



Newsletter

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October 2015



Welcome to Primary One

Our Primary One girls have happily settled into a full school day. They are amazing! Check out the P1 page on our school website to find out what they've been doing.



Values

Primary 7 are developing their sense of duty preparing for their role as school prefects. They will be leading our school mass on Wednesday 14th October based on our value of DUTY when our prefects will be announced. Good luck girls!

Lantern Workshop

Primary 6 participated in lantern making workshops facilitated by New Lodge Arts Centre for the Lantern Parade which will take place on Thursday 29th October from Crumlin Road Gaol to the Waterworks. The theme of the workshop was 'Under the Sea'. The girls did a fantastic job transforming umbrellas into wonderful jellyfish. We were very impressed by their artistic flair!



Well done girls & a big thank you to New Lodge Arts Centre.

Bradley Manor

Congratulations on the opening of Bradley Manor Care Home - our school choir will entertain the residents on 22nd October with a selection of songs.



10th-18th October

Holy Cross Girls has registered to take part in Maths Week Ireland. All P5, 6 & 7 pupils will be able to take part in online Manga High challenges to earn points - Please encourage them to compete at home.

Don't forget to help your child with the maths puzzler competitions. Check on the website to see all the maths activities that week.



Poetry in Motion

Primary 5 are working with poet Chelley McLearn to create their own poems based on the topic "All About Me".



They will have the opportunity to present some of their poems in the Ulster Hall later in the year.

Movie Making in Primary 6

Primary 6 have been working along with Nerve Belfast to improve their movie making skills.



The girls worked really hard to produce movies based on the theme One Place Many People to celebrate Community Relations and Cultural

Awareness Week. Check out our website to view the fantastic videos.

Ugandan Visitors

We were delighted to have teacher Jude and teacher Susan visit us from our partner school, St Theresa's in Uganda. They spent time visiting our classes and teaching the pupils about life in Uganda as well how to count to 10 in Lugandan and some simple phrases. £1000 collected from our bun sales and fundraising activities last year was presented to them. Sr. Mary Valentine intends to use this to build a water reservoir for a new set of toilets.



We were happy to hear that they had both arrived home safely again.

Genevieve the Goat from Cancer Focus came to visit P1 and P2 to teach them



about the very important topic of Healthy Eating. They learnt so much and really enjoyed the visit.

Chester's Challenge

Primary 5 have been working with Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke Association to learn all about Healthy Lifestyles. They took part in 3 workshops:

- Physical activity and the heart
- Eating your way to health
- Stamping out smoking



If young people live healthy lifestyles, eat a balanced diet and stay active, they will give themselves the best chance in school as well as the best chance for a healthy, illness free life.

Accelerated Reader®

Last year Accelerated Reading was a fabulous success with all our KS2 girls achieving certificates and becoming Ready Readers, Independent Readers, Rising Readers, Super Readers, Advanced Readers or Star Readers.

The programme has now started again and we are encouraging our girls to get reading. Pupils can use books from the school and class libraries as well as from their local library. You can also check if books they are reading at home have quizzes by visiting the following website:

www.arbookfind.co.uk

Our first Accelerated Reader Assembly will be on **Monday 19th October**.

Get reading girls!

After Schools

All our after school activities are now up and running.

P1-3 after schools every day 2.15-3.00

P4-7 Monday-Thursday

Monday: Netball

Tuesday: Camogie/homework/
Mercy College

Wednesday: sewing/film club/homework

Thursday: Homework/Judo



If your daughter is unable to attend after schools please write a note in her homework diary or phone the school.

Otherwise no child who has registered for after schools will be allowed to leave the school before 4pm

Sponsored Fitness

We are looking forward to our Sponsored Fitness on Thursday 15th October to help raise money for school equipment. Please remember to return your sponsor money.



Monster Mash

We are holding our Monster Mash on Friday 23rd October. Remember to come to school dressed up and bring £1 to get your ghoulish goodie bag.

Don't forget school closes at 12pm. There are no dinners but there will be buses.



No Smoking



Remember the school grounds are a no smoking area. Please use the old St Gabriel's pitch if necessary.

Firework Safety

Remember to keep safe over Halloween. Follow the fireworks code.

Never Play with Fireworks they are dangerous and can hurt you.



Car Park

The front of the school is a designated area for buses only. No parking or setting down children or waiting is allowed.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Thursday 15th October** - Sponsored Dance
- **Wednesday 21st October** - Halloween Concert/ Open Day
- **Friday 23rd October** - Monster Mash
- School reopens on **Monday 2nd November** at the normal time.
- **Friday 27th November** - Mercy College Transition Programme for P7 when they will visit the college to experience a day in the life of a post primary school.
- **Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th December** - Nativity Play
- **Tuesday 15th December** - Santa



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