

Spring Term 2 Newsletter 2024



Dates for your Diary

- 18th March**-St Patrick's Day
- 26th March** - Flamenco Dancers performing at Rathmor Centre
- 27th March**-Music session for all children
- 28th March-12 noon** Easter Holidays
- 8th April**- Return to school after Easter
- 9th April**-Families Connect Introduction for P1 parents Coffee Morning.
- 19th April**-Week One Families Connect (Every Friday until 7th June)
- 25th April**-Nursery and Primary 1 parents informed of application outcome via email. Stage 1 target age children.
- 26th April**-First Communion
- 29th April**—Book Fair
- 6th May-10th May**—School closed Half -Term
- 18th May**-Post Primary applications outcome. Parents will be informed via email.
- 27th May**-Bank Holiday School Closed
- 28th June**-School closed for Summer

Time Keeping

All children are expected in school between 8:45 & 9am. Please note you must have a genuine reason to collect children early in the afternoons.

USEFUL NUMBERS

CHILDLINE	0800 1111
PARENTING NI	0808 801 0722
ACTION FOR CHILDREN	02871 342286 / 02882 259495
LOCAL HUBS	02871 358787 / 02871 373870
24 HR DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE HELPLINE 0808 802 1414	

Advancing Race Equality Awards.

We were delighted to be nominated for 2 awards for our school. Please see school website for details.

It was lovely to be recognised for our inclusive and diverse ethos, welcoming children from all around the world.



Our staff work so hard to promote this and ensure that parents and children are welcomed.

Our newcomer children certainly add a ray of sunshine to our day.



School Uniforms

Just to let you know that we have lots of preloved school uniforms available in school.

If you require any items before the end of the school year please do not hesitate to ask. These are all boxed in various sizes and you are welcome to call into the office and have a look through them.



Meet our new Child Protection Team



Mrs Ramsey
Designated Teacher



Mrs Lamrock
Deputy Designated Teacher



Mrs McDaid
Deputy Designated Teacher



Clubs update.



Drama—P3 to P7 Mondays beginning 8th April.

Art—P1 to P4 Thursdays beginning 8th April.

Chess (there will be no chess until the end of April) and Tin whistle will continue for KS2.

Discocise will continue on Wednesdays .

Ryan Mc Bride will continue on Thursdays.



Between 11 and 22 March 2024, Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel will encourage students to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school, improving air quality in their neighbourhood's and exploring how these changes can benefit their communities.

Families Connect Programme for Parents/Carers of P1 children.

Coffee Morning

Tuesday, 9th April @ 9:30am

Families Connect is a programme that enables parents to discuss ideas about how to support their children's learning and it provides opportunities to test out fun activities, techniques and games that can be used at home. It introduces play based activities that can be easily applied at home and that complement the children's learning at school.

The programme runs for six weeks and will take place in school in Term 3 and is designed for parents with a child in P1.

Each session is 1.5 hours long. The parents attend the first 45mins themselves and then they are joined by their children for the second 45 mins after enjoying a snack together before trying out the new games and activities.

Families Connect focuses on 3 key areas:

1. Social and emotional development
2. Literacy and language development
3. Numeracy and mathematics

Each of the workshops has a different focus:

1. Focus on Feelings
2. The Importance of Praise
3. The Importance of Listening
4. Book Talk
5. Beyond the Page
6. The Importance of Counting
7. Number Talk
8. Celebration



The workshops are fun and relaxed, and the children really love spending time with their parents in school. Previous workshops have been extremely successful and really enjoyable for everyone involved.

Week 1 Friday 19th April @1pm

These sessions will run on Friday afternoons weekly until Friday 7th June

At the end of each session the parents are given resources that they can take home to use with their children to support their learning.

SICKNESS



Please ensure all sickness absences are reported on the schools answering services and ensure children stay at home for adequate time. Guidance has been provided on the school app.

Easter Draw

We will begin to sell tickets for our Easter egg draw on Monday, 11th March. £1 per strip. All funds go to PTFA.



MEASLES
It's more than just a rash
Get vaccinated with MMR

HSC Public Health Agency

The Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination is the safest and most effective way to protect against these diseases. You need two doses of MMR to be fully protected.

For anyone aged 12 months to 25 years who hasn't had one or both doses, catch-up vaccination is available.

For more information, see www.nidirect.gov.uk/mmr

Immune
Protect your child. Protect yourself.

Flamenco

Our Flamenco dancers have been asked to perform at The Rathmor Centre on Tuesday, 26th March.



Thank you to Tina for all of her dedication in preparing the children. We are very proud of them all.

Flamenco runs on a Friday if your child is interested. Children pay for this directly to the dance teacher Tina. This is not done through school

School Parking

Please ensure that when parking during collections in afternoons that you are respectful to other drivers and do not block access in and out of school.



Please note parents/guardians are not allowed to use the school grounds for parking during the day.