

NEWS @ St. Comgall's

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Primary 6 Children

Present the Stations of the Cross

*We adore you O Christ and we praise you,
Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*



On Wednesday 23rd March,

Primary 6 children presented an Easter Assembly on the Stations of the Cross. As well as readings, hymns and prayers, the children dramatised the stations through shadow tableaux, which can be seen in the pictures of the stations above.



St. Comgalls



St. Comgall's Fundraising Group

Ballylumford Social Responsibilities Committee

Our Fundraising Group, through one of our parents, was able to obtain a grant from Ballylumford Social Responsibilities Committee. The grant was:

£500.00

We would like to thank Ballylumford Social Responsibilities Committee, for their very kind donation.

Thank You Very Much!

Does the company where you work have a Social Responsibilities Committee? If so, we would appreciate if you could take this opportunity to enquire if they would be interested in giving a grant to our School.

Muddy Marathon



Our Fundraising Group will be organising a sponsored Muddy Marathon for the children. Each child will run/walk 1 mile around the Castle Grounds to raise funds for our school. The Muddy Marathon will take place on Friday 29th April. More details will follow closer to the time.

If each child in every class walks 1 mile – add them together and the whole class will have walked a 'marathon'.

Trim Trail

Our Pupil Council are currently working on selecting equipment for our new Trim Trail, which we will hopefully secure funding for in the near future. The Trim Trail is a variety of fixed obstacles/equipment that children can use to enhance their physical activity whilst in school. The equipment will be used under supervision of school staff and be used as a school strategy to improve lifestyle and health choices. We are excited about the possibility of this equipment for our children.

Our Fundraising Committee worked hard on an application to the Lottery Fund for a grant of £10,000 and are hopeful of a positive response.





Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas Jumpers were the order of the day to raise some money for school funds. The children had a wonderful time and the school was truly festive – every child and staff member took part. Great Fun was had by all!! We raised:

£597.86

Thank you all for your very generous donations.



P2 Gaelic Fun Day

Primary Two had so much fun at the Ulster Council Gaelic Fun Day hosted by our coach Christy Sheerin. Christy has been coaching the boys and girls since September and teaching them lots of new skills such as throwing, catching and balancing. As part of their PE programme the children attended the Fun Day in Randalstown along with other schools from the

surrounding area. They played lots of games in teams, listened to a talk all about healthy eating and even took part in some Pilates! We would like to thank Christy and his friends for inviting us to the Fun Day and will continue to enjoy learning from him throughout the year.



Farm to Fork



As part of our 'Farm to Fork' World Around Us topic, Year 7 visited the College for agriculture, food and rural enterprise. We visited the dairy unit where 150 milking cows are housed and we saw modern facilities where the cows are milked and housed over the winter time. This unit also houses the "maternity wing" where cows deliver their new born calves. In the unit we were able to see their accommodation and the feed the cows consume before going out to grass in April again to graze. We also visited area where these calves are reared on milk powder on an automatic computerised feeder. We were able to see grass ensiled as silage which is used for winter feed for the cows. We really enjoyed our visit to Greenmount, although it was a very cold and frosty morning. We thoroughly enjoyed the warmth of the state-of-the art viewing gallery towards the end of our tour.

By Pierce Donnelly & Erin Scullion P7B





Catholic Schools Week

"Merciful like the Father"

Catholic Schools Week this year took place from 31st January to 5th February. During this week our school celebrated our unique identity and ethos as a Catholic School. The children were involved in activities relating to the theme.



A Visit to the Church

On Monday the 1st February we went to visit the Church. We saw the monstrance. The monstrance is a big rectangle with a circle on top. It also is made of gold and real diamonds. We saw the tabernacle. Jesus' body goes into the tabernacle. We went into the place where Father Emerson takes Confession. When the Priest sits down the name lights up and when a person sits down the red lights glow. We went into the Sacristy. Brendan (the person that takes care of our Church) showed us the vestments that the Priest and the altar servers wear. I really enjoyed my visit to the Church.

By Niamh O'Shea P.5B



Grandparents' Day



On Wednesday 3rd February we had a whole school Mass for Catholic Schools' Week celebrating Grandparents. We invited our Grandparents back to the school for tea and refreshments, they also had an opportunity to go around the school and see their grandchildren in the classroom.

P.1 Learning through Play



P1B love the outdoor music area because you can make as much noise as you like!



P1 are really enjoying being architects. They are designing and planning and then using their plans to make their buildings using blocks.



I like the indoor, small world construction site because there are lots of different vehicles.

Madison P1C



Do not enter the building site without protective clothing! Ask the busy builders how to stay safe on site.



These P1s decided to move all the water from the red water tray to the blue water tray using pipes. It took a long time but it was great fun!



The architects are working together to plan a big project. Watch this space!



P.7's Learn about Banking

Deborah and Brenda came to teach us about banking, money and budgeting.

