



St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

Bunscoil agus Naíscoil Naomh Rónán

March / Márta 2023 Newsletter



St. Patrick's Day - School will be closed on Friday 17th and Monday 20th March.

First Penance - takes place on Thursday 9th March at 7pm in Holy Cross Church.

Confirmation - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 24th March at 2pm (Mr Foy's class) and 5pm (Mr Shannon's class). Families and sponsors welcome to attend.

Fermanagh Feis - Good luck to all pupils taking part in Fermanagh Feis over the coming weeks - Verse Speaking, Irish Poem, Own Poetry and Art.

Tag Rugby - begins on Tues 28th February for 5CC and 5/6MS and will last for 6 sessions. Final session on 4th April. Cost is £1 per week.

Indoor Final - Well done and congratulations to the boys who were winners in the Fermanagh Indoor Gaelic Finals which took place in Castlepark recently. A brilliant display of skill and team work. They now go ahead to the Ulster Indoor competition in Magherafelt later in the month.

Autism NI Awareness Week - Sheets are being sent home so children can help out as 'Super Heroes' and raise some money at the same time for Autism NI. Any sponsorship is very welcome.

World Book Day - Miss Judge has uploaded some information to the school website detailing some activities taking place this week for World Book Day. Children were looking fantastic dressed up as book characters and superheroes. There has been a lot of effort also for the 'Potato Characters'. See pictures on the school website.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week - We had a hugely successful week with our these 'Let's Connect'. A big thank you to all of the local businesses who gave their time to come to

the school or accommodate classes. A video of everyone connecting throughout the school building can be seen on the school website and a link in Facebook also. A huge thank you to Mrs Boyle for planning and carrying out this wonderful work and for educating us all on children's mental health.

Missio Ireland - Congratulations to Cayla Maguire (P3) and Molly Reilly (P1) on winning prizes in the Missio Ireland Christmas colouring competition. Both were picked out of thousands of entries from across Ireland. Well done girls!

Big Walk and Wheel - takes place from 20th - 31st March. There was great support last year from children, parents and PTFA. Once again this year we will be organising a group walk to school. Details to follow.

Sustrans Gold Ambassador School - We are proud to have been selected as a Gold Ambassador School for our work in promoting active travel to school. We are the only school in the district to have such an accolade. Well done to Mr Foy for his continued efforts over the last few years in promoting and organising active travel to school.

Quiz - Best Wishes to Annie, Odhran, Owen and Daniel as they represent the school and Fermanagh in the Ulster section of the Cumann na mBunscol quiz which takes place on 23rd March.

Active Week - We held a very successful Active Week early in the 2021/22 school year. We intend to do so again 27 - 31 March. Many activities for all classes will take place throughout the week.

Healthy Eating - A reminder than children should have a healthy snack at break time and a healthy lunch. Fizzy drinks are not considered part of a healthy diet. Children may bring water bottles to school and these can be topped up during the day.

A reminder that the school is a 'Nut Free Zone'. Children must not bring food items which contain nuts. This includes spreads such as Nutella.

Punctuality - A reminder that the school day begins at 9:10am. Children must be in class by this time to begin lessons. A habit of being 10 mins late daily equates to 50mins per week. Over the course of a month this means a total loss of a whole morning of class time.

Ongoing works - We have been fortunate in a time of budget deficits to have been approved for some essential works. All playgrounds have been resurfaced and new fencing has been erected at the playground in front of the school and the perimeter fence between the two schools.

The addition of new lighting, CCTV and a fob security system for gates and exit doors will hopefully be completed in the next financial year.

Regular Diary Dates

Mon - Fri	P1/2 waiting room facility to 3pm
Mon - Thurs	Homework Club for P3 - P7, 3 - 5pm
Tues	Tag Rugby 3 - 4pm for 5CC, 5/6MS
Tues	Musical Pathways (3MB, 3RF, 4AMG, 4PH)
Wed	GAA Coach for KS2 pupils
	Irish language class (all year groups)
	Speech and Language Therapy
	Play Therapy
Thur	Swimming 7ES
	Clarinet tuition
	Choir (3 - 4pm)
Fri	Tin Whistle with Steve (P5 - P7)
	PE for P1 - P4 with Ross