

March Newsletter

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St Patrick's Primary School, Ballynahinch

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Credit Union Quiz

Good luck to the boys and girls from our school who are participating in the Chapter final of the Credit Union Quiz on Sunday, 3rd March in the Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast at 2pm. We know you will do us proud!

Olympic Handball

Good luck to the P6 boys' and girls' handball teams as they compete in the second of their tournaments on Friday, 1st March.

Road Safety Calendar Stars

We are delighted to have been selected to be one of the schools to feature in the 2020/21 Road Safety Calendar. Photography will take place on Wednesday, 6th March.

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PSG Bingo Night

Don't forget our PSG Bingo Night on Saturday, 2nd March in the Parish Centre at 6.45pm

The Daily Mile

We look forward to starting our Daily Mile on Monday, 4th March. We would ask parent/guardian to play their part in introducing this new and exciting initiative by promoting it at home with their child and reinforcing to him/her the impact that it can have on health and learning.

Congratulations

Confratulations to our members of staff, Mrs Kerr and Ms Walsh on the recent birth of their baby daughters. We wish them every health and happiness.

World Book Day

Nurseries, schools and libraries across the UK celebrate World Book Day will be celebrating World Book Day on 7th March with a huge range of events and activities. Our theme this year is 'Share a Bedtime Story' and all pupils will be invited to wear their pyjamas into school and bring their favourite bedtime story into school to read. Here's what we will also be doing on World Book Day:

- All classes will enjoy story time with a teacher from another class
- Pupils from local secondary schools will share stories with P1 to P3 children in their

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classrooms.

- P4 – P7 classes will take part in a book quiz in the assembly hall.
- Pupils will also enjoy a variety of book-related activities organised by their class teacher and enjoy online masterclasses from well-known authors and illustrators
- Pupils will watch Oisín from P6 starring in the EA TV World Book Day Production, where he will be describing his favourite book character.
- Children are invited to bring in a book they no longer read for a class book swap (please make sure that it is a book suitable for other children of their age to read)

We are also running a 'Design a wooden spoon book character' competition. Children should decorate a wooden spoon to resemble a favourite book character at home. All entries should be sent into school on Thursday 7th March and winners will be announced at assembly on Friday.

Remember to spend the £1 book token which can be used at any book store. And please take a little time during the week to share a story with your child.

World Maths Day – 14th March

World Maths Day is the world's largest online maths competition hosted on the Live Mathletics game engine. Mathletics is used by 4 million students worldwide.

By earning points in Live Mathletics! During the official competition, students will have their first 20 games of Live Mathletics recorded by the World Maths Day Hall of Fame. Student scores are also combined to determine a school score for the School Year Group Hall of Fame. Warm Up starts on 1st March so we want our boys and girls to put in lots of practice ahead of the real thing. Let's see if we can get St Patrick's to be one of the top schools in the world!!!!

Shared Education

All of our classes are currently learning together with their partner classes in Ballynahinch Primary School on their shared topic. It is great to see the children working together so well, learning new skills and enjoying the opportunity to develop friendships.

Multi-cultural Week

As part of our continued work on Inclusion and Diversity a Multicultural week has been organised from Monday 11th – Friday 15th March 2018. A range of activities and workshops will take place to celebrate the Irish culture and the other cultures of our school. **Parents are asked to make a £2 donation per child towards to cost of the tutors attending throughout the week.**

Further details of the events planned will be circulated.

Emotional Intelligence

This month's Emotional Intelligence focus is on St Patrick and Prayerfulness. Why not take a little time to talk to your child about what they are learning on the saint and virtue for the month.

The P2 class will perform their assembly on the themes on Friday, 15th March at 9.30am.

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Parents of the P2 class are welcome to come along and join us for refreshments before the assembly at 9.00am.

Clothing Bank

If you are Spring cleaning perhaps you could donate your unwanted clothing to charity by using our Clothing Bank.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues daily at a cost of £1 with breakfast and morning supervision without breakfast at 50p. **PLEASE NOTE THAT BREAKFAST CLUB IS NOT OPEN UNTIL 8.10am!**

Missing Reading Books!

As we have noticed that quite a number of our reading books are missing parents are asked to take a little time to look for any books that may be left at home and send them into school. These materials cost thousands of pounds so we need everyone to look after them carefully and make sure they are returned.

Head lice

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A reminder, that parents should regularly check their child for head lice and treat immediately!

Important Dates and Events

- St Patrick's Day Holiday – Monday, 18th March 2019
- First Communion - Sunday, 7th April 2019 at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Church
- Service of Light – Thurs. 2nd May 2019 in St Patrick's Church

at 7pm

- Confirmation - Wed., 15th May 2019 at 6.00pm in St

Patrick's Church.

- P6/7 Residential - 20th to 22nd May to Greenhill YMCA, Newcastle.

We are a Healthy Eating At Break-Time School.

Don't forget to pack fruit, vegetables or a bread based snack as a healthy break-time snack.

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Please ☐☐☐ make sure that all items of uniform

Did ☐☐☐ you know!

Being ☐☐☐ hydrated helps you to think, remember and learn!

Fill ☐☐☐ your child's water bottle every day and encourage him/her to drink water in ☐☐☐ school.

Water ☐☐☐ only, please!

School ☐☐☐ starts at 8.55am!

Help ☐☐☐ your child to get a good start to the day by being on time!