



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
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'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

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Looking back...

Lisburn and Castlereagh Council 38th Annual Schools' Arts Competition

Once again we have a large number of winners in this very prestigious competition. We are absolutely delighted to have so many pupils placed. All of the winners will attend a Gala Awards Ceremony in Lisburn's Island Hall on Thursday 14 June. Well done everyone!

Visual Arts

P4 1st place Orla Gallagher-Turtle
P7 Highly Commended Alannah Harris

Poetry

P5 2nd place Anna Newnham
P6 2nd place Molly Gribbon

Musical Performance

P4 1st place Ruby Lavery
P6 1st place Cara Jones
P7 1st place Conn Rush

Short Story

P3 Highly Commended Eve Trimble
P5 2nd place Katie Roche
P5 Highly Commended Mia Rooney
P7 1st place Ella Maloret

As a result of having so many winners in each category our school won the following overall awards:

Visual Art Highly Commended
Poetry Highly Commended
Short Story 2nd place
Musical Performance 2nd place

We were also placed 2nd place in the Schools Drama productions award for our 2017 performance of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!' What a fantastic achievement! We are very proud of all our winners!

Sporting Success!

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all of the swimmers (29 in total) who took part in the highly competitive annual LCCC Gala at the Leisureplex on Friday 18th May. The P5's kicked off our winning streak in the morning session with the relay team (Erin Mallon, Ella Watson, Conor Dowds & Charlie Lawlor) picking up a lovely silver plate for second overall in the P5 4xFreestyle relay. P5 individual winners included Ella Watson who won gold in the P5 Backstroke and Freestyle club competition and to Charlie Lawlor who picked up silver in the P5 boys Butterfly and Freestyle club event. The afternoon saw nineteen P6 & P7 children taking part. In a tremendously exciting relay event, we again picked up a third place plate in the P7 4xfreestyle relay. The talented relay swimmers included Beth Healy, Conn Rush, Eve Watson and Mia Law. Individual winners included Yzabelle Pacia (1st in P6 girls club Backstroke & 2nd in P6 club Breaststroke), Mia Law (3rd in P7 girls non-club Backstroke), Conall Gallagher (1st in P6 boys non-club breaststroke and 2nd in non-club freestyle), Conn Rush (2nd in P7 club breaststroke) and Eve Watson (3rd in P7 girls club butterfly and freestyle). A special thanks to Holly Dowds (former pupil) who helped Mrs Gartland at the pool side and to all the parents who came to give their support on the day. As always it is very much appreciated. See Twitter for photographs of the event.

Athletics News

7 children who took part in the annual schools' athletics competition at Mary Peters this Monday. In past years we have had several overall winners in this so we await with patience good news of any successes. We will keep you informed



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Trocaire Award Winners

Congratulations to Aoife Doherty, Emma Duffy, Ella Maloret, Lucy McKibbin and Aoife Moran in Primary 7 who have been awarded The Trocaire Romero Award for completing an education project on global justice. The girls put together a global learning project looking at the themes of war, conflict and injustice. They worked in their own time and in school time to achieve this very special award. Well done girls!

'Aspire not to have more, but to be more' Oscar Romero

Family Fund

Thank you so much for your generosity over the past week with our new 'Family Fund' initiative. We have already raised over £100. Thank you! If you are able please send in your donation in the envelope provided.

PE Uniform

We are experiencing an increasing number of pupils coming to school in the incorrect PE uniform. I would like to remind parents that our PE uniform is as follows:

- Blue polo shirt
- Crested half zip top (Can be purchased from O'Neill's, Kennedy Centre, Belfast)
- Crested track bottoms (Can be purchased from O'Neill's, Kennedy Centre, Belfast)

Alternatively, pupils can wear PLAIN navy blue bottoms along with their school jumper. PE gear is only permitted on PE days and on other days ie tennis, badminton etc. We are hoping that our official PE uniform will be in place across the school in the next 2 years.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR become law today Friday 25 May. As a school we hold necessary data on pupils. As part of the procedures on becoming GDPR compliant we have developed a privacy notice for parents, carers and guardians. This is now available on the school website under policies. Please read in your own time.

Poetry Festival

We are delighted to be hosting our very own Poetry Festival for P1 – P4 pupils next Friday 1 June. Miss Beatty has organised an external invigilator to judge the entries so it should be a lovely treat for everyone involved!

Looking ahead....

What's happening next week?

Monday 28 May 2018	Tuesday 29 May 2018	Wednesday 30 May 2018	Thursday 31 May 2018	Friday 1 June 2018
May Day Bank Holiday: School closed	P7 pupils on residential at Gartan Outdoor Education Centre, Donegal School nurse in P1 Mrs Crilly: SUB: Miss McNally	P7 pupils on residential at Gartan Outdoor Education Centre, Donegal School nurse in P1 Key Stage 1 (P3 and P4) Sports Day from 9.30am Mrs O'Hare Shared Education Day: Miss McNally	P7 pupils on residential at Gartan Outdoor Education Centre, Donegal P1 Mrs Gorman Parent Assembly at 9.30am School nurse in P1 P5 Mr Reid at 'Big Lunch' in Clanmill Housing Association	School nurse in P1 P6 at swimming St. Joseph's Primary School Poetry Festival for P1 – P4 P7 Olympic Handball at Lough Moss Mrs O'Hare Shared Education Course at EA Fortwilliam

I think we have a lovely weekend ahead of us weather wise so take time to enjoy it with your families!...Pauline



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