They taught us about modern banking and all the technology we can use to lodge and withdraw money. Holly Fry learned that the letters P.I.N. stands for Personnel Identification Number and that everyone should keep their PIN secret. Matthew McCavana found out that ATM means Automated Teller Machines but most people in our class call them "The Hole in the wall."

We learned how to budget money by taking part in an activity. We all had to budget for a birthday party. We had £50 and had to include entertainment, food, birthday and extras such as balloons and ice cream. We managed to stay in budget by using our maths skills. Alisha Vaughan learned to take away all the costs from the total. She said she was left with £5 and that she thought it would be a good idea to save it and collect interest from the bank.

We will be looking forward to visiting the Antrim Branch of the Bank of Ireland in March. Matilda Barwick said she can't wait to see inside the safe where all the money is kept and to know how all the machines work.



On the 9th of March P7A went to The Bank of Ireland in Antrim High Street.

The manger is called Angela. At The Bank of Ireland we learned how an account is made with a computer. We also learned how money is lodged and withdrawn from an ATM by Debbie.

Malachy taught us how money is counted in a machine. We found it interesting the way how much money was in a building that was so small.

It was interesting seeing money being withdrawn and lodged. Julia, Muireen and Luke opened an account. Luke showed us how to lodge money into an account.

We visited the bank because it was part of our Money-wise maths topic to make us more financially aware. On the 20th February, Debbie and Brenda came to our school and talked to us about opening an account. Everyone enjoyed the trip and had lots of fun.

By Luke Liddy and Anila Madassery P.7A



Roots of Empathy
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Roots of Empathy

When he first came to our class Ryan couldn't do anything. In fact, he could only smile. We think that is a great improvement.

We like Roots of Empathy because we think it is a great way for us to learn how a baby grows. Every time Ryan comes to see us he gets bigger and bigger.

When Ryan isn't here Mrs Ewing teaches us on her own. Sometimes she reads us stories and sometimes we draw pictures. Jamaica Tag Along was my favourite story because at the end Jamaica showed her older brother how to share and be a good friend.

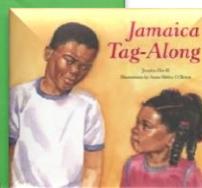
By Fiona McLornan and Niamh Gusterson.



Baby Ryan is trying to crawl, he is able to turn from his back to his front. He can grab and hold toys. He was pulling the big blanket. Ryan is growing. He is getting big. He has more hair and he is growing teeth.

I like Roots of Empathy. I love it when baby Ryan comes. There is a new lesson every week, even when baby Ryan comes. We still have a lesson with Mrs Ewing. My favourite story was "How are you peeling?" It was a story about being good friends, and pictures were all of vegetables.

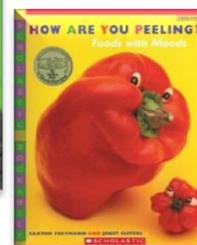
By Conor O'Neill and Bartek Utkowski



In this picture Ryan was sucking his fingers and looking at everyone. He was sitting on Mrs Ewing's lap. Ryan was looking at the toys. We sang a song called Row, Row, Row the boat. Ryan has changed a lot since we last saw him before Christmas. Before Christmas he could not grab or roll but now he can grab things and roll over.

Leo and I like Roots of Empathy because Ryan comes in every three weeks and because it teaches us about feelings. My favourite lesson when Ryan was not here was when we made a book for the display. Our favourite drawing was when we lost our first tooth.

By Sophie Patterson and Leo McAleer





Credit Union Quiz Winners!



On Friday 29th of January, 4 P7 pupils (Danyal, Matilda, Niall and Erin) represented our school in the European Credit Union Schools quiz.

There were 60 questions and we answered 43 correctly. The questions were based on all sorts of topics from geography, history to science and music.

We got first place and won sports bags and a plaque for the school. We also won a smaller plaque for each of us to take home.

When we arrived back at school we were really excited and showed our award and prizes to Mr. Matthews the Principal and Mrs McIntyre the Vice Principal. Mr. Matthews was delighted and said we would need to build a new trophy cabinet to show of our prize.

In March we are going to compete in the Northern schools section of the All Ireland Tournament. We really hope to do well.

It was a very good and fun experience.

