

St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's
Open Evening

School Motto

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Saint Patrick's & Saint Joseph's School Charter



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Our Vision

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In our school the person and message of Christ find expression in:

- A 'Living Community' of Faith, Love and Service.
- A reflective and worshipping community, where the presence of Jesus is celebrated in prayer, worship and the sacraments.
- A school Leadership which models Gospel values and is committed to the promotion and celebration of the Catholic Ethos.

Our school community committed to:

- **Helping pupils to Live Happy and Meaningful Lives:** We teach children to be good people who respect everyone and make the world a better place.
- **Growing in a Joyful and Respectful Environment:** Every child can reach their full potential in a place filled with joy, freedom, respect, teamwork, and celebration.
- **Developing All Parts of a Child:** We focus on helping children grow in every way – spiritually, morally, socially and emotionally.
- **Encouraging Kindness and Fairness:** We promote charity, social justice, global awareness, and care for those who are less fortunate.
- **Fostering a Positive and Caring Attitude:** We teach children to have a joyful and caring attitude towards life and others, respecting the value of every human life.
- **Welcoming Everyone:** Our school is a place where people of all faiths, traditions, and backgrounds are welcomed and respected.
- **Creating a Peaceful and Trusting School Environment:** We build a school community based on teamwork, listening, trust, collaboration, healing, and peace.

I agree to uphold and promote the principles and values expressed in this charter.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



We aim to ensure that each child will succeed through:

- Creating a learning partnerships between school, home, the church and the community.
- Providing a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Making learning challenging and enjoyable.
- Promoting an ethos of support and encouragement.
- Promoting equality of opportunity .





Induction Programme

This
includes:

- Working closely with your child's pre-school setting
- Getting to know your child before they arrive in Primary 1
- Visits by our staff to meet your child in the pre-school settings
- Invites for your child to the Christmas Nativity
- Open Evening – allowing your child to become familiar with our school
- Easter Egg Hunt for your child
- Induction morning for your child in June 2025
- Opportunities for your child to make new friends



Support for children with Additional Needs

- 3 days per week of 1:1 withdrawal support in Literacy and/or Numeracy with the Learning support teacher
- Classroom assistants who provide 1:1 or small group support on a daily basis
- The use of reading, spelling and number programmes recommended by outside agencies
- Two state of the art sensory rooms – one on each site
- Staff who are trained in supporting children with additional needs



Mrs S McKeown

Learning Support Teacher/SENCO



Outdoor Learning



- Staff have taken part in Forest School training
- Each site has a dedicated outdoor learning area which includes a pond and sensory area.
- We have a state of the art 2G pitch as well as a large grass pitch
- We have a staff with a passion for outdoor learning!
- The school is dedicated to continually developing our outdoor space.



Outdoor Fun

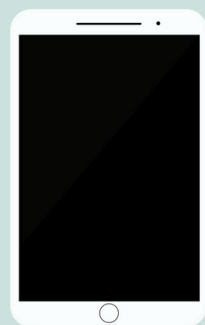
The children love getting outside and having fun on our outdoor play equipment. As well as having fun they are improving their core strength, balance and muscle development.



Foundation Stage

Primary 1 & Primary Two

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Play



Specific Areas
RELIGION
Literacy
Mathematics
World Around Us
The Arts
ICT



Mrs S McGill
P1 teacher



Mrs A Bradley
P2 teacher



Miss S Mullan
P1 classroom
assitant



Mrs A Culleton
P1 classroom
assitant



Mrs A McIlvar
P2 classroom
assitant



Mrs G Hampson
P2 classroom
assitant

Why choose St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Primary School?

- Excellent pastoral support taking individual needs into account
- High achievement in Literacy and Numeracy results.
- Positive Parental Partnerships
- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Opportunities for outdoor learning
- Experienced and committed staff team and governor support
- State of the art facilities to help your child reach their potential
 - Clevertouch boards in every classroom
 - State of the art sensory rooms
 - Dedicated outdoor learning areas
 - Forward thinking I.C.T based Curriculum
(90 iPads, coding a focus in School Action Plan)



Parental Views

'The staff are really friendly and approachable, the welfare of the children is well taken care of'



'I feel that because the school is small and rural that everyone knows each other that is a positive. I feel the teachers are all very caring and most are parents themselves so this is comforting. Also if I've had any issues they've been dealt with quickly and discreetly.'

Survey Finding

'Ethos is first class. Pastoral care outstanding. Very hard working, committed staff. Up to date facilities, sensory room. Kind classroom assistants and teachers.'

