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WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 9th March 2020



Mon 9 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Assembly • A/S Skill School Club P1-7 (3-4:15pm)
Tues 10 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Assembly • Mass P3-5 • Shared Education P6/7 Diamond Center Claudy (STEM AWARENESS) 9am-12 noon • A/S Gaelic Club P3-4 (3-4pm)
Weds 11 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Assembly • Gaelic coaching with Michaela P5-P7 (Morning) • Swimming lessons P6/7 1-2:30pm • A/S Traditional Music Club (3-4:15pm)
Thurs 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Assembly • Gaelic coaching with Gavin P1-P4 • A/S Dance Club P1-7
Friday 13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GREEN DAY • SUSTRANS 'Feet First' Car Park to Croke Park • Morning Awards Assembly • Mrs. Knox SEN training • Spanish/French language classes with Christina

SACRAMENTAL DATES

First Confessions	St. Matthew's Church, Drumurn Tuesday 31 st March @ 7pm
First Holy Communion P4	St. Matthew's Church, Drumurn Sat. 16 th May @ 11am

Dates for your Diary

SUSTRANS 'Feet First Families' launch at school	Friday 13th March
GREEN DAY	Friday 13th March
Mother's Day Breakfast (Details to follow)	Friday 20th March
SCHOOL DANCEATHON	Friday 27th March
St. Patrick's Day Holidays	Mon 16th and 17th March

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GREEN DAY (Non-uniform day)

Friday 13th March is delegated as GREEN DAY in school. In advance of the Feast Day of our Patron Saint of Ireland, St. Patrick, on Tuesday 17th March pupils are asked to come to school in 'green attire'. If you don't have any green items of clothing to wear, something with a hint of green will do fine! We will have a special assembly on the day in school **only for pupils and staff** where we will look for our pupils to showcase some of their talents from our own specific Irish culture. We ask that pupils donate £1.50 on the day, (families of 3 or more pupils £1 each) with the money going towards assisting with transport costs for a number of sporting and outdoor events taking place over the next few months.



A big thank you to our Primary 5/6 class and Ronan Mc Laughlin from Sustrans who led our 'Sustrans Feet First Families' assembly on Friday past. This is a national project which aims to make schools and encourage families to become more active. The launch of 'Feet First Families' will take place this Friday here at St. Matthew's as our school car park becomes a car free zone for the day. Our school council are busy making plans to create a playground in the car park on Friday.

On Wednesday 18th March we begin our 'Walking Bus' to school. Parents and children are asked to meet at the bus stop in the village at 8:45 am. Teachers will lead the 'walking bus' for the first day only. We look forward to lots of children and parents joining us for the commute to school. If you are able to assist with supervision of the 'walking bus', please let us know at school. All help would be greatly appreciated.

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Extension Update



We have received our final plans and estimated cost of our new ICT suite. As you are aware we raised approximately £18,000 from our whole school community donations during our 50th anniversary celebrations. We were just delighted with the grand total. This however does not meet the estimated cost of the new extension. We have applied for a further grant which we hope that we will successfully receive and can start our new extension at the end of third term. I will keep you updated of any progress.



Mother's day Breakfast

We invite all our mums, granny's, aunts to school on Friday 20th March between 8-9am for our Mother's Day breakfast. Dads are also invited too! Breakfast will cost £4 per adult and £1 per child. This was a hugely popular event last year so please return the reply slip your child brought home today if you would like to go! We hope to see you all there!

Shared Education Dates

Our Shared Education programme continues this term with St. Colmcille's Claudy, Roe Valley Integrated P.S and Central P.S. Year 6 and 7 have recently begun working on Numeracy and STEM lessons/activities. Our school will come together with the other schools on the following dates Tues 10th March, Tues 24th March, Tues 28th April and Tues 5th May.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs AM Kealey

Principal

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