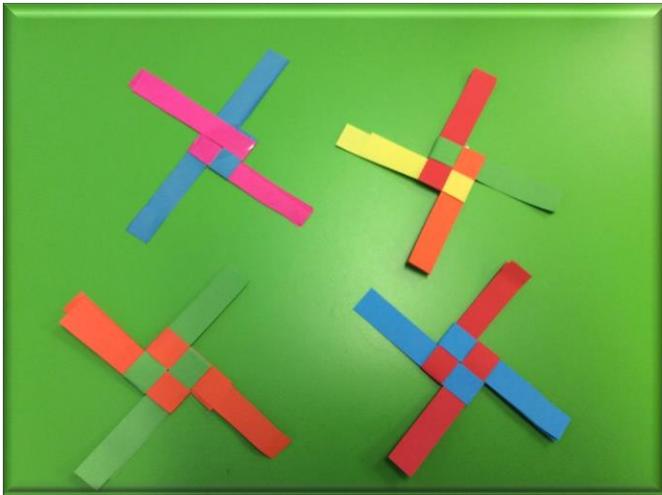
By Danyal Muhammad & Matilda Barwick P7A

St. Brigid



P.3's Celebrate St. Brigid's Day

P3 have been finding out about Saint Brigid. They made Saint Brigid crosses.

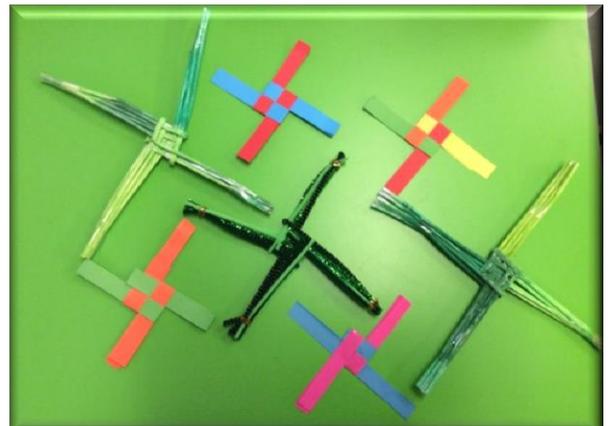


Saint Brigid was born in Ireland in 451. She was baptised by Saint Patrick.

She worked for God looking after the poor, the sick and the old.

We make Saint Brigid crosses to keep our homes safe.

Her special day is the 1st February.





Titanic Belfast

We went to Titanic Belfast on the 2nd February. Everyone in P.6 went on a bus to get there. We went to Titanic Belfast because our theme is Setting Sail and one of our sub-categories is Titanic.

When we got there, we had our bread. Then we met our tour guide while P.6B did the workshop. Our tour guide gave us a radio and a headset. She made sure that the headsets worked. Then we started the tour of the museum of the Titanic's story!

The tour guide took us first to the old Harland and Wolff (H&W) gates. We learnt that there were three different ships made by White Star Line, The Olympic, The Titanic and The Britannic. After that we saw 3rd class, 2nd class and 1st class lodgings.

Soon after, we saw a 3D mini movie. It was about when Titanic was built. It showed us the mechanics of the Titanic, the 3rd class diner, 2nd class diner 1st class diner and finally on the deck of the Titanic. If you were 1st class and you wanted to relax on deck, you could hire a steamer chair with a woollen rug for a charge of 4 shillings each. The reason why things were so cheap back then was because it was very hard to get money!

Sometime later we had a lifeboat workshop. We were given a list of items and we had to rate them from most useful to least useful. There was a column for a personal ranking and a column for the team ranking. In each team there were 9 people. All the teams got to sit in a life boat while ranking the items. We got to keep the list of items and got to bring them home with us.

So in the end, going to the Titanic Belfast was a lot of fun! We had a great time there and we would like to go back again.

By Daniel Marrion P.6A



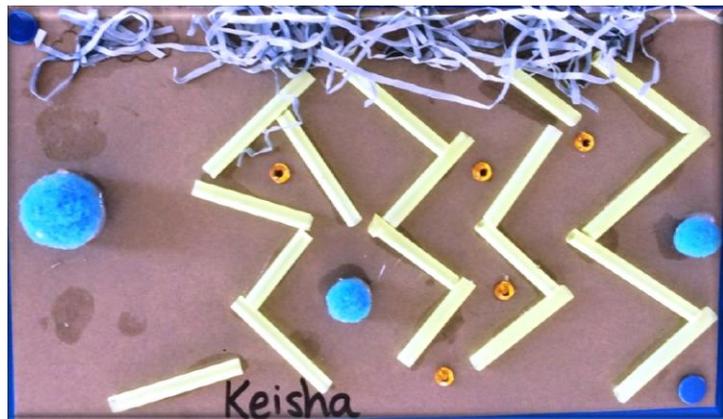
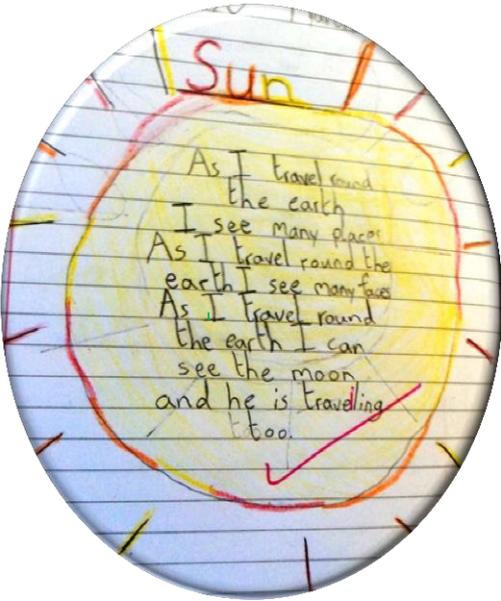
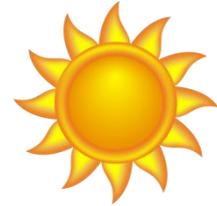


