



## St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

### March 2022 Newsletter



**St. Patrick** - School will be closed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March for the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

**Service of Light** - Unfortunately the Service of Light had to be postponed due to Covid cases in our school and other local schools. Canon Jimmy will celebrate this ceremony in class.

**Confirmation** - Bishop Duffy will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March in Holy Cross Church at 4pm (Mr Foy) and 7pm (Mrs Boyle). Families and sponsors welcome to attend. One seat available per family. Attendees are reminded to wear a face covering. Children to wear school uniform.

**Mass** - The next Parish Children's Mass takes place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in Holy Cross Church. After the last well attended Mass it would be nice to see families attend once again. The choir has been busy preparing over the last number of days.

**Hip-Hop Dance** - a new session of Hip-Hop begins on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and will run for 5 Tuesdays (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April). Time 3 - 4pm. Cost is £3 per session. This will be open to children from P3.

**Mental Health Awareness** - We had a very successful Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and finished it off with the blessing and opening of our Positivity Garden. Thanks to all the children who contributed to the garden, their teachers and to Mrs Boyle and Canon Jimmy. We will look after the garden and watch it grow in the months and years ahead.

**Missio Ireland** - Congratulations to Dayna McDonagh (P3) who was placed runner-up in a Christmas Colouring Competition organised by Missio Ireland. Well done Dayna!

**World Book Day** - Everyone looked great in their costumes. Thanks also to children who brought in their favourite story. There was a great selection of photos in the Herald last week. More photos on our website.

**Parish Mission** - A Mission in the Parish will take place in September 2022. The theme will be 'Reconnecting'. As part of preparation and engagement, the parish has asked that children design a cover for the Mission booklet. We will undertake this work before Easter.

**Big Walk and Wheel** - takes place from 21<sup>st</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April. 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.

**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.

**Aid for Ukraine** - There was a huge reaction and outpouring of generosity in our appeal for items to send to Ukraine. A huge thank you to everyone who donated items. Our prayers are with the people and children of Ukraine in this time of atrocity.

**Covid 19** - We have had a number of cases of Covid 19 in school once again which has led to absence of children and staff. Where cases have been on the rise in particular classes, letters have been sent home to ask parents to carry out a lateral flow test. Once again I thank everyone for their vigilance and co-operation in what continues to be a very trying time for everyone. We look forward to better days ahead.