme is well underway for Term 1. Below is an 'At a Glance Guide' to collection points for the various clubs that take place each week. **P1-3** pupils will be brought to these collection points by their club tutor at 3pm. Alternatively, pupils going on to Cool Kids will be collected by Cool Kids staff and brought to the cabin.

P4-7 pupils can go to their choice of collection point independently at 4pm following their club.

If you have any further questions regarding After School Activities, please contact Mrs McManus directly.

DAY	CLUB	COLLECTION POINT AT 3PM
MONDAY	Art Club	Back Carpark
	Gardening Club	
TUESDAY	Labrats (P2-3)	Top of the Lane
WED	Monkeynestix	Top of the Lane
	Art Club	Back Carpark
THURS	Dance Soccer Miniversity	Top of the Lane
FRIDAY	Gaelic	Top of the Lane

Golden Rules

As part of our new behaviour routines we have introduced new 'Golden Rules' across the whole school. These are discussed at assembly and in class:

- *Kind hands, kind feet;*
- *Walk, hands by our side, quietly;*
- *Our magic words: Please, thank you and sorry and*
- *Being the best that we can be.*



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Dates for your diary!

Mon 1 Oct	3pm ; Maths curriculum development Planner 2 begins
Tues 2 Oct	P6 YMCA Shared Education workshop 1.30pm - 3.30pm in Largymore Primary School Baseline Book Scoop in Mathematics 8am Transfer Club
Wed 3 Oct	P4 at tennis Pottery at Lisburn Arts Centre P2 Miss McAnerney @ 9.45am and P5 Ms Kitt @ 10.45am Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day
Thurs 4 Oct	Awards Assembly Mrs Connolly at SEND course for SENCOS 1.30 - 3.30pm Boys Gaelic Match at Lamh Dearg
Fri 5 Oct	Awards Assembly Digital Schools Validation Day P5 at swimming P7 at badminton
Mon 8 Oct	TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHER for Primary 1 & siblings St. Patrick's Academy students on work experience 3pm: Collegiate Book Discussion in Mathematics
Tues 9 Oct	8am Transfer Club St. Patrick's Academy students on work experience P6 YMCA Shared Education workshop 1.30pm - 3.30pm in Largymore Primary School 2.15pm - 4pm Healthy Planning Session for P4 - P7 Primary 1 Curriculum Meeting at 6pm in school assembly hall
Wed 10 Oct	St. Patrick's Academy students on work experience P2 Miss McAnerney and P5 Ms Kitt at pottery in Lisburn Island Arts' Centre P4 at tennis 2.15pm - 4pm Healthy Planning for P1 - P3 1pm - 3.30pm Girls Gaelic Match at Lamh Dearg
Thurs 11 Oct	St. Patrick's Academy students on work experience Baseline Book Scoop in Literacy
Fri 12 Oct	St. Patrick's Academy students on work experience Primary 6 Mrs Gorman's parent assembly at 9.15am P5 at swimming P7 at badminton PTA Quiz Night in Lisburn Racquets' Club

Mon 15 Oct	Maths Week, Ireland Digital Maths Week 8 WEEKLY ASSESSMENT WEEK in P3 - P7 Twilight Training for teachers 3pm - 6pm: Shared Education & Literacy
Tues 16 Oct	Maths Week, Ireland Digital Maths Week 8 WEEKLY ASSESSMENT WEEK in P3 - P7 8am Transfer Club P6 YMCA Shared Education workshop 1.30pm - 3.30pm in St. Joseph's Primary School 2.15pm - 4pm Healthy Planning Session for P4 - P7 SALTO Workshop for P1 and P2 pupils PTA Meeting at 7pm
Wed 17 Oct	Maths Week, Ireland Digital Maths Week 8 WEEKLY ASSESSMENT WEEK in P3 - P7 P2 Miss McAnerney and P5 Ms Kitt at pottery in Lisburn Island Arts' Centre Healthy Planning for P1 - P3 at 2.15pm - 4pm P4 at tennis
Thurs 18 Oct	Maths Week, Ireland Digital Maths Week 8 WEEKLY ASSESSMENT WEEK in P3 - P7
Fri 19 Oct	Maths Week, Ireland Digital Maths Week 8 WEEKLY ASSESSMENT WEEK in P3 - P7 P5 at swimming P7 at badminton
Mon 22 Oct	Parent Consultations for P2 - P6 pupils SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM
Tues 23 Oct	Parent Consultations for P2 - P6 pupils SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM 8am Transfer Club
Wed 24 Oct	Parent Consultations for P2 - P6 pupils SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM P4 at tennis Sponsored Danceathon for P1 - P3: PE Gear
Thurs 25 Oct	Parent Consultations for P2 - P6 pupils SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM Digital Leader Assembly Halloween Dress-Up Day
Fri 26 Oct	Parent Consultations for P2 - P6 pupils SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM Digital Leader Assembly Sponsored Danceathon for P4 - P7: PE Gear
Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November 2018 School closed for Halloween Mid-term break	
School reopens on Monday 5 November 2018	

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