



APRIL NEWSLETTER

SHARED EDUCATION P4/5-STEM WORKSHOP



“Last Tuesday our class went to Gortin Controlled Primary School. We went there to learn about elastic bands for an investigation. We wanted to find out how far they could stretch so we could measure them with a metre stick. Then we were learning what elastic bands could do. We stuck two pins on cardboard then put a mini car on the elastic band and pulled the elastic back different lengths and then released it to see how far it would go each time. After break we completed our investigation and recorded our results.”

By Sean McGlone P5

SHARED EDUCATION-IZAK9



IZAK 9

“Last week Primary 4 and 5 went to Gortin Controlled Primary School. We were learning about IZAK9. First the instructor opened up the cover and we could see lots of shapes. Then we had to get a cube and hold up numbers on the cube. Each cube had odd and even numbers and it had a single and a two-digit number. We had a great time. We had to solve lots of problems as a team. It was really fun.”

by Anna Kelly P4

PATHS PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION

Thank you to all those who attended our PATHS Information Session – and going by the evaluations, we were delighted to see that you found Lindsay’s presentation extremely beneficial!



PASTORAL LENTEN TALKS

A big thanks to Davide Barbieri who popped into the school to give the P7 pupils an honest and open insight into his past troubled life and how his life was transformed when he turned to God and prayer. It was a great opportunity and excellent timing, leading up to the Sacrament of Confirmation for the pupils to hear first-hand about the damaging effect of drugs.



FIRST CONFESSION - A big congratulations to our P4's on making their First Confession recently. They read and sang beautifully and were obviously well prepared for the Sacrament by our P4 teacher Mr O'Hara. Hopefully they will continue taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout their lives and continue to experience the peace and joy of forgiveness in their everyday lives.

CHOIR – A big thanks also to our school choir who enhanced the ceremony with their fantastic singing and instrumentals. Unfortunately, we had a few P5, P6's and P7's who did not make the occasion. We only have one more "choir" event left this year outside of school hours and we would ask parents to please take a note of the date and time and clear the "diary" so that we will have 100% choir attendance at First Communion on Sunday 3rd June at 11.00 in Gortin.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHY

Lafayette Photography are the official photographers for Confirmation day. To improve the delivery of the service, this year Lafayette photography will be providing the photography service on the day via the Lafayette Photography website. This means that if you would like to have studio photographs taken after the ceremony, you should go to www.lafayettephotography.eu by the Wednesday evening, preceding your child's Confirmation day. Please note, to avoid delays on the day of the ceremony, no payment facilities will be available at the venue.

NICOLE MCCALLION AND SHEA CONWAY - representing St. Patricks P.S. at halftime games organised by Tyrone County Board at Tyrone/Kerry national league match.



SPEECH & LANGUAGE 'COME AND PLAY' **CLUSTER PROJECT**

Our Foundation Stage parents & pupils were invited to a “Come and Play” Numeracy Workshop in Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. organised by our cluster group and led by Speech & Language therapist, Orlagh McCann. The workshop focused on helping parents to support their children’s numeracy skills development, through play. It was a very informative and practical session and hopefully everyone benefited from the carousel activities and got a good insight into activities carried out in the foundation stage classroom.



GATE SECURITY – As I'm sure you are aware at this stage, our gate has now got an access control entry button. We would appreciate if all pupils could arrive in school between 9am & 9.15am. If for any reason your child will be arriving late, please accompany them into the school to ensure safe entry.

FREDDIE FITNESS SPONSORED AEROBICS –
Wednesday 11th April.

Could all sponsor money please be forwarded by Friday 13th April. Any parents who wish to join in, please feel free to pop down to the hall for some morning exercise!

9.30 – 10.10am – P1/2
10.15 – 10.55am – P3/4
11.10 – 11.50am – P5/6/7.

GREEN DAY



LOUGHMACRORY BLITZ - Our footballers will attend a seven aside Blitz in St Teresa's Primary School Loughmacrory on Tuesday 17th April. Please ensure that they bring a lunch, boots and wear their PE Uniform.

They will also attend a Tyrone County Board Blitz in Strabane on 23rd April..

The girls will attend the Girls' Blitz in Loughmacrory at the end of April.

EASYFUNDRAISING.. We received a £96 cheque for school funds last week from this simple initiative. Thank you so much to those of you who remember to go through this site when shopping online...:).

www.easyfundraising.org.uk - If you are making any purchases online from retailers such as ASOS, Amazon, M & S, EBay, Argos etc (over 1000 retailers listed), please go through the fundraising site – www.easyfundraising.org.uk as St Patrick's Primary School is registered as a cause and when you order and click on your cause, the retailer will give the school a small donation – as it says **EASY FUNDRAISING** – hassle free!

MONIES

MILK - £ 6.80
MUSIC - £ 6.00 (P1-P7)
ROBBIE - £ 6.00 (P1-P7)

TOTAL = £ 18.80

COULD ALL MONIES FOR MILK, MUSIC AND ROBBIE BE PAID BY FRIDAY 20TH APRIL

Milk will begin from MONDAY 23RD APRIL.

NO ORDERS OR MONIES CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



SERVICE OF LIGHT	SUNDAY 15th APRIL AT 10 a.m.	ST MARY'S CHURCH, ROUSKEY
CONFIRMATION	SUNDAY 22nd APRIL AT 10 a.m.	ST MARY'S CHURCH, ROUSKEY
1ST COMMUNION	SUNDAY 3rd JUNE AT 11.00 a.m.	ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, GORTIN
END OF YEAR MASS FOLLOWED BY P7 PRIZEGIVING AND GRADUATION DINNER	FRIDAY 22nd JUNE AT 10.00a.m.	ST PATRICK'S CHURCH GORTIN AND SCHOOL AFTERWARDS
END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIP	Mon 25th JUNE- 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	REDCASTLE (Whole School)
P7 FINISH	MONDAY 25th JUNE	
BANK HOLIDAYS	MONDAY 7th MAY – FRIDAY 11th MAY inclusive. MONDAY 28TH MAY	

THINK ABOUT IT

***“Kids are like a mirror – what they say and hear
they do. Be a good reflection for them.”***

K Heath.

