



PARENTS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Beginning Monday 29th January. The theme this year is "Called to be a Family of Families." All pupils will be taking part in a variety of activities during this week which hopefully pupils will share with you. They will finish the week off by attending First Friday Mass on Friday morning. You are all very welcome to join us.

ST. BRIDGET'S DAY – THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY – if anyone has access to rushes, could they send them into the school on the week beginning 29th January.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Our next non-uniform day will be on Tuesday 13th February- red or pink for Valentine's Day! Donations - £1 per pupil and all proceeds will go towards funding our Grandparents morning.

GRANDPARENTS' COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY AT 11AM IN SCHOOL HALL

To get an idea of how many Grandparents we are catering for, it is essential that you fill out the slip and forward to the school by Friday 2nd February. Please also remember to forward a little photograph of any Grandparent who has sadly passed away so that they can be remembered on this special day.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Twelve families benefitted from our January initiative of "5 days for the price of 4" – we hope to run this again throughout the year.

E-SAFETY DAY – Tuesday 6th FEBRUARY – PARENTS INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION -7.00 p.m.

Our pupils will be taking part in a number of Internet Safety Awareness activities on this day. KS2 pupils will be taking part in a PSNI Cyber Bullying Presentation and parents are invited to the school at 7pm for a "Parents Internet Safety" presentation. (This should last no longer than one hour).

Please refer to the leaflet attached to January's Newsletter regarding e-safety in the home. Please also monitor the apps your child is accessing at home and talk to your child about the importance of telling them if someone's online behaviour made them scared or uncomfortable.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS – For Poetry

P1 – Harry McCrossan & Eve Clarke

P2 – Daire O’Kane

P3 – Carla Turner

P4 – Caoimhe O’Kane

P5 – Sean McGlone

P6 – Lily-Rose Clarke & Peadar O’Neill

P7 – James Kelly & Claragh Mossey

INDOOR FOOTBALL BLITZ

We will be sending a 5 a side football team to the Cumann Na Bunscoil indoor boys blitz on Wednesday 31st January. All pupils involved please wear PE Uniform and bring a packed lunch.

BADONEY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP – Community Friendship Programme.

The first session of this joint schools Foundation Stage Programme will begin on Monday 29th January. The Programme involves P1 and P2 pupils from both schools coming together in the Parish Hall afterschool, for games organized by volunteers from the Badoney Development Partnership. Please contact Anita McConnell on; 07841568225 if you have any queries regarding this Programme.

SHARED EDUCATION – P4/5.

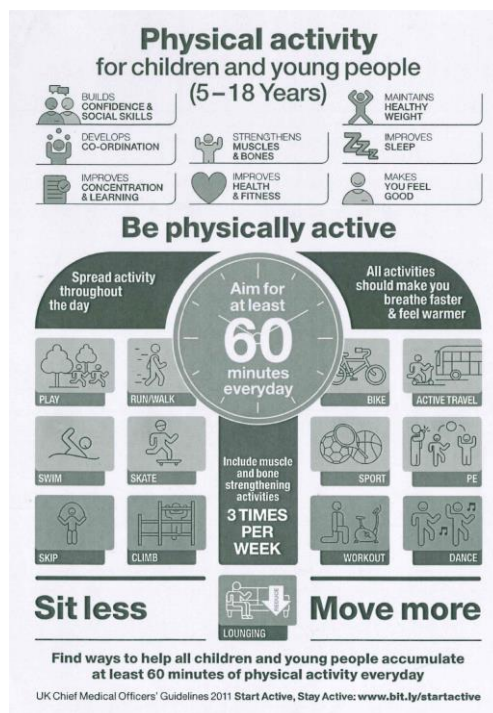
“Last Tuesday we went to the Community Centre in Gortin. We went with the Gortin Primary School and St. Peter’s Plumbridge. When we were there we had to work in groups. First, our group did arts and crafts. We had to get paper and draw around our hands. Then we had to cut it out. After that we had to decorate the hands. Then we went in to the hall and played connect four and dodge ball. Our team won! Finally, we played Archery and I almost hit the target! I had a very jolly and fun day!”

By Caoimhe McCullagh

“Our class went on a school trip to Omagh Technology centre with two other schools – St Peter’s in Plumbridge and Gortin Primary School. Everyone was on a computer – on “Scratch.” I was working with a boy from St. Peter’s school in Plumbridge. His name was Matthew. Everyone was also doing coding on Scratch. Our task was to make a music stage. It was a very fun day. Everyone had a very good time.”

By Seán McGlone





PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WITHIN ST. PATRICK'S P.S.

We are now delighted to be able to avail of coaches on a daily basis, thanks to the funding from you - the parents, our local Gaelic Clubs, Tyrone County Board, Ulster Council and Omagh District Council.

MONDAY – Strabane District Council – Robbie Snodgrass.

Afterschool Gaelic Football-Mr O Hara

TUESDAY – Omagh District Coach – Aimee Davis.

Fitness Club-Healthy Kidz Programme

WEDNESDAY – Ulster Council Coach – John Molloy.-Fundamental Skills

THURSDAY – Ulster Council Coach – Ryan Keenan.-Fundamental Skills

FRIDAY – Tyrone County Board Coach – Conor Gormley.

Jo-Jo McGlone (Club Coach). Mr O'Hara (School Coach).

This coaching programme is also enhanced by regular PE lessons led by the class teachers as well as our Shared Education Yoga Programme starting soon and the Badoney Friendship Foundation Programme...

LINKS WITH ST. PATRICKS GAA/ BADONEY LADIES

Afterschool Gaelic Football – beginning Monday 29th January.

Thank you to all those who returned permission slips. Please note that pupils cannot participate without P.E. uniform and boots. Please collect your child at the GAA pitch at 4.00p.m. Many thanks to the Gaelic Clubs for funding the coach for these sessions and providing a coach for Friday afternoon girls football sessions. A big thanks also to Mr O'Hara for all his support and expertise in promoting Gaelic Football within the school.

POST-TRANSFER THOUGHTS

A PRINCIPAL IN SINGAPORE WROTE THIS LETTER TO THE PARENTS

Dear Parents,

The exams of your children are to start soon. I know you are all really anxious for your child to do well.

But, please do remember, amongst the students, who will be sitting for the exams, there is an artist, who doesn't need to understand Maths.

There is an entrepreneur, who doesn't care about History or English literature.

There's a musician, whose Chemistry marks won't matter.

There's a sportsperson, whose physical fitness is more important than Physics..like Schooling

If your child does get top marks, that's great! But, if he or she doesn't, please don't take away their self-confidence and dignity from them.

Tell them it's OK, it's just an exam! They are cut out for much bigger things in life.

Tell them, no matter what they score, you love them and will not judge them.

Please do this, and when you do, watch your children conquer the world. One exam or a low mark won't take away their dreams and talent.

And please, do not think that doctors and engineers are the only happy people in the world.

With Warm Regards,
The Principal.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CONFIRMATION	Sunday 22nd April 2018
FIRST CONFESSION	Thursday 15th March 2018
FIRST COMMUNION	Sunday 3rd June 2018
MID-TERM BREAK	Wed 14th Thurs 15th & Friday 16th February
GRANDPARENTS' COFFEE MORNING	Friday 9th February @11am

**GRANDPARENTS' COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AT
11.00A.M.**

NUMBER OF GRANDPARENTS ATTENDING:

NAME OF PUPIL (S) _____

SIGNED _____