Peace Pledge

Every class in school have taken part in the “Peace Pledge” record bid. This is a project which hopes to involve over 50,000 pupils standing together to create fresh and imaginative pledges to the commitment of peace, not just in Northern Ireland but throughout the world. The project, which was funded by Derry City Council was instigated by Rev. Dr. David Latimer and includes pupils from all schools – primary, post primary, controlled maintained, integrated, Irish medium and special schools throughout Northern Ireland. In our school each class have created their own pledge – which illustrated aspirations to respect, care and value people of all races, creeds and colours and bring forward a new path to peace. Our pledges are now on display in the front corridor.



Learning about the Weather



As part of their curriculum learning this term the P.4 children's topic was the weather. They learnt about the many types of weather and created some beautiful

School Council

This year in St Comgall's Primary School we have started our very first **Student Council**. A Student Council is a representative group for students only. Through this students can have their say in how our school works. The Council will work in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and all its students.

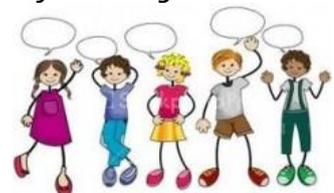
Before Christmas all children in Primary 5, 6 and 7 had the opportunity to complete an application form for the Council. As a result one child from each class was selected based on their ideas on how to make St Comgall's better! There was a huge response, and everyone wanted the opportunity to represent their friends on the school council. The successful candidates were;

- P5A - Rhea Waring
- P5B - Patrick McCafferty
- P5C - Sophie Patterson
- P6A - Ryan McMaster
- P6B - Annisha McGarry
- P7A - Katie Jackson and
- P7B - Niall Kearney



From our initial meetings the Council have decided quickly what roles they will take for 1 month only, and for this month, Katie was the Chairperson, Niall was Vice Chairperson, Annisha and Patrick were Secretaries, Sophie and Ryan were on the P.R.O team and Rhea was Treasurer. We bought badges and created a Student Council Notice Board outside Mr Matthews' office. This is where our agendas are published and where the minutes of meetings are put up so everyone knows what we do.

Finally, after looking at the different jobs a Student Council can do, we agreed that "improving the school environment" was something we would like to work on. We are going to work along with Mr Matthews to improve our playground for everyone.





Chinese New Year

新年快乐



P.2B children put on an assembly for the whole school to celebrate the Chinese New Year. This year, 2016, is the year of the Monkey. Each year group produced beautiful artwork based on different aspects of the Chinese New Year for example the Chinese Zodiac, Willow Pattern plates and monkey facts.

