



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
BT274XE

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 24 November 2017

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Looking back...

A baby boy for Mrs McManus!

We are delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs McManus had a lovely baby boy this week. Finn Sean McManus arrived into the world on Tuesday weighing a healthy 8lbs 14 oz. Congratulations and best wishes to Ciara and Matt on their new arrival.

New Look Letterhead!

We are so delighted to have achieved our Eco-Schools Flag and it now stands pride of place on our school letterhead above along with our other awards and accreditations!

'The Big Soup'

Well done to our Eco Council and Mrs Hunter who made delicious minestrone soup and potato & leek soup at break time on Tuesday. Primary Six and Seven pupils enjoyed the soup made from healthy ingredients and fresh herbs from our very own garden. Thank you to Aidan, Aoife, Emily and Emma from P7 who organised and promoted the event. Our Eco Entrepreneurs made £20 from their produce.

Internet Safety

Rab and Andy our community police officers visited Primary Four and Five children to talk about staying safe online. The officers will visit Primary One to Three classes in the coming weeks to talk about Stranger Danger.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors met on Monday of this week. This was a sad and poignant meeting as it marked the first board meeting since our chair Eileen passed away. Governors elected Mr Paul Glover as the new chairperson and Mr Eamonn Broderick as vice-chairperson.

Board of Governors' Annual Report

The Board of Governors have compiled the **Annual Report for 2016/2017**. This is an extremely detailed report with detailed accounts of every aspect of school life in St. Joseph's in 2016/2017. This has now been placed on the website for your information and a hard copy is available in the office for you to read. Please take time to read.

Looking ahead...

Open Night

Our Open Night for Primary 1 September 2018 will take place on **Tuesday 5 December at 7pm**. Please come along if you have a son/daughter for Primary 1 next year. Please spread the message to friends and neighbours as well. Members of our school choir and folk group will perform. **If you could help us out by delivering some flyers around your area, please let Julie know how many leaflets you can deliver and which areas you can cover!**

P1 and P2 Christmas Concert

Our Primary 1 and 2 Christmas Concerts take place on **Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December**. Don't forget, tickets are now on sale and can only be purchased at the office.

Microsoft Office Free Download for pupils and parents:

With Christmas not far away, you may be planning to purchase new computers, laptops, iPads or tablets.

But don't worry, there is no need to purchase Microsoft Office as it **available free** for pupils to download using their C2k username and password on up to 5 personal devices.

Information on how to download Microsoft Office for free can be found on our website using this link:

<http://www.stjosephsschool.org/news/download-microsoft-office-for-free/>

PTA News:

Christmas Cards: The deadline for orders has been extended to **Wednesday 29th November**. Please return all order forms and money in an envelope marked for the attention of the PTA.

Christmas Bazaar:

Our annual Christmas Bazaar this year is on **Thursday 7th December from 5pm until 7.30pm**. There will be hot food available to buy for dinner (hotdogs, pizza and stew), so come on down straight after collecting your child from the Pantomime and join in this wonderful fun filled, festive night! There will be lots of stalls including tombola, bottle stall, toys, Christmas shop and lots more! Don't forget to visit Elfridges and Santa's Grotto too!



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If you know any local businesses who could make a donation towards our **Big Wheel** (vouchers etc), we would really appreciate your help. We are also collecting items for the **Tombola** (little gift sets, candles etc), **Bottle Stall** (juice, adult juice, shampoo, perfumes etc) and **Books** that could be resold. Please send in to your child's teacher.

Each class will also collect items for hampers for the Bazaar and also for St Vincent de Paul:

- **P1 - crisps, pringles, twiglets**
- **P2 - biscuits and crackers**
- **P3 - sweets and chocolates**
- **P4 - mince pies and puddings**
- **P5 - Christmas cakes, logs, buns and cakes**
- **P6 - bottles of cranberry sauce, pickles, tea, coffee etc**
- **P7 - bottles of shloer, juice and adult juice etc**

What's happening next week?

Annual Scholastic School Book Fair

We are delighted to once again be hosting our annual school book fair next week. The fair will arrive this Monday and our Primary 7 pupils will be working each day as part of their enterprise programme. The Book fair will be open on Monday from 2pm – 4pm and Tuesday – Friday 8am – 8.45am and 2pm - 4pm. Scholastic very kindly provide us with a generous percentage of the profits made for us to spend on books for classes so please come along and support this event.

We are getting ready for our Whole School Art Exhibition.

Pupils in St Josephs are so creative and artistically talented that we want to showcase their amazing work. We are holding our annual whole school art exhibition during the book fair starting Monday 27th November.

Please come and support your child, the work is truly awesome and the children are so proud of their efforts. All the art will be for sale with 50% of the proceeds going to the young artist. Parents, you can negotiate the price with your own young Picasso and pay them separately. Just put a donation in our bucket. Take your work home on the spot or we will send it home after the exhibition comes down,

Monday 27 November 2017	Tuesday 28 November 2017	Wednesday 29 November 2017	Thursday 30 November 2017	Friday 1 December 2017
Whole School Art Exhibition Annual School Book Fair St. Joseph's Coding Week 3pm: Healthy planning Session for all staff	Whole School Art Exhibition Annual School Book Fair St. Joseph's Coding Week Pottery begins for: P2 Miss McAnerney P5 Mrs Gartland 11am: Energy efficiency talk for Primary 6 and primary 7 pupils Mrs Fleming at Lisburn association of principals' Meeting at 2.15pm 2.15pm Healthy planning session for P4 – P7	Whole School Art Exhibition Annual School Book Fair St. Joseph's Coding Week Christmas Cards: Deadline for orders P3 at tennis	Whole School Art Exhibition Annual School Book Fair St. Joseph's Coding Week Mrs Gartland at One Wall handball from 3pm Mrs Connolly off: SUB: Mr Reid	Whole School Art Exhibition Annual School Book Fair St. Joseph's Coding Week After school activities end today Mrs Connolly off: SUB: Mr Reid Safeguarding meeting at 8.30am P5 Swimming P7 at badminton

It is hard to believe we have reached December already. As you can imagine December is an extremely busy month here in St. Joseph's. Please take time to read the Friday Notes and the December newsheet (Out on Monday 4 December) to keep up to date with all that's going on! Have a lovely weekend!

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