



St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

January 2022 Newsletter

New Year - Welcome back everyone and a Happy New Year to you all. We pray for better times ahead with less disruption to our everyday lives.

Admissions 2022 - Applications for children starting Nursery and P1 in September 2022 open online on Monday 10th January at 12noon. Applications will close at noon on Friday 28th January. (www.eani.org.uk/admissions). Admissions criteria for Nursery and P1, as well as the school prospectus can be viewed on the homepage of our school website (www.stronansps.com).

Staff - We welcome back Mrs Maguire to school after maternity leave. She is currently teaching P1 / 2. Mrs Boyle has moved to P7 and will be teaching this class until the end of June.

Catholic Schools Week - 23rd - 30th January 2022. The theme this year is 'Catholic Schools - Living life to the full'. As in other years, there is a programme of in-class activity which takes place with a different lesson each day.

Parish Children's Mass - The first of these special Masses takes place on Sunday 30th January at 11am in Holy Cross Church. Children are invited to come and take part in readings and the choir. Families are encouraged to come along and join in with the Catholic community of Lisnaskea. Your support in the faith formation of our young people is vital to the life of the Church in this parish.

Absence - As always we ask parents to be vigilant to the symptoms of Covid 19. We sincerely thank everyone for continuing to take a cautious approach in relation to schools. To report an absence please use the online form on our school website (go to www.stronansps.com - Parents - Pupil Absence Form).

Hip-hop - Primary 4 pupils take part in Hip-Hop Dance classes after school (3 - 4pm) beginning on Tuesday 11th January for 6 weeks (11th, 18th, 25th Jan, 1st, 8th, 22nd Feb).

Parkour - Primary 7 pupils will be offered Parkour / Free-Running classes after school (3 - 4pm) on Wednesdays for 5 weeks (12th, 19th, 26th January, 2nd, 9th, 23rd February).

P6 support classes - Classes in literacy and numeracy begin on 11th January (8:30am - 9:15am), two mornings per week (Tues and Thurs).

Bee Safe - On Friday 21st January, Alan Crooks from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will deliver the Bee-Safe programme to P7 pupils.

Active Travel - We continue to encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. This promotes an active and healthy lifestyle while also reducing congestion in the car park.

Swimming - Mrs Boyle's P7 class will attend swimming lessons in the Lakeland Forum on Thursday afternoons beginning 13th January. Cost is £3 per child per week.

Eco-Schools - We have acquired a polytunnel which was constructed before the holidays in December. It will be an essential resource for our outdoor learning programme.

NSPCC Speak Out - This online presentation will be shown to classes in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 during the month of January.

Flu Vaccination - Any child who was absent at the first round of flu vaccines will be given their dose on Wednesday 26th January.

Safeguarding Team - Members of the Safeguarding Team for the 2021/22 school year are:

Chairperson	Mrs Anne Hoogerboord
Designated Teacher	Mr Eamon Shannon
Deputy Designated Teachers	Miss Laura Power
	Mr Brian McGrath
Designated Governor	Mrs Maria McKenna

Healthy eating - The school encourages healthy eating at breaktime and lunchtime. Sweets and fizzy drinks are not encouraged as they provide little food value to children. Some children are coming to school with little nutritional food value in their lunch boxes. Children may bring a water bottle to school daily.

Behaviour - A high standard is expected from all children in the school. The staff has high expectations of everyone when it comes to behaviour inside and outside the classroom. If a child is disruptive in class, this disrupts their own learning but also impacts negatively on the learning of others. In such cases, a call will be made to parents to discuss the situation further and to ensure such disruption does not happen frequently.

Sessional Daycare - An online survey was live during the early days of December to determine demand for sessional day care (e.g. 2pm - 6pm daily and during holidays). Thanks to all who replied. We are in the process of registering with WHSCT and are looking at the possibility of providing this facility in the third term.

Christian Action - This is one of our key elements as Christians and an essential part of our Catholic School. In the spirit of giving at Christmas, the children in this school did a remarkable amount of charitable work. We extend our thanks also to parents:

- Key Stage 2 pupils wrote letters and made cards for the residents in Gortacharn Nursing Home
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- P6 pupils sang Christmas Carols and songs for the residents of Gortacharn Nursing Home
- Fourteen hampers were presented to St. Vincent de Paul (Lisnaskea Branch)
- The PTFA donated food to the Cornerstone