

**CHARITIES**: Our Lenten campaign raised an amazing £2,600 for Trócaire. A huge thank you to those parents, grandparents and friends of St Anne’s Primary School and Nursery Unit who donated so generously.

**P7 Variety Shows**

An abundance of P7 talent will be showcased this month.  Our P7 pupils have been busy preparing for their class variety performances. As the dates draw closer their excitement builds. They are looking forward to welcoming their families to performances at 1.30pm on their allocated days.

**Dates for your Diary:**

* **Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd June**

School closure

* **P7 Class Variety Shows**

Tuesday 14th June:

Ms O’Boyle’s class

Wednesday 15th June: Mrs O’Neill’s class

Thursday 16th June:

Mr McCann’s class

Friday 17th June:

Mr Kelly’s class

* **Sunday 19th June**

School Fair

* **Wednesday 22nd June**

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* **Friday 24th June**

P7 leavers celebration 7pm – 9pm

* **Thurs 30th June**

School Closes 12noon for the Summer Break

**World War II Day**

Our P4’s, dressed as evacuees, will engage in a variety of activities to help them understand what life was like as a child in the 1940s. The Northern Ireland War Memorial Museum will provide an interactive virtual workshop to help bring the story of Northern Ireland during the Second World War to their classroom. The workshop is a live presentation, illustrated with photographs and objects and enhanced with audio recordings and wartime stories. A Loan Box of replica objects, including a gas mask, incendiary bomb and gas rattle, will also be made available for the pupils to explore.

**MAY, WHAT A MONTH;** We’ve had two beautiful First Holy Communions with two to follow in June Saturday 11th and 18th. The children were simply outstanding. A huge thank you to Mr Teague, Mrs Cavanagh, and to all our staff for preparing the children for this wonderful sacrament. Thank you also to Fr Peter for his spiritual guidance and support. We are very blessed to have him as our school chaplain.

Along with this we have managed to complete all Sports Days. These were great fun and we were delighted to have the opportunity to see such a large turnout of parents and grandparents who added to the occasion. Special thanks must go to Mrs Mallon, Mrs Hamill, Mr Gribbon and staff for organising the events. Aspecial thanks to Paul and James for doing the heavy lifting of the equipment each day. May I also thank Dr Donnelly, principal of Rathmore Grammar School, for hosting our Sports Days. Their hospitality is very much appreciated. Finally, thank you to our PTA and volunteers who helped to make the First Holy Communions and the Sports Days very special.

The 2 dilapidated mobiles beside the Nursery have eventually been removed by the Department of Education. There is an outdoor classroom to be built in this area and we hope that this will be completed within the next few weeks. As soon as this is done we will be able to open the new play areas for the children on both sides of the school. Mr C. Conway

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**Ahoy me Hearties**

As part of their World Around Us topic, the P3 will enjoy a pirate themed activity day, Children will have the opportunity to complete treasure hunts, floating and sinking activities and role-play, dressing up for the occasion. ‘Jump, Jiggle and Jive’ will deliver sessions to help the pupils create and perform their own pirate dance.

**The Book Fair Returns**

We will be running the Book Fairs from Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th June. These will be located in the Infant Library and the Senior Library. Each class will be timetabled for a visit with their teacher. Parents are invited to visit after school. Junior Library sessions 2.10 – 2.50 pm. Senior Library sessions from 3.00 – 3.50pm. Access to the Senior Library will be via the Dining Hall door.

Payment for books can be made in cash or via a preloaded app from: [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents)

The Book Fair raises valuable revenue for the school and helps us to replenish our store of reading materials for the children. We are very grateful for all your support.

**Paws Be**

The Paws B programme continues with our P6 pupils as they explore how mindfulness can help us to pause, be present and ‘grow’ happiness.

**Ditch the Stabilisers**

As part of our involvement in the Sustrans Active School Travel Programme, we will be offering free ‘ditch the stabilisers’ sessions for some Primary 2 pupils who haven’t quite mastered riding their bikes without them.  These sessions will be led by Beverley Gaston, our Sustrans Active Travel Officer.

