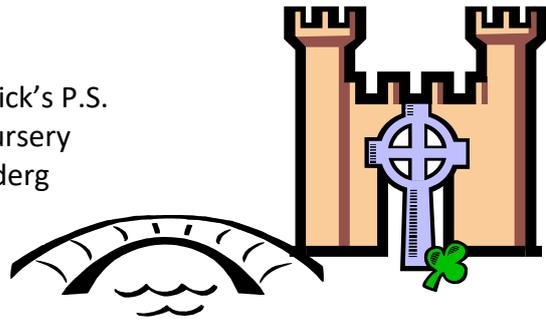


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March Letter 2023

Dear Parent/s and Carers,

A reminder that the school will be closed on the 17th March and the 20th March 2023 for the St. Patrick's Day Holidays.

I have added a new school menu to the school website which will be operational from the week beginning the 20th March 2023.

Congratulations to the boys' and girls' teams gaelic teams who competed in the recent Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Gaelic Heats in Omagh. There is after school coaching available for P6 pupils on the next 4 Mondays from 3pm – 4pm ending on the 24th April 2023. The P7 pupils who attended coaching with Mr. Keenan will be taking part in a school blitz on the last week in March.

The P7's are looking forward to Confirmation on Saturday 25th March at 11am in St. Patrick's Church. Mrs. Mc Crory and her choir will lead the singing on the day for the first time in a number of years.

Michelle Young from Ink Wings will visit the school in March and April to work on Creative Writing with Mr. Keenan's P5 classes and all the P6 and P7 pupils. Avril from Debutkids will also work with Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Norton's P4 and P5 classes on drama and story telling activities.

The P7 pupils also take part in a First Aid Workshop in April.

I have added an updated Pastoral Care leaflet and an updated version of our child protection policy to the newsletter section of our website. The child protection policy is password protected and the password is available via Google Classroom. In the event of any concern, you can speak with any class teacher or Mrs. Shelley or Mr. Mc Gurk.

The school is involved with the Operation Encompass Project and in the event of any reported incident of domestic violence the school will be notified. This will allow trained school professionals to provide support to any child affected within in the school community.

The school supports the global charitable work of Trocaire and the older children will learn during Lent how the charity supports people in its work throughout the world. We will host a non-uniform day for Trocaire on Friday 31st March 2023. The suggested donation to take part is £1/£2 per pupil. All monies raised will be donated directly to Trocaire.

Mrs. Shelley will host an Easter Bonnet Parade for the Nursery Pupils on Monday 3rd April 2023. This will be an opportunity for parent/s to visit the school, newly installed nursery playgrounds and enjoy the parade.

Many thanks, Mr. B Mc Gurk Principal