



## *'Being the best that we can be'*

### **'Friday Note'**

**Friday 9 June 2017**

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#### **Fantastic News!**

Once again we have great news to share with you.....11 of our young people entered the prestigious "EXPLORE ARTS AWARDS" open to 11 to 25 year olds and all passed with flying colours. This award is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh awards only in the Arts and St Josephs is one of only two primary schools in the province to offer it to their pupils. Sincere thanks to Ms Therese Gorman for moderating the children's work and huge congratulations to Chano Mc Clure, Conor Longley, Cara Murphy, Anton Beattie, Amanpreet Kaur, Rihanna Lawlor, Hannah Gartland, Benedict Onattu, Emma Gormley, Kiera Minelle Quilab and Shannon Johnson

#### **We're in the news!**

We are delighted to be front page on CCMS's website this week with the launch of our new school kit for girls. This lovely kit has been sponsored by Brian Magee (Katie and Darcy's daddy). Have a look at the link below:  
<http://onlineccms.com/index.php/news/255-st-joseph-s-celebrates-success-in-new-pe-kits>

#### **P1 Induction Afternoon for our new Primary 1 Pupils!**

What a lovely afternoon as we welcomed all of our new Primary 1 pupils to St. Joseph's for the very first time on Wednesday! It was so lovely to meet them all. A very special thank you must go to our amazing Primary 6 pupils who were all buddies to our new pupils and what fantastic buddies they were! We were very proud of how they rose to the occasion and made the day so special for the children and their families! Thank you! Thank you to all our Foundation Stage for all their hard work in preparing for the day!

#### **Thank You**

A special thank you to Mrs Southwell (Ronan's mummy) and baby Anna Rose who have joined Mrs Gartland's primary 5 class this year in developing the Roots of Empathy programme. It was such a lovely experience for the children and for Mrs Southwell too. Thank you to Ms Alice Gallagher as well for delivering the programme so effectively this year.

#### **Summer Reading!**

During the Summer Libraries NI are inviting pupils to take off on the **Big Summer Read 2017**! This year's theme is travel and transport and they have set a really exciting challenge – they're asking children to read enough books to get them to the moon! From 1 July – 31 August children aged 12 and under who visit libraries will receive a Travel Card to get stamped every time they borrow a book. The more books they read the closer we'll travel to the moon. There will also be a host of fun activities and events taking place in libraries throughout Northern Ireland and all children who take part will receive a certificate. More details are available on their website: [www.librariesni.org.uk](http://www.librariesni.org.uk). This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage your child to read over the summer months. Reading over the summer helps prepare them for the new term ahead.



#### **Island Arts Centre Arts Awards**

Well done and congratulations to our competition winners Lexie Williamson, Katie Longley, Yzabelle Pacia, Sophia Enrique Gascon, Emma Duffy and Ella Malloret. We are so proud of you. All of the winning pieces can be viewed in the Island Arts Centre until 3 July.



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**PTA News**

**Summer Fair:**

We are hoping for great weather tomorrow for our annual Summer Fair! Come along and join us from 11am until 2pm...we promise you a great day out!

**Fun Run:**

What a fantastic turnout, We have over 120 names for the Fun Run...this is absolutely brilliant news! Thank you so much for your support for this event! The PTA is all set for its best fundraising year yet and we thank you and them for this constant support! Don't forget to visit our just giving page to make a donation at

<https://www.justgiving.com/stjosephs-pta>

**What's happening next week?**

If you go down to the woods today..... well on Monday you are sure to see our Primary 1 pupils enjoying their annual Teddy Bear's Picnic in Castle Gardens on Monday at 9.30pm

Monday 12 June	Tuesday 13 June 2017	Wednesday 14 June 2017	Thursday 15 June 2017	Friday 16 June 2017
Mrs Fleming carrying out Professional Interviews with staff	Mrs Fleming carrying out Professional Interviews with staff	Primary 7 at 'Inside Out' Day in St. Aloysius Primary School 9am – 3pm	Primary 7 Group to Moat Project Opening 10am – 1pm	PSNI: Angling First Fishing trip for Group 2 and 3
P1 Teddy Bear's Picnic at Castle Gardens at 9.30am	Miss Clarke: Mathematics development Day SUB: Miss Bushe	P5 trip to Colin Glen Sky Trek 9am – 3pm	Mrs O'Hare: Quality learning and Teaching Development Day SUB: Mrs Twene	Group 2 9am – 12noon Group 3 12.30pm – 3.15pm (Please Note late pick up)
British Heart Foundation 'Heart Restart Workshop' for Primary 7 pupils at 10am	P7 group to Linen Museum with P7 Brownlee pupils 9.30am – 2pm	P4 at 10am Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel	Mrs Gould ICT Meeting with EA ICT Officer	Mrs O'Hare VP Release Day; SUB Miss McNally
Miss McAnerney: Literacy Development Day SUB: Miss Bushe	PSNI ESafety Talk for Primary 7 pupils at 9.30am and 10.45am	Mrs Gould: ICT Development Day SUB: Mrs Twene		
3pm: Report Writing	ASCET Team Meeting with Mrs Connolly			
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Looking ahead to 2017/2018....next year we will be emailing the Friday Note as well as the monthly newssheets directly to you. We have attached a letter to all families asking you for the most up to date email address in order to set this up ahead of next year. Please return to the school office as soon as possible and before Friday 16 June. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend! See you all on Monday

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