After School Clubs



*'Is breá linn
an Ghaeilge!
(We love
Irish!)*

Eco Schools News

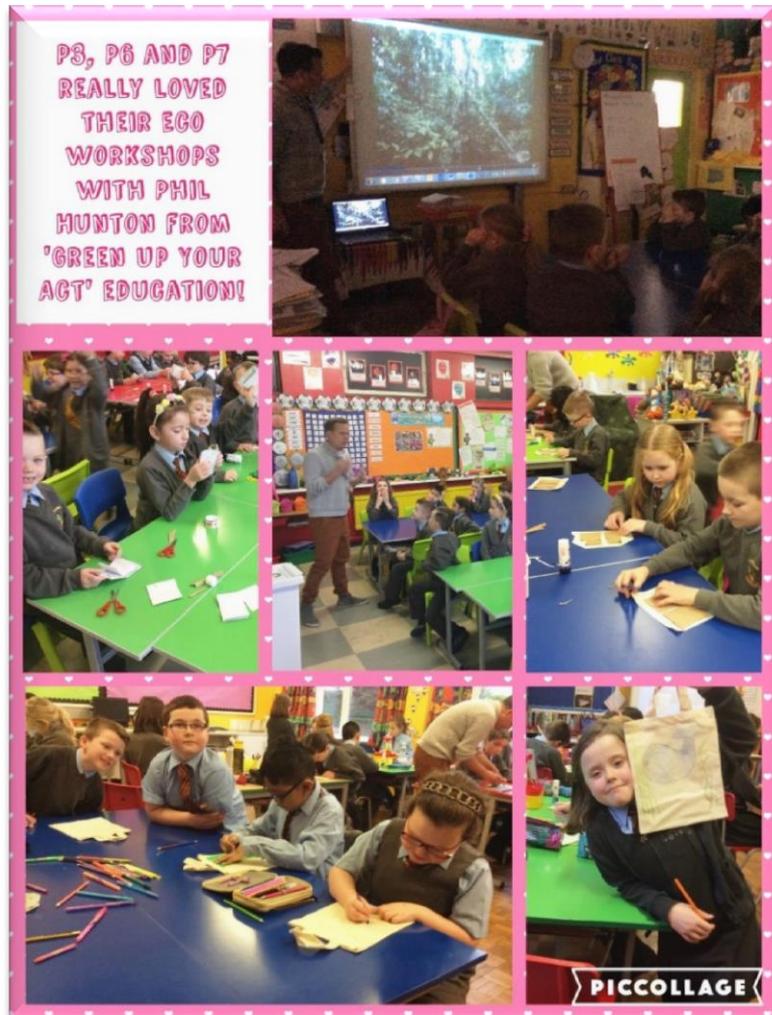


Here is our new Eco Team Front row – Alex McLornan, Jonathon Massarella, Leona Nelson, Second Row – Aoibheann Borelann, Ben McLornan, Eva Sansome, Third Row – Rory Sweeney, Fiona McLornan, Louis Gaul, Fourth Row - Niamh McAllister, Katelynn McCracken, Back Row – Ethan McManus, Erin Esler.



Cash for Clobber

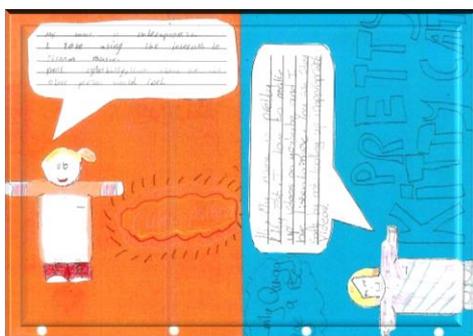
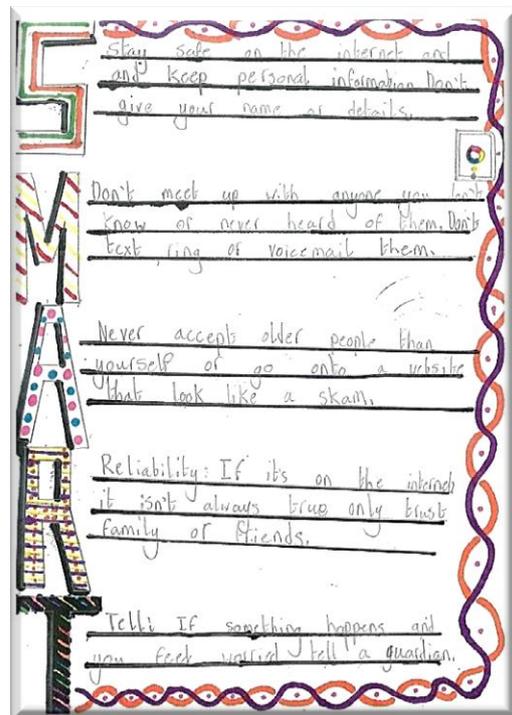
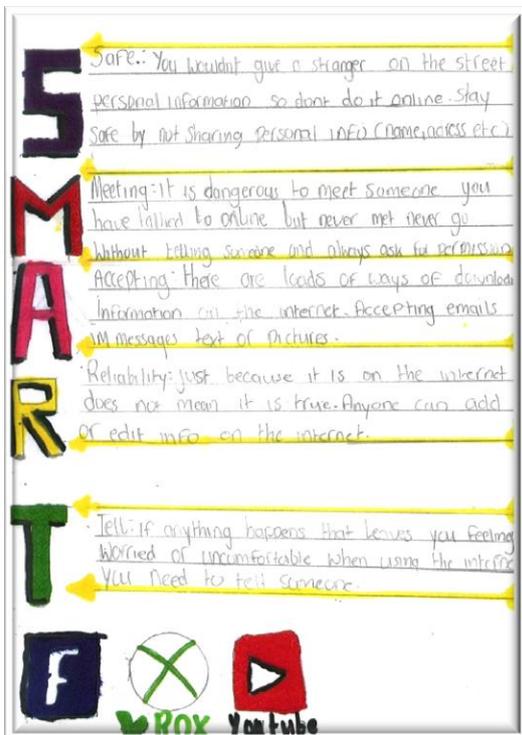
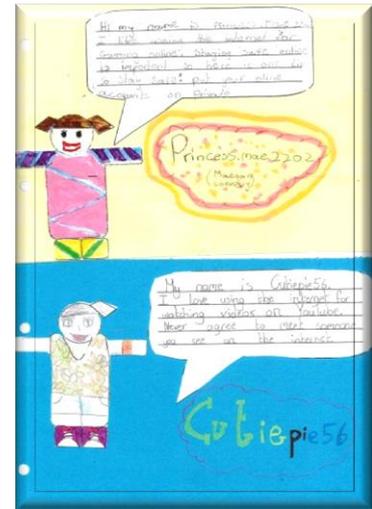
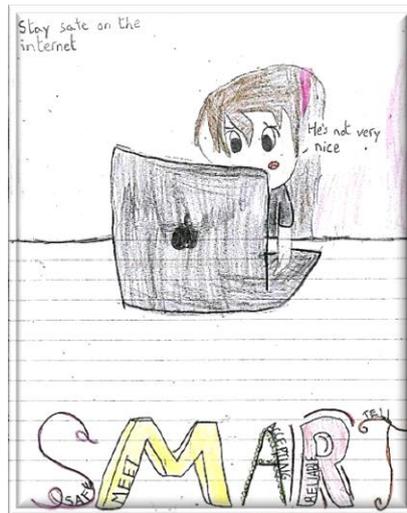
The school once again entered into the “Cash for Clobber” Competition for this year. To help us win the competition, each family received a “Cash for Clobber” clothes bag on Wednesday January 20th. As it was the New Year we thought everyone could take this opportunity to empty out the cupboards and donate your unwanted clothes/bedding to a great cause. On Friday 29th January the “Cash for Clobber Bags” were returned to school and collected by Cookstown Recycling. On that day we collected a total of 200 bags. We would like to thank everyone who donated to this great cause. Also, Cookstown Recycling for coming to the school to collect the bags. As this competition is on-going we don’t know at this stage who the winners are. You can still donate and if you require another bag please contact Mr Henry. To recycle the bags bring them to the pink clothes bank located in the front playground. The winning school could receive a cash prize of £3000 and all the clothes are sent to Africa so it is a great help to charities.



