



# Newsletter

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## February 2016

### Stormont Visit

Primary 6 pupils Tiarna and Ashleigh met the Education Minister, Mr O'Dowd and other politicians at Stormont last week to present the proposal for the new Post Primary School for boys and girls aged 11-18 in our local area. Along with pupils from Holy Cross Boys Primary School and St Vincent de Paul Primary School they presented their drawings and discussed the reasons why a new school would bring great



benefits to our families. Mr O'Dowd listened attentively and was impressed by their ideas.

### Grandparents' Day

We were delighted to see so many grandparents and family members attending our Grandparents' Day Service on Wednesday. You all continue to show your great interest in the children and we appreciate your support. The children prayed for all the grandparents present as well as those who couldn't attend due to sickness and those who have died. Our service finished with Fr Gareth giving a special personal blessing to all the grandparents.

### Good Day Sunshine

The beautiful picture entitled "Good Day Sunshine" was presented by Father Myles to his "Gorgeous Girls" on 21<sup>st</sup> January as a celebration of his many happy years as chaplain to our school.

We wish him good health to enjoy his retirement years. Fr Gareth will continue the work of Fr Myles in the school. We welcome him to his new post.



### Student Council

Our new Student Council is now up and running. Pupils had to submit application forms to apply for membership to the



council. They received their badges at assembly on Monday and will be meeting regularly with Mrs Owens.

### Congratulations Primary 7

Primary 7 girls were confirmed by Bishop Farquhar on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. It was a beautiful service and everyone enjoyed the day. The girls had a party in school on Thursday to celebrate. Mrs Savage presented them with a special Confirmation cake as a well-earned treat. Congratulations girls!



### Read in Bed

Well done to the eager readers who have been reading in bed EVERY night. Some girls have even continued this right through the weekend. This is helping to form a very important habit.



**Coming Soon:** Art Competition to design a front cover for your favourite book.

### Book Fair

The annual Book Fair will run from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Look out for the leaflet and class timetable which will be sent home.

### World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and to celebrate we will be dressing up as a character from a book.

### Valentine's Math Quiz

Watch out for our Valentine Math Quiz which will be coming home. Get your maths thinking caps on and help your daughter to win.



### African Drumming

Primary 5 are delighted to be learning to play the African drums with Gavin from Belfast School of Music. They will be working with Gavin for 10 weeks.

### Values

Primary 2 performed an assembly on the value of responsibility for the whole school. They talked about ways of being responsible in school and at home. The whole school are helping Primary 2 to create a helping tree to show how we can be responsible.

### Eco Council

The Eco council presented an assembly to promote saving water. We are responsible when we save water and you can help at home too. Look out for the information leaflet and worksheet.



### Engineers of the Future

 Primary 6 are currently participating in a STEM programme called "Building Bridges" with the University of Ulster. They have been challenged to build model bridges using paper. They will be required to put on their STEM thinking caps and design a bridge that is sturdy in structure and can withstand the forces of gravity. Good luck girls and get designing.

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### Safety Workshops

All classes have been involved in workshops developing their sense of safety - ranging from Stranger Danger to Personal Safety and Drugs Awareness Education.

### PeacePlayers

Primary 6 had a great day on Friday competing in the North Belfast Super Twinning Tournament at Queen's PEC.



### Road Safety Quiz

Well done to our P7 pupils who represented our school at the recent Road Safety Quiz.

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day. Pupils in Primary 5, 6 and 7 will take part in workshops to highlight the importance of staying safe online.

Parents of pupils in P5, 6 and 7 are invited to a parent workshop on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm.



### Deaf Awareness Training

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February all pupils will take part in Deaf Awareness Training with Priscella from St Joseph's Centre for the Deaf. They will learn about the challenges which people with hearing difficulties face and how we can help.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>



Feb @ 1.30pm - Parent Internet Safety  
Workshop

- Mid Term Break - School will finish on  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at normal time and  
reopen on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.