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NEWS @ St.Comgall's

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Celebrate

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The school have purchased 50 New Ipads & covers for use to enhance learning opportunities for the children. We would like to thank you so much for your generous donations and support for our school and the Fundraising Group! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Fundraising Group for all their hard work!



A WRIGGLY NATIVITY



Here are some of the stars of our P.1's Wriggly Nativity. The shows were amazing, all the children practised so hard and put on three super shows for their parents and grandparents. Well Done!!



Christmas Carol Service

On 19th December our P.4 to P.7 children took part in the Parish Carol Service held in St. Comgall's Church. The evening was led by the children. The Carol Service was a beautiful representation of the Christmas Story.





Christmas



Dinner



at

St. Comgall's



Christmas Jumper Day



We would like to thank you very much for your kind donations for Christmas Jumper Day, together we raised an amazing **£1,570.18** for our school.

Accelerated Reading Awards



Thanks to everyone in Key Stage 2 for participating fully in the Accelerated Reading Programme in Term 1. Well Done!

Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires

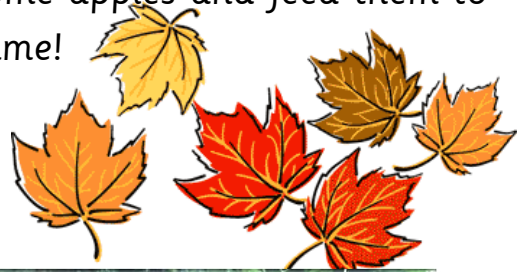
1st	Tania James	P.7A	3,183,935
2nd	Eva Varghese	P.7B	1,960,897
3rd	Angel Shiji	P.7B	1,936,409
4th	Eva McClelland	P.6A	1,171,430
5th	Monica James	P.5B	1,010,544



Total Word Count in Term 1
47,903,293

P.2's Nature Trail at GreenMount

On Monday the 26th September, the Primary 2 children had a trip to Greenmount. While there, we got to feed the ducks wheat seeds as we learned that giving white bread to ducks can really hurt their tummies! We also got to observe some beautiful seasonal changes around us, such as the leaves turning different colours and we were all able to find conkers! Our topic this term is 'Yum Yum Yum,' and we were delighted to walk into the gardens and see fruit and vegetables growing. We were able to pick some apples and feed them to the horses Lilly and Tilly. We had a wonderful time!



Farm to Fork

P.7's Visit Greenmount



P7 pupils from St.Comgall's Primary School visited Greenmount College and CAFRE Dairy Farm on 25/01/17. It is a 420 acre farm. We went because our topic is from Farm to Fork. The farmers who lead us were called Jim and Michael. They are the managers of the farm looking after the welfare, health and safety of all the animals

We saw Bovine animals. This includes cows, bulls and baby calves, we saw a lot of pregnant cows. We went to see where they sleep. They sleep on specially modified mattresses just like people. We were also shown how their food is prepared. It takes months of planning to ensure there is enough feed for the cow herd. There is also a lot of technology used to farm cows such as tractors to lay out food and their beds, heat monitors that send messages to Ipads or phones to let the farmer know if a calf is being born and they have robotic poo scoopers to clean the muck in the barns. They have cameras in their buildings so farmers can keep an eye on them at home.

We learned that cows in CAFRE can yield as much as 50 litres of milk each day. The milk that was collected from the cows during our visit will take less than 48 hours to be processed and packaged and delivered to a supermarket.

We had to go and wash our hands before we got lunch. We had our lunch in a big room. We gave the farmers a picture of last year's group. We went outside to get on a bus and drove back to school. We all enjoyed our trip to Greenmount farm.

By Conor Dennison and Liam Phinn P.7B

Winners at St. Comgall's

Specsavers & NI4Kids Promote Reading

Specsavers has joined up with family publication NI4Kids to promote reading for young people. Each month throughout 2016 a young reader's review was published with prizes offered to both the reviewer and his or her school.

