



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

### Friday Note

Friday 26 January 2018

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#### Looking back...

##### Sporting Success!

Congratulations to the P7 children who took part in the U1 Antrim 4 wall handball championships at St Pauls GAC last week. No medals this week, but the children, Eoin Ryan, Conn Rush, Charlie Dooley-McLaughlin and Ray Brady enjoyed the opportunity to play on a four wall court as they are only familiar with one wall handball. The general consensus was that it was "much harder!". There will be more friendlies in one wall for these boys and potentially others so check out the boys playing at lunch time if you are interested.

Congratulations to the Indoor Hurling Team who took part in the annual Cumann na Bunscoil tournament on Monday at St. John's GAC. There was stiff competition from Bunscoil Phobal Feirste and Scoil Na Fuisceige, with Bunscoil winning the day and proceeding to the final. A special word of congratulations must go to Eoghan-Rua Rowlands P5 for excellent skills in goals. The girls team are in action this Monday and we all wish them luck. Don't forget, last year we won this crown for the very first time so hopefully the girls can progress to the final next Friday and make it two in a row.

##### Cross Country

More amazing sports news. Eve Watson P7 and Anna Broderick P6, took part yesterday in the Flahavan's Primary School Athletics/Cross Country league. This is the first time we have entered this league and we are delighted to report that both girls did exceptionally well!! As there were so many female applicants, two races were organised with a grand total of 175 competitors. Anna finished 4th in her race while Eve came in 14th. Mrs Broderick remarked that the girls ran exceptionally well and was delighted with their achievements, as are we. More importantly the girls received some free Flahavan's porridge products!! Well done to both girls and a special thanks to Mrs Broderick for taking the girls for us on this occasion.

#### Looking ahead....

##### Catholic Schools Week

Next week, as a Catholic school we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme of this week is "Called to be a Family of Families." This is so apt for our school. There are daily themes which every class will be discussing each day. These are:

- Monday: Our Family at Home
- Tuesday: Our School Family
- Wednesday: Grandparents: A Special Part of Our Family
- Thursday: Our Parish Family
- Friday: Our World Family

We will mark Catholic Schools Week with a Mass for P4 – P7 pupils on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10am in St. Patrick's Chapel. Please come along and join us if you can. We will also have 2 parent assemblies:

- P2 Miss Beatty on Thursday 1 February at 9.30am
- P5 Mr Reid on Friday 2 February at 9.30am

Please join us for these events if you can.

##### St. Brigid's Day

We will also be celebrating St. Brigid's day on 1<sup>st</sup> February as part of Catholic Schools Week. Ms Gorman will be demonstrating how to make St. Brigid's Crosses with reeds and rushes. If you can collect reeds and rushes can you send them into Ms Gorman in the week beginning Monday 29 January. Thank you

##### Foundation Stage Numeracy Workshop

We are delighted once again to be hosting another workshop for parents in Foundation Stage. This time it's providing hints and tips on numeracy. Please come along and see how you can support your child at home in maths. Like our last workshop it will be a very practical evening and there will be some 'goodies' for you to take home with you as well!

##### Transfer meetings for Primary 7 Parents

Some of our Primary 7 pupils will be receiving results tomorrow from either GL Assessment and/or AQE examinations which they took in November. We wish them all the very best for tomorrow and we ask them to remember that tomorrow's result is not a measure of who they are or what they can become in the future, it is only the measure of how they performed in one test on one day! Please remember that I along with Mrs O'Hare and Mrs McCambridge are extremely proud of all of you as Primary 7 pupils and ambassadors for our school. There is the right school for everyone and we know all of you will fulfil your potential wherever you go in September! I will be holding 'Transfer Meetings' with parents of all 49 P7 pupils beginning this Monday.

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**Mid-Term Break**

Can you believe it? Mid-term break is coming up! School will close for mid-term on Friday 9 February for one week. Monday 19 February is a School Development Day so there will be no school for pupils. School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 20 February.

**What's happening next week?**

Monday 29 January 2018	Tuesday 30 January 2018	Wednesday 31 January 2018	Thursday 1 February 2018	Friday 2 February 2018
<p><b>Catholic Schools Week: Our Family at Home</b></p> <p>Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews with P7 parents</p> <p>P2 Miss McAnerney at Linen Museum Fairytales workshop</p> <p>Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill PS Mrs Hanna: Miss McNally Ms Kitt: Ms Gorman Mrs O'Hare: Miss McKeown</p> <p>P4 Mrs Gould at Lisburn Library: Please bring along your library card</p> <p>Fundamentals for P2: Pupils should wear PE gear to school</p> <p>Indoor camogie: Mrs Gartland + 8 pupils from 1.30pm – 3pm</p> <p>3pm Healthy Planning Session for all year groups</p> <p><b>6pm: Foundation Stage Numeracy Workshop.</b></p>	<p><b>Catholic Schools Week: Our School Family</b></p> <p>Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews with P7 parents</p> <p><b>Mass for Catholic Schools Week at 10am in St. Patrick's Chapel: Please come along and join us</b></p> <p>Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill Ms Kitt: Ms McNally</p> <p>Mrs O'Hare Vice-Principal Development Day: Miss McKeown</p> <p>Pottery P2 Miss Beatty P5 Mr Reid</p> <p>P7 Mrs McCambridge's class at Linen Museum for Bridges Workshop 9.30am – 12.30pm</p> <p>Tag Rugby for P7 Mrs McCambridge 1.45pm – 2.30pm: PE Gear</p>	<p><b>Catholic Schools Week: Grandparents: A Special Part of Our Family</b></p> <p>Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews with P7 parents</p> <p>P5 at tennis</p> <p>Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill Ms Kitt: Ms McNally</p> <p>P7 Mrs O'Hare's class at Linen Museum for Bridges Workshop 9.30am – 12.30pm</p> <p>Mrs O'Hare Vice-Principal Development Day: Miss McKeown</p>	<p><b>Catholic Schools Week: Our Parish Family</b></p> <p><b>St. Brigid's Day</b></p> <p><b>P2 Miss Beatty's Parent Assembly at 9.30am</b></p> <p>Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews with P7 parents</p> <p>Ms Gibson at C2k Course all day</p> <p>Miss Clarke at CCEA Mathematics Ideas group PM</p> <p>Mrs Gartland Active Lifestyles Course SUB: Sandra McKeown</p>	<p><b>Catholic Schools Week: Our World Family</b></p> <p><b>P5 Mr Reid's Parent Assembly at 9.30am</b></p> <p>Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews with P7 parents</p> <p>P6 Olympic Handball Day 2 at Lough Moss</p> <p>Hive Hackers with PWC in P6 Mr Gallagher and P7 Mrs McCambridge</p> <p>P7 swimming</p> <p>P6 badminton</p>

Isn't it so lovely to see the length in the days increasing...Spring is on its way (Hopefully!)  
Have a lovely weekend!

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