**Sports Day Superstars**

With the last of our sports days taking place, prize giving assemblies will follow. At these year group assemblies, pupils will be awarded their medals and certificates, and have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements and talents of their peers.

**Biodiversity Progamme**

Some pupils will attend the finale of the environmental and biodiversity programme on the 10th June at Newforge Community Development Trust. Each school will present a bat and bird box to the members of the Trust. The rest of the bird and bat boxes made by our four participating classes have been put up around our school site...perhaps you have already spotted some of these.

**Educalm**

Meanwhile, Educalm sessions are ongoing with our younger pupils. During these sessions they engage in fun and interactive activities to explore calming and coping techniques which promote self-confidence and positivity.

**Eco-Update**

We continue to plant sections of hedgerow around the school to enhance biodiversity. A group of volunteers from ‘Business in the Community’ will help us with the planting.

A second waste audit of the general waste bins is to be conducted by our P7 eco-agents to ensure that we are maximising our ability to recycle materials and to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. The recycling of waste food is now up and running again in all classrooms.

The P7 classes were engaged in a variety of workshops and entered a STEM ‘Engineering Net Zero Superheroes Competition’. Fingers crossed we have a winner!

Eco-agents will be conducting a traffic survey around the site and will be noting the number of ‘idling’ vehicles.

**Retirement Assembly**

Mrs O’Neill is retiring this year. A special assembly is planned to celebrate her ? years of dedicated service. We wish Mrs O’Neill a long, happy, and fulfilling retirement.

**Let’s Play**

P5-P7 pupils will enjoy an interactive online primary schools’ concert presented by Catherine Arlidge MBE.  The streamed  ‘Here, there and everywhere’ event will bring the full force of the orchestra into the classroom as they travel to exciting locations around Northern Ireland with lots of special guests.



**Healthy Me workshops for P7s**

This month each P7 class will take part in a ‘Healthy Me’ workshop.  This is a 3-hour interactive workshop aimed at promoting positive mental health and improving the social and emotional wellbeing in children.  It has a strong focus on prevention and self-help and is delivered by Action Mental Health.

**Basketball Blitz**

On Monday 6th June, P7 pupils will take part in CNIBA Blitz in Lisburn Racquets Club, with P6 pupils competing on Wednesday 8th June. The matches against other local primary schools will allow the children to put into practice the skills they have been developing with Coach Carla, over the last few months.

**Music to our ears!**

The pupils in P2OMG will take part in a ‘morning of music’ hosted by the City of Belfast School of Music. After weeks of practising, they will perform a selection of songs which are accompanied by with a variety of untuned instruments, along with the other participating primary schools. They will also perform their own individual piece with percussion based on the theme of teddy bears.

**P1 Health Assessments**

P1 health assessments will take place within school between Monday 6th and Tuesday 14th June 2022.

**Holy Communion**

The remaining two classes will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Saturday 11th June 2022 – P4CN/NF

Saturday 18th June 2022 – P4LB

We wish them all the best!

**REMINDER**: The school will close for the summer break on Thursday 30th June at 12 noon.

School will reopen for pupils in P2-7 on Wednesday 31st August 2022 for half day only. The school will ***close at 12pm on this day.***

A holiday list for 2022 – 2023 is available on the school website.



**Summer Fair**

At Anne’s summer fair will take place on Sunday 19th June from 1pm-4pm. It is a fantastic event and great opportunity for both parents and kids to have a fun day! We have some exciting stalls, bouncy castles, a climbing wall, petting farm, stilt walkers, Mermaid Belle Weather, face painting, candy floss and ice cream to name a few. We will also have Phoenix Basketball and Aquinas Football.

We will have a BBQ and teas and coffees available.

The fire brigade and police will also be there.

Second hand school uniforms will be also available for sale.

We require donations for the tombola and bottle tombola -Please give generously!!

We are also holding a ballot during the fair. If you know of any business who could donate a prize, please contact the school office!!

**Hurling Semi – Finals**: Following our success in reaching the Raffo Cup Final, the boys have now reached the semi-finals of the hurling tournament. These are to take place on Wednesday 8th June, 1pm- 4pm. Further details will be communicated directly to schools as soon as venues have been booked and officials arranged.