



St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

June 2022 Newsletter

Bank Holiday – School will be closed Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June. Re-open Monday 6th June.

Summer – The school will close on Wednesday 29th June at 11am for the Summer Holidays. The 2022/23 school year begins on Tuesday 30th August. Children will bring lunches for 30th and 31st August. There will be no buses on these two days. Dinners and buses resume on Thursday 1st September.

First Holy Communion – Congratulations to the Primary 4 pupils who received their First Holy Communion. They all looked wonderful and prepared so well. Thank you to Miss Judge and Mrs Corrigan for their work to prepare the children. Many thanks also to Canon Jimmy for celebrating the Masses.

Parish Children's Mass – the next Mass takes place on Sunday 12th June at 11am in Holy Cross Church. Mr Hanna's P5 class will be leading the liturgy. Many thanks to staff members for their work to help prepare the children. Thanks also to Karen McElroy for preparing the choir and giving her time most generously. Finally thank you to Canon Jimmy for his support of the school and his engagement with the children over the past year.

Sustrans Gold Award – We are delighted and proud to announce that the school has achieved the Sustrans Active Travel Gold Award. St Ronan's is only the second school in the county and the 15th in Northern Ireland to achieve such an accolade. Ann-Marie McManus presented the award on Friday. Thanks to all the children who have helped to achieve this. Thanks to parents who have supported initiatives such as 'Ditch the Dark' and 'Big Walk and Wheel'. Thanks to the staff for their support and supervision of events and a big thank you to Mr Foy for co-ordinating events and guiding the school to this point.

Digital Schools Award – The school has invested a lot of time, training and resources into digital media over the last number of years. All classrooms are fitted with new Smartboards. There are many devices to support learning. Equipment has been bought for green -screen technology and filming and recently noise cancelling microphones allow children to compose podcasts. All of this work, as well as much training for staff has now been recognized in a Digital Schools Award for the school. We are delighted by this accolade. However we don't stand still and continue to provide the best opportunities for children. Our next goal is a Digital

Well-being award which we hope to achieve soon. Many thanks to Mr McArdle for his co-ordination of this important subject area.

Sports Days – Primary 1 – 4 propose to have their Sports Day on Friday 17th June and Primary 5 – 7 propose to hold their Sports Day on Tuesday 21st June. Dates will be dependent on weather. Any day around those dates may be alternatives so as to get the best possible day. Parents are invited to come along and cheer on the children. The PTFA will provide tea / coffee and a few treats. A message will be sent in advance giving times.

Cross-Country – Well done to all the children who participated at the cross-county event last month. They were very well behaved and proudly represented the school. Congratulations to the medal winners: 1st place: Piaras Toner (P7). 2nd place: Kerry Little (P7), SORCHA McElroy (P6), Pippa Morrison (P4) 3rd place: Emma Armitage (P5), Eoghan Wynne (P4)

Mini – 7s and League – Well done to the boys and girls from P6 and P7 who represented the school in recent competitions. Again they showed excellent behaviour and displayed some excellent gaelic skills.

P5 Blitz – The P5 boys travelled to St. Michael's College for the P5 Blitz. This competition made a welcome return and the boys treated everyone to a spectacular display of football. Well done boys.

GAA Kit – The school has been sponsored a new GAA / Sports Kit. We sincerely thank Swift's Eurospar for their generous donation to the school. Pictures will appear on our website, social media and in the local press.

Coaching – Thanks to Lisnaskea Emmetts for providing coaches to the school over the last few months. We thank Sean Jackman and Joe McDade for their work and support of the school. We look forward to a continued fruitful relationship with Lisnaskea Emmetts.

P7 Leavers – Parents of P7 pupils are invited to a Leavers event in the assembly hall on Friday 24th June. The occasion is to mark the end of primary school education for our P7 pupils and to say thank you for their time and contribution to the school. Details will be sent out by P7 teachers.

P7 Induction Day – P7 pupils will visit their new schools on Thursday 23rd June.

Reports – The Annual Report to Parents will be issued on Monday 27th June. These will be sent in a sealed envelope along with a copy of the school calendar for 2022 / 23 and details of your child's teacher next year.

Nursery Open Day – takes place on Friday 10th June. Parents of pupils have already received their invites and we look forward to meeting them.

P1 Open Morning – takes place on Friday 24th June. Details have been issued to current Nursery parents.

Books – If there are library books or text books lying around at home, please ensure that they are returned to the school. Unfortunately funds are becoming tighter in schools and there is less to spend on replacing books and materials. Please have a look around homes and all returns will be gratefully accepted.

We wish all children and families a very happy and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back for the new term on Tuesday 30th August.