

News Sheet



Easter 2015

HAPPY EASTER.

The hour has just changed and as we prepare for Easter it is time to give a brief review of the term. While Primary 7 have finished their swimming, the Primary 6s are only half way through their programme. Both the Primary 4 and 6 classes have completed their visits to Banbridge Library. The Mobile Library continues to visit the school every second week, the next visit is on 20th April. Thanks to all the children, and staff, for dressing up for the green, red and World Book days during the term. You should have received letters regarding the after schools Gaelic and soccer coaching which continues in Term 3. Today the Primary 7 class visited the Bank of Ireland in Banbridge, this followed a visit. Mrs Macauley's Primary 4 class has attended an art workshop at the FE McWilliam's Centre in Banbridge. One of the highlights of the term has to have the eclipse on Friday 20th March, with our budding young scientists being lucky to have been able to witness such a rare event.

School closes on Wednesday 1st April at 11.30; the buses will operate at 11.30am. No breaks will be served from the kitchen. All outstanding dinner money needs to be paid by 1st April.

Congratulations to all the Primary 3 children who received their First Confessions on 12th March. Thanks to Mrs Trainor for preparing the children for Confessions, to Fr Wright who celebrated the sacrament and to Miss Hughes and the choir who added so much to the occasion.

Cash for Clobber

The PTA has organised a 'Cash for Clobber' collection over Easter. Textiles should be put into large plastic bags or bin liners and brought to school on Monday 20th or Tuesday 21st April for collection on Tuesday 21st April. Pairs of shoes and handbags should be put in a separate bag.

Bring & Buy

Thanks to the PTA and the Primary 7 children who organised the Bring & Buy sale, the parents who contributed items for the sale and all who supported the sale and raised £567. THANK YOU

The School Photographer recently took individual and family photographs, he will visit again on 31st March to take any photographs that may have been missed and to take class photos. You will shortly receive a proof of these photographs and a price list; no purchase is necessary.

Copper Challenge: To date over £130 has been raised for Trocaire through the challenge. Remember to bring in any unwanted 1p and 2p coins for this challenge which will continue until the end of April.

Project Work

You may have noticed that some classes are increasingly involved in a range of projects. This work involves the children researching a topic, preparing their project and then presenting it to their class. We would like to acknowledge the standard of work and the range of skills from ICT, art and presentation skills which the children have displayed.

Your Child's Books

On 13th April your child will bring home his/her Literacy, numeracy and WAU exercise books. You will go through these books with your child on Monday evening and comment on your child's work. The books should be returned on Tuesday 14th April.

Dates for Your Diary – Term 3

Monday 13th April – Term 3 commences
Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
Thursday 7th May – School closed – elections
Sunday 10th May – Confirmation
Friday 22nd May – School closed – staff training
Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday
Saturday 30th May – First Communion 11.00am
Tuesday 23rd June – Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 30th June – school closes at 11.30am.

Sacraments:

Confirmation: Sunday 10th May in St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 10.00am.

First Communion: Saturday 30th May in St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 11.00am.

This year we are asking the following parents to help the PTA with the teas in the school:

Confirmation: Parents of P6

Communion: Parents of P3

Thanks

On behalf of the family of the late Gerry McNally, I would like to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with us on our sad bereavement. I would like to express our gratitude to the governors, staff, parents and pupils who called at the home, attended the funeral, sent sympathy cards or helped in so many ways. As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, I trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted as an expression of our appreciation and thanks.

Donal McNally