**March News 2024**

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**March/April 2024**

Please take time to read the news and updates from our school.

We would like to thank you for coming to parents’ meetings it was lovely to see you all! Thank you for your continued support.

**Communication **

If you need to contact us at school about any queries, issues or absences, the first point of contact is by calling us on 028777 63887. The school office opens at 8.30am each morning.

Seesaw remains an important way to share information with you. However, it should not be used as a means of communication between home and school. Teachers are not able to use Seesaw to communicate with you during the day or evening. Please call us at school to make an appointment.

**Post Primary Applications**

Post Primary applications close at noon today. Apply online at: https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide

**World Book Day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. P4 – P7 can bring in a photo of them reading a book in an unusual place, dress up is optional.

**Punctuality**

We would like to remind all parents that the school doors open at 8.45am for anyone not attending breakfast club. Children should be in the Assembly Hall in time for the 9 o’clock bell. Classes start at 9.10am after registration. Children arriving after registration closes at 9.30 will be marked late for the morning session. Children who are frequently late disrupt their own education and that of others.

**Healthy Eating**

In school we promote Healthy Eating at both break and lunch time. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy break and lunch to school.

**Important Dates:**

**Sunday 3rd March – Do this in Memory of Me Mass.**

**Tuesday 12th March - P7 Retreat for Confirmation in Gortnaghey.**

**Monday 18th March -School will be closed for St Patrick’s Day.**

**School closes 11.30am Thursday 28th March for Easter and reopens Monday 8th April.**

**Saturday 13th April - Confirmation 11am St Patrick’s Dungiven**

Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communion @11am

**The Big Walk, Big Wheel 11th March – 22nd March**

We have again teamed up with Sustrans for the Big Walk or Wheel to school. SusTrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle. We connect people and places, create liveable neighbourhoods, transform the school run and deliver a happier, healthier commute. Join us on our journey. http://www.sustrans.org.uk/

**Green Day **

Children can come to school dressed in Green on Friday 15th March to celebrate St Patrick’s Day.

**Election of a Parent Governor**

It is now time to appoint our “Parent Governor” who will serve on our Board of Governors from September 2024 for the next four academic years!

We are seeking nominations of current parents for election!

If you would like to nominate a parent, please call into the school office to receive the nomination forms.

Closing date for nominations is Friday 15th March.

**New After School Clubs **

We will be starting some New After School Clubs next week, Clubs will run for **5 weeks.**

* Tuesdays we will be offering a Cross Country Running Club for P4 – P7 children from 3pm – 4pm.
* Tuesdays we will be offering a Coding Club for P3 children from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Spaces are limited to 12 children. Places will be offered on a first to phone basis. If you would like your child to attend contact the school office **after 9am on Monday 26th** **February.**
* Wednesdays we will be offering Gardening Club for P4 – P7 children from 3pm – 4pm.

**School Residential**

Reminder the second £250 instalment of the P6/7 Residential Trip needs to be made before Thursday 29th February. The final payment of £150 should be paid before 26th March.

**Standardised Testing**

Testing for pupils from P2-P7 will be held 8th May, 9th May, 10th May, 20th May and 21st May in school. It’s important that children attend school during these dates.

**School Collection**

Thank you to everyone for following our “pick up” rules especially during our ongoing replacement of our school roof. Our children’s safety is our first and main priority.

All pupils can be collected from the staff car park area that is not cordoned off for roof repair.

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| **Breakfast Club** runs daily from 8am – 8.40am £2 per child per day. | [Deux Enfants De Bande Dessinée, Garçon Et Fille, Danse Clip Art Libres De  Droits , Vecteurs Et Illustration. Image 51882880.](https://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=https://previews.123rf.com/images/krisdog/krisdog1602/krisdog160200001/51882880-deux-enfants-de-bande-dessin%C3%A9e-gar%C3%A7on-et-fille-danse.jpg&imgrefurl=https://fr.123rf.com/photo_51882880_deux-enfants-de-bande-dessin%C3%A9e-gar%C3%A7on-et-fille-danse.html&tbnid=M3Aj4piv1ARdOM&vet=10CBoQxiAoCGoXChMIyP6a46id7AIVAAAAAB0AAAAAEBI..i&docid=1QA6u5rwp6TT7M&w=1300&h=943&itg=1&q=Dancing%20child&safe=active&ved=0CBoQxiAoCGoXChMIyP6a46id7AIVAAAAAB0AAAAAEBI) |

**After School Clubs**

Mondays

**Multi Sport Club:**

P1 – P3 2pm – 3pm

P4 – P7 3pm – 4pm

Tuesdays

**Cross Country Club starting 27th February.**

**for 5 weeks**

P4 – P7 3pm – 4pm

**Coding Club** **starting 27th February.**

**for 5 weeks**

P3 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Wednesdays

**School Choir**

P1 – P4 Choir

P4 – P7 Choir

**Gardening Club starting 28th February.**

**for 5 weeks £2 per child**

P4 – P7 3pm – 4pm

Thursdays

**Dance Club**

P1 – P3 2pm – 3pm

P4 – P7 3pm – 4pm

**Gaelic Club £2 per child per week**

P1 – P3 2.15pm – 3pm

P4 – P7 3pm – 4pm

All children should be collected from the Front Door. Please ensure you collect your child promptly as the coaches need to leave promptly.

**School Choir **

Our P1 – P4 choir will be singing at St Patrick’s Church Coleraine on Tuesday 5th March at 9.30am.

Our P4 – P7 choir are also singing in St Patrick’s Church Coleraine on Thursday 7th March at 9:30am.

Parents are welcome to attend however seats are limited at the venue.

**Healthy Eating:**

In school we promote Healthy Eating at both break and lunch time. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy break and lunch to school. During Lent we

ask you not to send your children to school with

chocolate or sweets. This is to help those

children who are off these things for Lent.



Uniform

Please check your children’s uniform and coats and jackets are clearly labelled as we have been informed of some missing items.

**School Meals**

We are on Week 2 Monday 26th February) of the dinner menu. Please check the menu to ensure there is something your child likes to eat on the day your child is having school dinner.

Menus are available on the school website.