Nine year old Caitlin from St Comgall's Primary School in Antrim, has won a £100 voucher for her school and a £10 prize for herself for her excellent review of *Prom King: The Fincredible Diary of Fin Spencer* by Ciaran Murtagh. Caitlin's family were also given a £150 Specsavers voucher.

Store director Davin Quinn says, 'Reading is a really important skill for all young people which not only brings huge enjoyment but is vital for every aspect of having a successful personal and professional life. We are delighted to partner with NI4Kids to encourage young people to read and congratulate Caitlin on having her review printed in 'The Reading Corner'.'

About 80% of what is taught in schools is presented visually so it is important that children have their eyes tested on a regular basis. Under 16's get a free NHS eye test as well as free glasses in Specsavers kids' and teens' ranges.



Tesco Christmas Stocking Art Competition

During December Tesco ran a Christmas Stocking Art Competition around the local primary schools in Antrim. Our P.7 children took part in the competition and one of the lucky winners was Eimear Corrigan from Mr McLaughlin's P.7 class. She produced wonderful and very colourful piece. Eimear won a Tesco Voucher. Leslie Fitzpatrick, Communications Officer from Tesco called at the school to present Eimear with her prize.



The Flood Damage



Following the Halloween holidays, our Junior Building was affected by a burst pipe flooding. Three classes had to move to the Parish Centre for the duration of the classrooms being fixed. We really appreciated the support of the Parish Centre staff in helping us at this difficult time.



Just before Christmas, the three classes move back into beautifully refurbished classrooms and are enjoying their newly updated learning environments! Thanks to the teams of people who helped make a difficult situation easier to deal with.





Catholic Schools Week

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 was "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The annual observance started on the last Sunday in January 2017 and ran for a week. The children were involved in activities relating to the theme and attended our annual 'Grandparents Mass' on Wednesday 1st February.

Catholic Schools Week 2017

Monday: Seeing the beauty of our common home – Activity Page

Creation Poem

Draw an image to match the line in the poem

Day one brought heaven, earth and light. It must have been so very bright!	Day 1 Earth Light Heaven
Day two God made the clear blue sky, A place for many birds to fly.	Day 2
Day three brought land apart from seas, With all the plants, grass and trees.	Day 3
Day four shone forth moon, stars and sun. The work of God was not yet done.	Day 4
Day five we see the fish and birds. God did all of this with just His words.	Day 5
Day six God formed all beasts and man To finish His creation plan.	Day 6
Day seven was especially blessed, A day for worship and for rest.	Day 7

beautiful work 30/1/17

Catholic Schools Week 2017



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✓ lovely illustration 30/1/17

Catholic Schools Week 2017



Catholic Schools:
Learning
with Pope Francis
to Care for
Our Common Home



Grandparents' Day

On Wednesday 1st February, during Catholic Schools' Week, we celebrated Grandparents. Here at St. Comgall's we teach the children how our Grandparents are a special gift in our lives. They watch over us as we grow and are often some of the most important teachers in our lives. They teach us about our home, which they have been watching over and caring for before we were here to help. They have seen and experienced many changes in our world. We had a wonderful day and the children really enjoyed having their Grandparents in school. The children were able to bring their Grandparents to their classrooms to see all the interesting work they were doing. We would like to thank everyone who came to the school for a cup of tea and a chat, it made Grandparents' Day a very special day for us all.



St. Comgalls



St. Comgall's Fundraising Group



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:

£1,664.33

Thank you all for your very generous donations.



Asda Bag Pack

Our Fundraising Group held a Bag Pack On Saturday 28th January at Asda Store, Junction One. This was a great success and raised

£1268.43

We would like to thank all those who gave their time at the weekend to help our school and raise an amazing amount of money.

Thank You All Very Much!



Christmas Card Designs

We would like to thank all the children for their beautiful designs and the Fundraising Group for all their hard work that made this possible.

