



# News Sheet

June 2017

## Summer 2017

We take this opportunity to thank all the parents, pupils, PTA, Governors, staff and members of the local community for all your co-operation throughout the year. On behalf of the staff and the Governors we wish you and your family an enjoyable summer.

## Primary 7

Best wishes to our Junior Entrepreneurs from Primary 7 as they prepare for their new schools. They raised £320 for school funds (and some for themselves) through their "flick" hats. They were presented with their Records of Achievement at the Presentation & Mass last Friday. This was an emotional and memorable occasion for the children and their families.

Primary 7 Class at Cloughmore



## Building

With the support of our parents and neighbours, vandalism at the school has not been an issue. We would ask you for your continued support in respecting school property over the summer break.

## Diary

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June:** The Primary 1-6 children will move to their new classes after break.

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Last day of the school year, this will be a non uniform day, NO BREAK will be provided by the canteen - children should take a break into school. School closes at 11.30am with the Ballyvarley and Greenan buses operating at 11.30; unfortunately there will be NO Glasker bus at 11.30.

## St Francis' PTA

Thanks to the PTA for their continued support. We had a successful Sponsored Walk around Whyte's Estate: to date you have managed to raise an amazing £1 500 for the PTA. This money will go towards replacing the carpets in the classrooms this summer. Any outstanding Sponsored Walk money should be returned to school by Friday.

**Aghaderg GAA/Ballyvarley HC Cúl Camp**  
Cúl Camp Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Information available from the club & school

## School Activities

Congratulations to the Primary 6 & 7 children who participated in the Cycling Proficiency scheme this year with Mr McNally and Mr O'Malley. Also to the Primary 4 and 7 children who received their First Communion and Confirmation this term. Thanks to the staff who prepared the children and all who helped with the celebrations (choir, musicians, flowers, PTA) in the chapel and at the school. The Mobile Library will resume the fortnightly visits in September.

Thanks to all our parents for your continued support of our Spanish lessons; hopefully this first experience will ignite in our children a love for languages.

A number of children have availed of brass tuition provided by the EANI, fiddle tuition with Mrs McCone and tin whistle with Miss McNally. Mr O'Malley has again taken Irish dancing. After schools soccer and Gaelic coaching have been available and it is hoped to continue these next year. We are grateful to the GAA coaches, Liam Hardy and Ryan McShane, for their work in the school.

**Down GAA are hosting a 'Meet the Players' night on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July in RGU Downpatrick at 7pm. ALL welcome! An Dún Abú!**

## Trips

The children attended the following trips:

- Primary 1 – Tannaghmore Gardens
- Primary 2 – Fort Evergreen, Warrenpoint
- Primary 3- Armagh Planetarium
- Primary 4– Slieve Gullion
- Primary 5/6 – Dublin zoo
- Primary 7 – Killowen, (residential)

## Reports

We hope you find your child's report informative; signed reports should be returned to school; a copy will be retained in the school and the original returned to the parents.

## School Meals

All outstanding school meals should be paid by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. **The price of school meals will increase to £2.60 in September.**

School re-opens for the 2017/8 school year on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Primary 1 children with brothers/sisters in school will start on 1<sup>st</sup> September; Primary 1 children with no family members in school will start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

*A full holiday list will be issued in September.*



**Congratulations** to Mrs McCone, the Eco committee and the parents and pupils who helped us achieve our 'Green Flag'