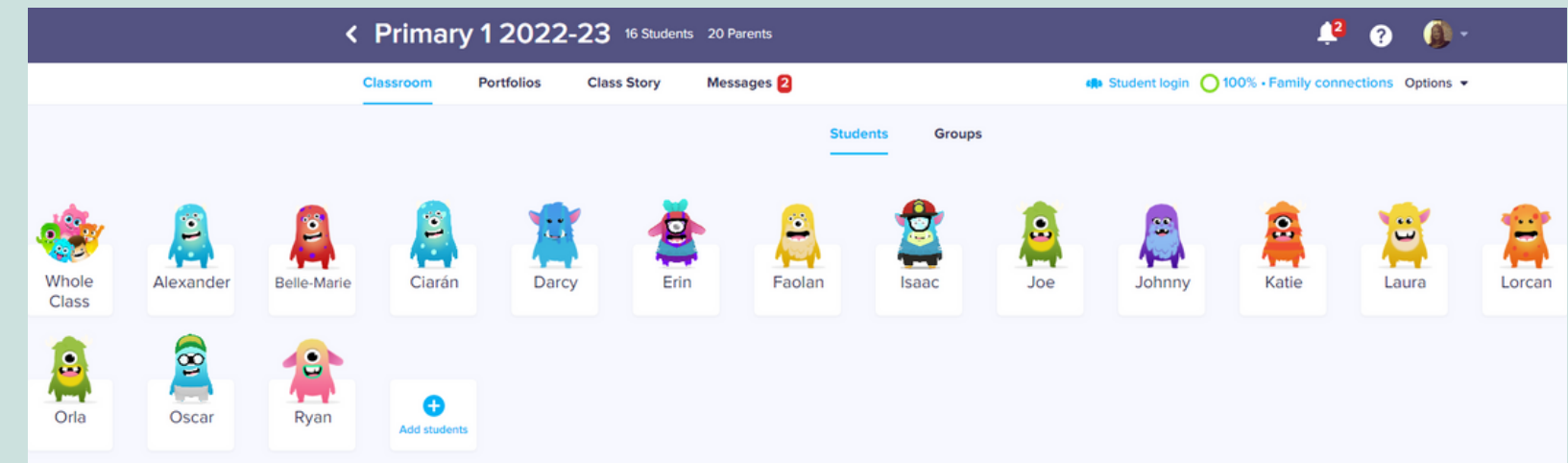
100% of parents state that their child is happy in our school

100% of parents believe that their child makes progress in reading and numeracy

100% of parents believe that their child is given the opportunity to make a positive contribution to both the school community and the wider community.

Communication

- Friends of St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Facebook
- Website
- Newsletter
- Open door policy
- Dojo (link to website)
- Telephone



ST PATRICK'S AND ST JOSEPH'S
Federated Primary School
Garvagh & Glenullin

November 2022

Admission of Children to Primary School
Children, who are four on or before 1 July 2023, are due to start school in September 2023.

Principal: Mr Terry McCann
www.stpatricksandstjosephs.com
Tel No: 02829598099

Saint Vincent de Paul Society
On December 7th we will have our Christmas Jumper Day when children can bring a voluntary donation of €1 for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please note that these donations are voluntary, and parents should not feel under pressure to make the donation. The local SVP are there to provide help to anyone in our parish who is struggling. If you need their help, then please call: 07563595868.

Christmas JUMPER DAY

The application is via the Education Authority's website: <https://www.eani.org.uk/>. The criteria for admission to primary schools will be published on this website on 13 December 2022.

If your child is starting primary school in September 2023, you can apply for their place online from 12 noon on Tuesday 10 January 2023. The closing date and time for primary one applications will be 12 noon on Friday 27 January 2023.

Open Night for Pre-School Children - Tuesday 6 December
The school will host a Christmas themed open evening at 7pm in the Tirkeeran site for pre-school pupils who are due to start Primary One next September.

Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 7th December
Roast Turkey, chipolote sausage
Stuffing and gravy
Roast and mash potatoes
Vegetables
Orange squash and Choc Ice
Priced at €2.60

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Dates

Sat 11 March	Confirmation at 11am. St Mary's, Ballerin
Sat 22 April	First Holy Communion at 11am in St Joseph's Church

P5 Assembly
Assembly will be performed for their parents by P5 on Friday 25 November. 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.

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

(Allergy and special diets required will be accommodated within nutrition guidelines)
Please indicate before 1 December if your child will be taking Christmas Dinner.

