



St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

November 2021 Newsletter



Parent – Teacher Meetings – will be held on Friday 26th November. Meetings will be strictly 10mins in duration. A time slot has been allocated and will be sent out this week. If this does not suit, please let the school know asap. We request that only one parent / carer attend the meeting. Adults are asked to wear a face covering and to adhere to mitigating measures while in the school (sanitising, social distancing).

The Primary School is closed to pupils on 26th November and the Nursery is closed on 25th and 26th November.

Confirmation Enrolment – takes place on Wednesday 10th at 7pm for Mr Foy's class and Thursday 11th at 7pm for Mrs Fitzpatrick's class. Both ceremonies take place in Holy Cross Church. Children are reminded to wear school uniform. Parents are invited to attend with their children.

School Mass – takes place on Tuesday 16th November at 10am in Holy Cross Church. P4 and P7 children will attend in person as well as the choir. Pupils in other classes will view Mass in school via the parish webcam. Parents and extended family are invited to join us online also.

Net Ministries – We welcome a group of young people to the school who are currently working in the parish. They will be preparing the P7 pupils on their journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sessions will initially take place over the next two Tuesday afternoons.

Staff – We wish Mrs Smith well as she is currently working from home. She is continuing to support her P5 class. We welcome back Mr Peter Hanna to P5.

We welcome Mrs Veronica McNally in her role as Classroom Assistant. Mrs McNally is supporting pupils in the Nursery.

Hip-Hop Dance – This proved to be very popular with Mrs Smith's class. Mr Carey's class will start on Tuesday after school over a 5 week period.

Parkour / Free Running – begins on Wednesday 10th for a five week period for pupils in P6.

Maths Week Ireland – Pupils took part in a range of enjoyable activities during the course of the week. Pictures can be seen on our school website. Congratulations to Miss Judge's P3 and P4 class as individuals were placed in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Maths Week Olympiad. A great achievement for all.

Active Week – This was a tremendous success and all children really enjoyed the activities. During the 'Mile a Day', children clocked up 262 miles collectively which is the same as 26 marathons!! Thanks to pupils from St Kevin's College for organizing the Mini Olympics, Lisnaskea Emmetts for providing coaches and to Ryan Hyde for supplying an exercise bike.

Flu vaccination – will be administered in the school on Monday 30th November.

Support Services – Currently we have a number of support services within the school.

Lisa McGillen is a Speech and Language Therapist and works with P1 and P2 pupils.

Lisa McManus (Shine Play Therapy) is employed through funding from the Dept. of Education's 'Healthy Happy Minds' pilot programme.

We hope to engage the services of an Art Therapist in the near future.

Anti-bullying Week (15 – 19 Nov) – The theme this year is 'One Kind Word'. Teachers and pupils will be engaging in lessons and activities based on resources from the NI Anti-bullying Forum (www.niabf.org.uk)

Monday 15th November is 'Odd Socks Day'. We encourage all children (and adults!) to wear odd socks on this day to highlight that it is the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week.

The school has drafted a new Anti-bullying Policy based on the new legislation and guidance issued. Pupils from P3 to P7 are currently having their say on the policy. The draft policy will be available on the school website along with a questionnaire for parents. This can be accessed at www.stronansps.com – Our School – Policies – Anti-Bullying (Draft). A link to the survey can be accessed on the homepage of the school website and will remain live until Tuesday 16th November.

Road Safety Week – 15th – 19th November. The theme this year is Road Safety Heroes, celebrating the work of road safety professionals and how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone.

Craft Fair – will be held in the school assembly hall on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December, 11:00am – 3:00pm daily. The Fair is being organized by 'Ray of Hope', Derrylin and will involve stalls from local businesses. Please see school website and social media for details.

Paired Reading Programme – began on Monday 8th and will last for 5 weeks. The aim is to improve children's reading ability. Parents / carers are encouraged to support their children and spend time reading for 15 – 20mins per night. Details and a training video are available on the homepage of the school website. www.stronansps.com

Safer Schools NI app – was launched on Monday 8th November. Parents can download the app from the Apple Store on an iPhone or Google Play Store on an Android phone. Once you register, you will be asked for a code (9880) or to scan a QR code:



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