Internet Safety Week

Safer Internet Day took place on the 9th February with the theme 'Play your part for a better internet!' In school the children were learning about how to be safer and more responsible when using online technology.

From 22nd – 26th February the children took part in activities to promote awareness of internet safety. The parents also got a talk from the police on how to keep children safe online.



Play Improvements



You will have noticed that our school has worked hard over the past few months to improve the provision for “play curriculum” for our youngest pupils.

A play shelter has been erected and new playground fencing to allow our younger children access to high quality play provision. It was recently commented on by the ETI inspector responsible for foundation about allowing children excellent opportunities for ‘potential learning’ in this new environment.

It’s another great addition/resource to support our children’s learning journey.

The children love their new play area!!





Sacrament of Confirmation

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church?

The Sacrament of Confirmation builds on what was begun in Baptism and what was nourished in the Holy Eucharist. Confirmation is the last process of initiation into the Christian Community.

The Holy Spirit is present at all of the Sacraments of initiation. Catholics first receive the Holy Spirit during Baptism. The Holy Trinity is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The feast of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit from heaven to earth upon the 12 Apostles and the Virgin Mary, occurring 50 days after Easter and 10 days after Jesus' Ascension.

At Confirmation we receive the 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We also receive the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit which are wisdom, understanding, reverence, courage, right-judgement, knowledge and wonder and awe in God's presence. In the Baptism the parents choose the child's Godparents but in Confirmation the candidate chooses their sponsor themselves with some help from their parents. Their sponsor is ideally their Godparent and must be at least 16 years old. Their sponsor should also be practising the Catholic faith.

A candidate should choose a Saint's name. They usually choose this name because they are inspired by the work of the Saint or because it is the name of someone special in their lives.

At the ceremony, the Bishop holds out his hands over those being Confirmed and the Holy Spirit will come down upon them, their sponsor by their side. Their sponsor puts their hand on the candidate's right shoulder. The Bishop then puts Chrism Oil on the candidate's forehead and says, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." The candidate says, "Amen."

Christians try to live through the Spirit by living by the Beatitudes and the 10 Commandments.

By Niamh Connolly P.7B

You show that you are committed to God. You pick a Saint's name because they were committed to God.

You start out by listening to the Priest and Bishop. The Bishop will ask you some questions, so it's best you know the answer. When it's time to get confirmed you will walk out of the pew and meet up with your sponsor, you will walk up to the Bishop. He will say your Confirmation name and say "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." He will use oil to make a cross on your forehead.

You need to learn the 10 Commandments, the Seven Sacraments – Baptism, Confession, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick and the Holy Orders, the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Fruits are Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self Control. The gifts are Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder and Awe in God's presence. You also need to know the Beatitudes. It is very important to know your songs and responses.

We have Confirmation because after the Pentecost people wanted to join the communities of believers. People would pray that they would receive the Holy Spirit. Centuries later people had a ritual for Christian communities, this happened on Holy Saturday when everyone gathered for Easter. Whoever wanted to join the community was anointed with oil and then they went to the baptismal God and confirmed their belief in the Father.

