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P3 & P2 Assemblies

P3 - Friday 1 March P2 - Friday 22

Both assemblies will be held at the Tirkeeran Site.

Holy Thursday

There will be no school buses on Holy Thursday. The children will finish for their Easter break at 12 noon on Holy Thursday.

Catholic Schools Week

Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools week. The theme for the week was Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. On Tuesday the Primary 7s began Catholic Schools Week by leading a Prayer Service. On Friday the Primary 4s performed a wonderful assembly for the whole school and their parents.

St Brigid's Day

Thank you so much to all grandparents who joined us to celebrate Saint Brigid's Day. This year was the 1500 anniversary of Brigid's death.

March

P4 will make their First Confession in March. The date still needs to be confirmed.

Confirmation &

First Holy Communion Dates

Sat	23 March	Confirmation at 11am. St Mary's, Ballerin
Sat	18 May	First Holy Communion at 11am - Venue TBC

ICT Week

The week beginning Monday 19th February is ICT Week. The children will complete ICT tasks that allow them to showcase their learning across the curriculum.

Post Primary Applications

The EA published information on its website about post-primary schools on Thursday 11 January.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/post-primary-admissions-guide>. The application process began on Tuesday 30 January at 12 noon and closes on Thursday 22 February at 4pm.

Please give careful consideration to the relevant criteria when making your school choices.

A poster of the key dates for this can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.



Credit Union Quiz

Well done to our Primary 7s who competed and won the Under 11 section in the Credit Union Quiz. The P7s will be entering another team in the upcoming Cumann na mBunscol quiz.

Camogie/Football

On Tuesday 27th February some P7 children will represent the school at the Indoor Cumann na mBunscol football and camogie tournaments. The club are purchasing sticks, helmets and balls for children to use in the lower site. This is much appreciated and we look forward to starting camogie/hurling in the better weather.

Peace Proms

The choir will attend the Peace Proms in Belfast on Sunday 25th February.

Irish for the Month

Body Parts



ceann
éadan
cluas
fiacra
gruaig
súil
srón
béal
muineál

kunn
Aidan
cloas
fakela
gruegg
sooil
srown
bail
muinyal

head
forehead
ear
tooth
hair
eye
nose
mouth
neck

qualainn
brollach
uillinn
bolg
lámh
méara
glúin
cos

goolin
brollach
illin
bolg
lav
maira
glooin
cos

shoulder
chest
elbow
stomach
hand
fingers
knee
foot

Song for the Month

Báidín Fheilimí

Báidín Fheilimí d'imigh go Gabhla
Báidín Fheilimí is Feilimí ann,
Báidín Fheilimí d'imigh go Gabhla
Báidín Fheilimí is Feilimí ann.
Báidín bídeach, báidín beosach,
Báidín bóidheach, báidín Fheilimí,
Báidín díreach, báidín deontach,
Báidín Fheilimí is Feilimí ann.
Báidín Fheilimí d'imigh go Toraigh
Báidín Fheilimí is Feilimí ann,
Báidín Fheilimí d'imigh go Toraigh
Báidín Fheilimí is Feilimí ann.
Báidín bídeach, báidín beosach,
Báidín bóidheach, báidín Fheilimí,
Báidín díreach, báidín deontach,
Báidín Fheilimí is Feilimí ann.
Báidín Fheilimí briseadh i dToraigh
Iasc ar bhord agus Feilimí ann,
Báidín Fheilimí briseadh i dToraigh
Iasc ar bhord agus Feilimí ann.
Báidín bídeach, báidín beosach,
Báidín bóidheach, báidín Fheilimí,
Báidín díreach, báidín deontach,²³
Báidín Fheilimí is Feilimí ann.

