## Spring 2 Term Newsletter



## Dates for your Diary

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** Yes project P6 12.30-2.30

4<sup>th</sup> March Fairtrade assembly

Netball Team in Strabane

STEM P7 Bridges

First Confession P4 at 6pm

5<sup>th</sup> March P5-P7 St. Mary's Engineering

Roadshow

**Project SPARKS begins** 

P6 E cars

World BOOK Day

**Book Fair begins** 

6th March P7 at Young Enterprise Magee

9<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair ends

11th March Netball match in school vs

Longtower

Lyric Theatre Eco project

Drama students in P7 for 4wks

13<sup>th</sup> March Non-uniform day in aid of Chest

Heart & Stroke

16th & 17th March School Closed

18th March P5P to Playhouse- 'Fighting

Words'

PTFA at 6.15PM

19<sup>TH</sup> March Urban Villages Buddy Up

Dairy Council in P5 and P6

**P5P SPARKS** 

20<sup>TH</sup> March STEM P7&P7 Robotics

Mick Conway planting with P4

24th March NWRC Sports and Play P10'L

Irish Singing Assembly

25th March NWRC Sports and Play P1D

26th March K-NEX challenge in St Cecilia's

P7

**P5P SPARKS** 

31st March All-State Cyber Safety N.I P5 &P6

Internet Safety

2<sup>nd</sup> April Rickety Wheel 7-9pm

LSC &P5/6 Busy books 11am

3<sup>rd</sup> April **Busy Bodies** 

Nurse Aisling visit Nursery

St. Mary's science fair

9<sup>th</sup> April

**EASTER HOLIDAYS** 

20th April School re-opens. Clubs back on.



## **Project Sparks**

Our children will participate in this music project along with St.Paul's and Greenhaw Primary School. We are delighted that our P5 children are taking part in this project. This is a shared education programme.

They will travel by bus every Thursday to Northside.

There will be a celebration concert delivered in Spring 2020. Watch this space!

# Sickness



In the current climate of uncertainty, we all need to be extra vigilant. We insist that children who are sick remain at home until fully fit to return to school.

Please do not send children into school who are showing symptoms of respiratory infections or flu-like symptoms. Children with vomiting or diarrhoea must be kept at home for 48hrs from their last episode.

We have children with serious ongoing health concerns whose health cannot be compromised due to contact with another sick child.



#### **Rickety Wheel**

The Rickety Wheel will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 7-9pm. Many thanks for all of your generous donations. Please keep the date free

SCHOOL CLOSED AT 12 NOON FOR and come along to join in the fun! If you would like to approach any local businesses for additional prizes, come to Áine in the office and she will provide you with a letter from the school.

#### THIS SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE!

Due to a child having a severe nut allergy we must insist that nuts and snacks containing nuts or peanut butter are strictly forbidden.



Easter Holiday

9th April finish at 12 noon (no bus or taxi service) to 20th April





Work on our infant toilets is due to begin on 16<sup>th</sup> March.
The infant toilet will be shut off during this period and we
ask our P1 parents to collect their child from the main
back door where the P2 children are collected.



School Improvement

EA have spent a considerable amount of money updating our access control system to ensure the safety of our pupils. The work has just been completed this week. We ask you to always be mindful of closing doors behind you when you exit the school building.

Congratulations to our P7s who took part in the All State Digital Business Challenge on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March in Magee. One team became the overall winners. They pitched an idea for an Intelli Pen and put forward ideas on design, logo, slogan, target buyers, costing and international appeal. Massive congratulations to all who participated. We are so proud.

**School Choir of the Year** 

Photos of our school choir performing at the School Choir of the Year is available at

http://www.bbc.co.uk/events/exrz3d

The Board of Governors would like to thank all the members of the PTFA for their continued efforts and dedication to the school. They have raised much needed funds for the school, providing vital reading books and equipment.





Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March will be a nonuniform day. Please bring in £1.00 donation for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Foundation.



### **Eco-Friendly Newsletter**



All future newsletters will continue to be posted on the school website

www.modelps.co.uk.

Our School App, available on the Play Store. **BT48 7HJ** postcode needed to download the app.



### **Eco Schools**

All children will receive a bottle from Northern Ireland Water

Our Eco-School committee would encourage children/parents to consider giving each other money or gift vouchers when attending birthday parties to cut down on plastic waste.