We choose a name because everyone has a unique name. we chose a name that God knows us by and when we chose that name we show we are ready to live in a new way. We know we are ready to work with the Kingdom of God.

By Sarah Smyth P.7A



Confirmation in St. Comgall's 2016

Sacrament of First Penance



Sacrament of First Penance



I celebrated the Sacrament of Penance in St. Comgall's Church on the 10th of March at 6:30 p.m. My mum came with me and my teacher Mrs Black, was there and Mr Henry and Miss Gallagher. I was a sheep in the Good Shepherd Story. We sang 3 songs, my favourite song was 'Together'. I made my first confession with Fr. Emerson. I showed him my picture of my sins and he ripped it up to show that I was forgiven. My mum gave me a big hug. She was proud of me.

By Tia Moore P3B

Dairy Council Visit St. Comgall's

On Friday 12th February the Dairy Council came to school to talk to our P.5 & P.6 children about Food and Fitness. This workshop helps promote healthy eating and exercise.



The milk and dairy food group is an important part of a healthy, balanced diet. As well as containing calcium, milk, cheese and yogurt provide other valuable nutrients including protein and vitamin B12.

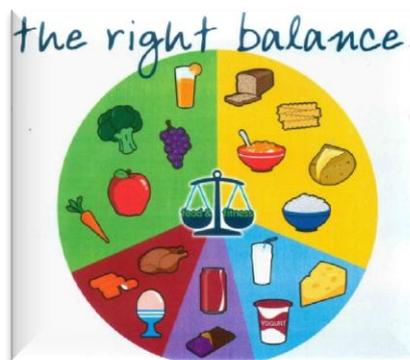


Food & Fitness Tip

Be a role good model. If children see their parents and other family members eating healthily and being active, they are much more likely to do the same.



A good diet can play an important part in a child's health and development. It can also give them the best chance of doing well at school.



School mornings can be hectic but it's definitely worth making sure your child has time for breakfast.



Food & Fitness Tip

Limit screen-time to less than two hours a day. Too much time watching TV or sitting at a computer means less time for children to be active.



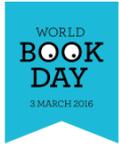
An active lifestyle is as important as a balanced diet for a healthy body and mind. It's recommended that school-aged children should try to accumulate at least one hour of moderate to vigorous activity* on most days of the week.



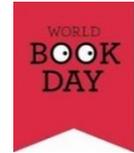
Food & Fitness Tip

Take advantage of the school milk scheme. The subsidised 1/3 pint of semi-skimmed milk will provide around a quarter of your child's protein requirements and over 40% of their calcium needs

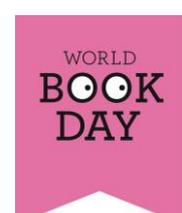
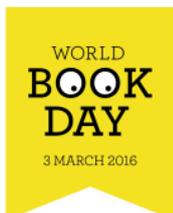




World Book Day



World Book Day was Thursday 3rd March and to celebrate this day the children and staff came to school dressed as a character from a book they enjoyed. We had an amazing array of different characters and they all look fabulous. Thank you all for making this day a very colourful event by bringing the characters the life.



Storyteller Steve Lally Comes to St. Comgall's

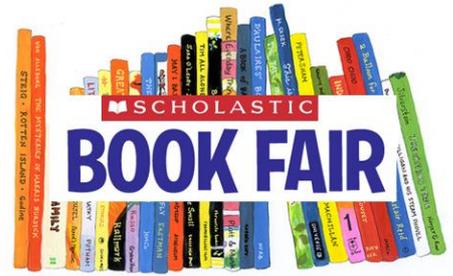
Steven Lally came to our school on Friday 11th March to coincide with World Book Day and St. Patrick's Day. Steve Lally has worked as both an artist and storyteller throughout Ireland for over fifteen years. He writes his own material along with telling folk tales from Ireland and around the world. He is an amazing storyteller and the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to and getting involved in his stories.



St. Comgall's turns Green for St. Patrick's Day



Scholastic Book Fair comes to St. Comgall's



The Scholastic Book Fair came to St Comgall's on the 3rd – 8th March. The book fair is a fantastic way for parents to supplement their child's home reading material. It also helps raise money for books in our school as we can purchase books to a percentage value of all money spent at the fair by parents. This has been a great way in the past of enhancing our school stock. The children were excited to see the book fair in the school foyer and had fun picking a book to buy and bringing it home to read.



This year the school raised

£1,082.00

Hope everyone enjoyed reading the books they bought.