Féilimí's Little Boat

Felimi's little boat went to Gola,
Felimi's little boat and Felimi in it,
Felimi's little boat went to Gola,
Felimi's little boat and Felimi in it.
A tiny boat, a lively boat,
A charming boat, Felimi's little boat,
A straight boat, a willing boat,
Felimi's little boat and Felimi in it.
Felimi's little boat went to Tory,
Felimi's little boat and Felimi in it,
Felimi's little boat went to Tory,
Felimi's little boat and Felimi in it.
A tiny boat, a lively boat,
A charming boat, Felimi's little boat,
A straight boat, a willing boat,
Felimi's little boat and Felimi in it.
Felimi's little boat broke on Tory,
A fish on board and Féilimi there,¹⁸
Felimi's little boat broke on Tory,
A fish on board and Féilimi there,
A tiny boat, a lively boat,
A charming boat, Felimi's little boat.
A straight boat, a willing boat,
Felimi's little boat and Felimi in it.

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies will take place on the following dates:

- Friday 1 March - P3 class
- Friday 22 March - P2 class
- Friday 3 May - P1 class

Use of Children's images

The school has a number of parents who have not given permission for their child's image to be used or reproduced by members of the public.

Allergies / Medical Needs

As you are aware a number of children within the school are allergic to nuts and or eggs. As an anaphylactic reaction to these foods can be potentially life threatening we ask that all parents ensure that no nut products (e.g Kinder eggs/ bars) or egg (such as egg sandwiches) be brought into the school.



Administering Medication

If your child has a medical condition and requires medication, please ensure the medication is in date.

Attendance

Pupils who have any sickness should remain at home until well enough to return to school.



During/Afterschool Clubs



Mondays 2-3pm		<i>Mrs Bradley - Choir P4-7</i>
Tuesdays 3-4 pm	16 Jan -20 Feb	<i>Quiz club for P6 & 7</i>
Wednesdays	Once a month	<i>Adoration for P5-7</i>
Wednesdays	10 Jan- 27 Mar	<i>Swimming for the P7 class</i>
Wednesdays	Jan -June	<i>Gaelic with Gavin</i>
Thursdays 3 - 4pm	18 Jan - 29 Feb	<i>Study Club for P6 with Mrs Ball</i>
Thursdays	20 April - 22 June	<i>Swimming for the P6 class</i>
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Grammar for the Month

I did, I have done

Correct

I done

Incorrect

Dates for Term Two & Three

Thursdays	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Each class will attend the library once every 7 weeks</i>
Thursday	2 February	<i>St Brigid's Day</i>
Wed	14 February	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Wed - Fri	14 - 16 Feb	<i>School closed for mid-term</i>
Thursday 4 pm	22 February	<i>Post-primary application portal closes</i>
Friday	1 March	<i>P3 Assembly</i>
Saturday	23 March	<i>Confirmation at 11am in St Mary's Ballerin</i>
Monday	18 March	<i>School closed- For St Patrick's Day</i>
Friday	22 March	<i>P2 Assembly</i>
Friday - Friday	29 Mar - 5 April incl.	<i>School closed for Easter Holidays</i>
Monday - Friday	6 - 10 May incl.	<i>School closed for mid-term</i>
Saturday	18 May	<i>First Holy Communion at 11am - Venue TBC</i>
Friday	3 May	<i>P1 Assembly</i>
Fridays	24 & 31 May	<i>P7 Day Visits to Woodhall Residential Centre, Kilrea</i>
Monday	27 May	<i>School closed</i>
Monday	3 June	<i>School closed</i>
Friday	28 June	<i>School closes at 12noon for summer holidays</i>

Helping Your Child Make Healthy Food Choices



No matter what their age, it's never too late to help your children develop healthy mealtime habits. Offering a variety of foods helps them develop more flexible preferences. If you have a picky eater, start by incorporating new items alongside things your children are already eating. For more information on healthy eating ideas click on the link below from the Public Health Agency

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8198914>



KEY DATES FOR PARENTS : APPLYING FOR A POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

THE USUAL AGE GROUP OF PUPILS WHO TRANSFER TO POST PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE 11 YEARS OLD BY 1 JULY 2023
I.E. PUPILS WITH DATES OF BIRTH FROM 2 JULY 2011 TO 1 JULY 2012, INCLUSIVE.