Mrs. McGill
Primary 1 2022-23
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📌 On Thursday, the P1 class will be going to Honeybees Playtown in Ballymena. This will be a brilliant opportunity to join in with the P1 pupils of Garvagh PS in imaginative role play activities. We will be back at school for dinner time 😊

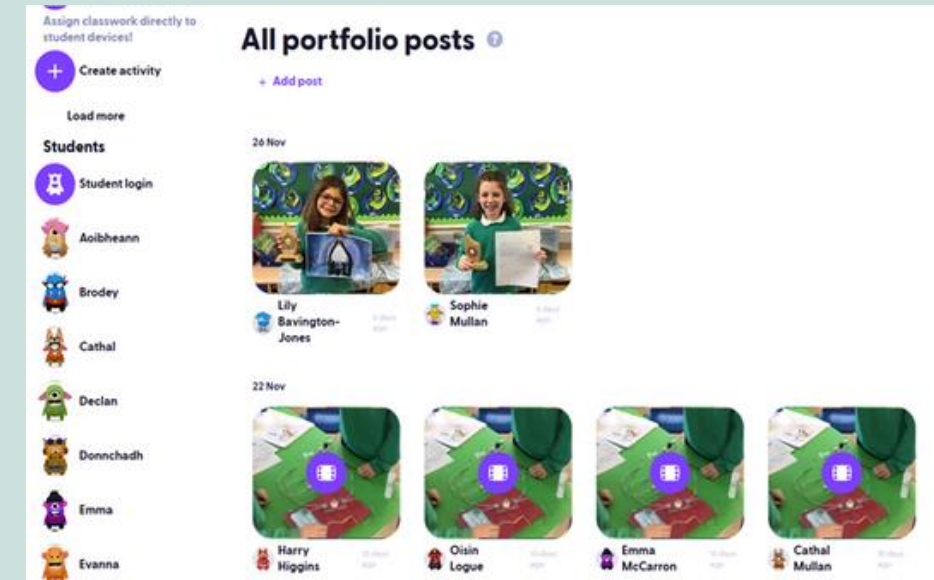
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Celebrating Success

- School website
- Personal Dojo portfolio
- Artist of the Month
- Writer of the Month
- Pupil of the Week
- Accelerated Reader
- Athletics
- Celebrate achievements outside of school e.g. Irish dancing



Facilities and Opportunities

- Dedicated site for our Junior Children
- Free transport between sites
- 2G Pitch
- Grass Pitch
- Dedicated outdoor learning areas
- Exciting plans to further develop outdoor play
- State of the art clever touch boards in every classroom
- 90 iPads
- Laptops
- Sensory Rooms
- 2 halls
- Resource Centre



Pupil Voice

- Taking charge of their Dojo Profile
- The School Council
- PLPs
- Setting their own focus for literacy and numeracy
- Questionnaires
- Planning for their topic work

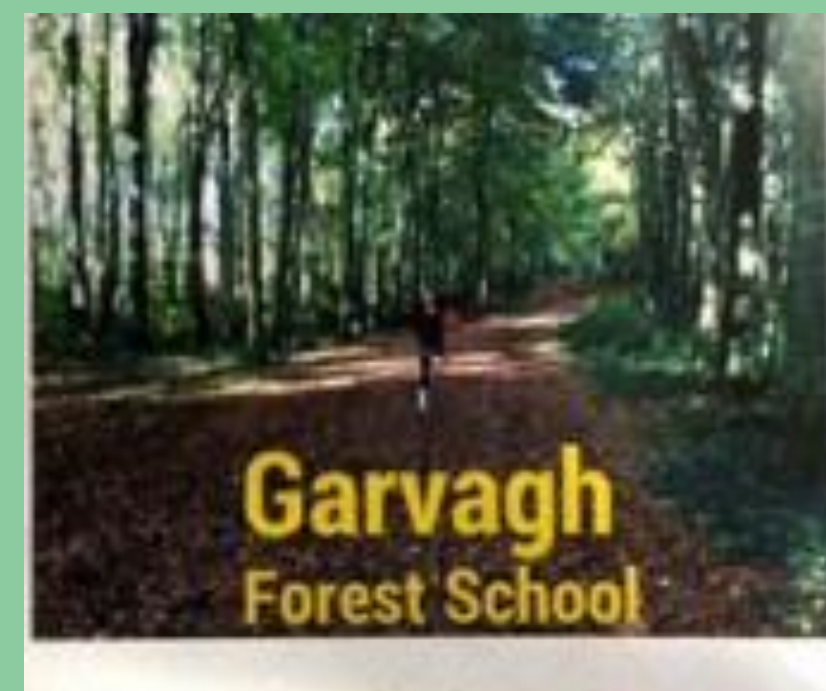
After School Clubs

- Football
- Camogie
- Cross Country
 - Cooking
 - Drama
- Life saving skills
- Coding (ICT)
- Booster Lessons
 - Chess
 - Choir
- Stay and Play
 - Handball



Community

- The club
- Ulster GAA
- Multi-sports Coaching
- Garvagh People's Forest Association
- Shared Education
- Pathways
- Eco School
- Forest School (Claire)
- Community Hall for PE and Shows
- Parent Association
- Wind Farms -Grant Funding
- Church Groups
- Links with pre-schools
- Transition Programmes to 'Big School'
- Health and Well-Being Programmes (Firemen, RADAR, police, School Nurse Team)



How do I apply for a P1 place?

- EA website
- Online Portal
- January
- EA are updating the policy
- Pre-schools



Thank you!