Thank you very much for all your support.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

	Date	Information	Location
P4	SAT 4 JUNE	SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION – 11AM	St Comgall's Church

Dates for the Diary

Easter Holidays	Friday 24 th March – Friday 1 st April
German Visitors	Tuesday 5 th April – Tuesday 12 th April
May Day Break	Monday 2 nd May
Mid-Term Break	Monday 16 th May – Friday 20 th May
Sports Days	Thursday 26 th May (P.4, P.5, P.6 & P.7) & Friday 27 th May (P.1, P.2 & P.3) (Weather permitting)
P.7 Carlingford Trip	Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th May
May Bank Holiday	Monday 30 th May
P.7 Show	Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st June
P.7 Leavers Mass	Date to be confirmed
School Finishes	Thursday 30 th June at 12 Noon



Information & Reminders

Names on Uniforms

Please remember to clearly label all items of your child's school uniform, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats.



Absence Letters

If your child is absent from school, please inform the teacher in writing of the reason for the absence.

Children coming to School Early:

Children should not be on the school grounds before 8.45am unless they are attending breakfast club. There is no supervision for children before this time.

BREAKFAST CLUB: from 8.10am - 8.45am Cost £1.50 Main School Hall.



Tuck and dinner money

Please ensure your child has the money to pay for tuck and dinners if they use it. It becomes very difficult to manage for our teaching and canteen staff if money becomes "owed." Again, thank you in anticipation for your help with this.



Passports

Any Passport Forms requiring signature from a member of staff costs a nominal fee of £5.00, which will go towards school funds.

Emails:

Would all parents who completed a form requesting letters and information to be sent to them by email, please remember to check your emails regularly so you will not miss any important news, letters, dates and general information.



Parents are reminded:

Pick up collection point of your child at home time:

Parents collecting P1 + P2 please collect your child from the teacher in the classroom – access through back gate or pedestrian gate at top of playground.

P3 + P4 children will meet their parents in the junior playground.

Senior children P5 – P7 will meet parents in senior playground.

This is to cut down on traffic through the main school building and promote safety within the school.

Our School uniform suppliers are

**Select Kidz
Schoolwear Specialist
In Ballymena**

47 -49 Springwell Street
Ballymena

T: 02825652128 M: 07516115865

Select Kidz are the School uniform supplier for crested uniform.

Muddy Marathon

Our Fundraising Group will be organising a sponsored Muddy Marathon for the children. Each child will run/walk 1 mile around the Castle Grounds to raise funds for our school. The Muddy Marathon will take place on Friday 29th April. More details will follow closer to the time.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Parents are **required to inform school** – **before 9.30** if their child will not attend due to sickness/unforeseen circumstances. Should a parent not inform school and a pupil does not present in school, we will text the parent requesting them to contact the school immediately. This will help prevent a scenario that a parent sends a child to school and they don't arrive.

It is therefore imperative that parents contact school to explain a sickness or unforeseen absence, they should then follow up with a written note to the teacher with the explanation.

PUNCTUALITY

Parents are reminded that all pupils should be in class to begin learning at 9am. Parents are asked to have children in school on time to help with their learning.

The access gates into the playground will be closed at 9.10am. From that point on the only access to the classrooms will be by the front door of the school. From here, lateness will be monitored.

These objectives are to improve the learning environment for all children.



ATTENTION CHILDREN, PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD ON FOOT, ON A BICYCLE OR A SCOOTER.....



Find the safest place to cross then stop.
Stand on the pavement near the kerb or the edge if there is no kerb.



Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.
Make sure you can see if anything is coming and drivers can see you.



Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.
Never cross the road whilst chatting to people, listening to your iPod or talking on your mobile phone.

BE AWARE EVEN WHEN YOU ARE IN SCHOOL GROUNDS OR CAR PARKS

SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Please take some time to visit our school website! There you will find all the information you need about school. You can meet the classes and learn about the interesting events happening in school. We now has a translate engine, so the website can be viewed in other languages. Please select a language of your choice from the drop down list on our homepage. In addition we have added a 'scrolling announcements sections' on the top of the homepage – this will draw your attention to any current activity in the school.



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Easter Holiday Homework. 😊

We would ask all parents to help their child prepare for school by teaching them how to tie their shoe laces. It's a great help – especially if they are from years 3 – 7. This life skill is important and will help in school too when children change footwear for PE.



Easter Holiday Dates and Arrangements

The school will close for the Easter Break on Thursday 24th March at 12noon for all pupils. This is a NON uniform day and a voluntary donation for Trócaire, our 2nd term charity, would be gratefully appreciated. There will be NO breakfast club and NO tuck or lunches on Thursday 24th March . THERE WILL BE NO BUSES in the morning or at 12 O'clock. As normal, additional parking for collection on this day will be provided in the front playground of the school. *Please follow the direction of the staff. School will re-open on Monday 4th April 2015.

**The Board of Governors, Principal & Staff
Wish you all a Happy & Peaceful Easter**

