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# March 2024



## P2 Assembly

The P2 Assembly will be performed by P2 on **Friday 22 March at 9.30am on the Tirkeeran site**. This is a great opportunity for our wonderful children to showcase their talents. We would ask that parents use the hand sanitisers on the way in.

## Confirmation

Confirmation will take place in St Mary's Church, Ballerin on **Saturday 23 March at 11am**.



## First Confession & Holy Communion Dates

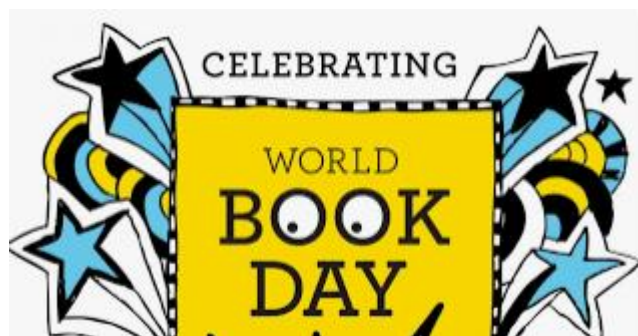
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| Wed | 20 March | First Confession at 7pm - St Mary's Ballerin      |
| Sat | 18 May   | First Holy Communion at 11am - St Mary's Ballerin |

## Easter Egg Draw

Tickets for the Easter Egg draw will be sent home. The draw will take place on **Wednesday 27 March**. Tickets cost £1.00 per strip or six strips for £5.00. Please ensure the pupil's name and class are across the back of every strip purchased. Additional tickets are available on request from the school.



Simply return any unused tickets to the school. **All** profits will be donated to support Trocaire.



World Book Day was held on Thursday 7 March. The children dressed up as their favourite character and came together over the two sites to enjoy a range of activities organised by the staff.

## Pancake Tuesday

Thanks, once again, to Patricia O'Kane who baked delicious pancakes for the children (and the staff) on Pancake Tuesday.



**1-17 March**

Seachtain na Gaeilge is an international Irish language festival and a time when we celebrate our native language and culture.

During this time the children will read about Irish myths and legends, learn about Irish counties, rivers and mountains and develop their Irish language skills.

We will have a 'Green Day' on Friday 15 March and each class will take part in a ceili dance. A £1 donation is suggested on that day to go to Trocaire.



**Congratulations**



## Gaelic Games

### SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to our P7 camogs and footballers! 🖐️

Both teams topped their groups at the North Derry indoor 5 a side competition and will now compete in the All County indoor final in a few weeks. Excellent work boys and girls, you are super ambassadors for our school 🖐️

## Peace Proms

On Sunday 25th February children from the Primary 5, 6 and 7 classes took part in the Peace Proms. They sang their hearts out and had a wonderful day. Many thanks to all the staff and parents who accompanied the children.



Congratulations to Cathaoir McLaughlin, Peadar McNicholl and Eamon McNicholl. The 3 boys represented our school, club and county as they played during half time in the Derry V Tyrone league game in Celtic Park.



Congratulations also to Fiachra Mullan who represented our school, club and county during half time in the Derry V Dublin league game in Celtic Park. We are sure it won't be their last appearance in a Derry jersey!

## Cumann na mBunscol Quiz

Congratulations to our P7s who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol quiz, coming third out of a total of 15 teams.

## Irish for the Month

## Colours/ Classroom objects



Cad é an dath atá ar..... ?

Tá an peann dearg.

Tá an peann luaidhe gorm

Tá an scriosán dubh

Tá an mála scoile donn

Tá an rialóir glas

Tá an deasc buí

Tá an leabhar bán

Corcra :

purple

Ca jay an dath ata air?

Ta an pan jarg.

Ta an pan looay gorim

Ta an scrissan doo

Ta an mala skulla done

Ta an railoire glass.

Ta an dasc bwee.

Ta an lower ban.

Liath : grey

What colour is.....?

The pen is red.

The pencil is blue.

The rubber is black.

The schoolbag is brown.

The ruler is green.

The table is yellow.

The book is white

Bándearg : pink

Irish Website:

<https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/primary-irish-and-aspects-shared-cultural-heritage>

## Cead Mile Failte Romhat a Iosa – link below

<https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=Cead+mile+failte+romhat+utube&safe=active#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:8a56629a,vid:Dln8nfOGPa4,st:0>

## Song for the Month

### Hail Glorious St Patrick

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear saint of our  
isle,

On us thy poor children bestow a sweet  
smile;

And now thou art high in the mansions  
above,

On Erin's green valleys look down in thy  
love.

On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green  
valleys,

On Erin's green valleys look down in thy  
love.

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, thy words were  
once strong

Against Satan's wiles and a heretic  
throng;

Not less is thy might where in Heaven  
thou art;

Oh, come to our aid, in our battle take  
part!

Oh, come to our aid, in our battle take  
part!

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of  
our birth,

Where the shamrock still blooms as  
when thou wert on earth,

And our hearts shall yet burn, wherever  
we roam,

For God and St. Patrick, and our native  
home.

For God and St. Patrick, and our native  
home.

For God and St. Patrick, and our native  
home.

## Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies will take place on the following dates:

- 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 peanuts, nuts and or eggs. As an anaphylactic reaction to these foods can be potentially life threatening we ask that all parents ensure that no peanuts, nut products (e.g Kinder eggs/ bars) 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



|                          |                          |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Mondays 3-4 pm</b>    | <b>8 April - 19 May</b>  | <b>P6 &amp; P7 camogie &amp; football with Mr McCann</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday 3-4pm</b>     | <b>9 April - 20 May</b>  | <b>Camogie &amp; Hurling for P3 pupils with Miss Conway</b> |
| <b>Wednesdays</b>        | <b>Once a month</b>      | <b>Adoration for P5-7</b>                                   |
| <b>Wednesdays</b>        | <b>27 Mar - 22 June</b>  | <b>Swimming for the P6 class</b>                            |
| <b>Wednesdays</b>        | <b>March -June</b>       | <b>Gaelic with Gavin</b>                                    |
| <b>Thursdays</b>         | <b>11 April - 23 May</b> | <b>Girls' football with Mrs McKeown</b>                     |
| <b>Thursdays 3 - 4pm</b> | <b>Ongoing</b>           | <b>Study Club for P6 with Mrs Ball</b>                      |
| <b>Thursdays 2-3pm</b>   | <b>11 April onwards</b>  | <b>Mrs Bradley - Choir P4-7</b>                             |

## Grammar for the Month

I was like walking

**Incorrect X**

**I was walking**

**Correct ✓**

I was like saying

**Incorrect X**

**I was saying**

**Correct ✓**

## Dates for Term Two & Three

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

## 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>