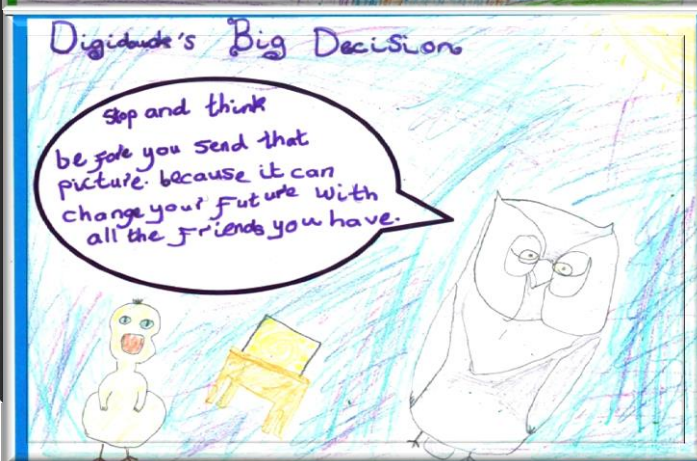
The profit made was

£553.00

which will go towards much needed school resources.

Internet Safety Week

In February, the children were involved in On-Line safety activities. Below are some pieces of work from P.4 children.



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Comgall's has invested in the on-line learning tool, Purple Mash, to support ICT development within the children's learning. By now you should have noted your child's login and password. As part of launching Purple Mash during ICT week, we have managed to become the school with the largest activity on

Purple Mash learning environment IN THE WORLD during that week!!!! Well done children!

P.5A Go to Woodhall

As part of our Shared Education Programme, our P.5A pupils joined with a P.5 class from Antrim Primary School on an outing to the Woodhall Activity Centre in Kilrea on Friday 24th February. They took part in various activities, such as, Jenga, Crystal Maze and Orienteering. The children had a super day and enjoyed all the activities.



My Woodhall Trip

On Friday our class went to Woodhall with Antrim Primary. We were all SUPER excited on the bus. When Antrim Primary got on the bus Mrs Jeavons said hello to them. When we arrived at Woodhall we were all sorted into groups. My group did abseiling first and it was amazing! I was a bit scared at first but when I did it I wasn't scared anymore. After we all had a turn at the abseiling we went to a man called Dermot and he taught us all about orienteering. I was partnered with a girl called Hannah from Antrim Primary and she was really nice! Then we did a game called human Jenga. We used crates and harnesses. Three people had to put on the harnesses and climb onto the crates. I went first with two other people and we got up to ten crates! Mr Moore knocked them all down and left us flying in the air. I really enjoyed it. Then everybody had lunch and we were all really hungry. They gave us sausages and chips and they were so nice. After lunch we did some maths puzzles. Some of them were really hard but all of them were fun. Finally it was time to go home and we were exhausted when we got onto the bus. We all had an amazing day.

By Laura Walls P.5A

“Happy Heart Red Day”



Little Hearts Matter
Half a heart, not half a life

Little Hearts Matter is the only charity in the UK dedicated to supporting and empowering anyone affected by the diagnosis of a single ventricle heart condition – or half a working heart. We support families along every step of their journey, from initial diagnosis, through treatments and into life at home. Our core focus is to offer support and information to our members. However, we're equally committed to raising awareness of our children's conditions and the challenges these bring to their families.

Our mission is to provide a support and information service that reduces the isolation, fear and the lack of understanding experienced by families when a child is diagnosed with having half a working heart.



On Friday 10th February, the children came to school dressed in red, or wearing a piece of red clothing to raise funds for our Term 2 charity “Little Hearts Matter”. On that day, there was a celebration in the canteen, children were involved in exercise to promote a healthy heart and discuss good food choices. The children had a great time and together we raised **£700.00** for “Little Hearts Matter”. We and “Little Hearts Matter” would like to thank you very much for your generosity.

P.5's Topic – Flight

A visit from some birds of prey

On Tuesday 21st February a man called Mr Patterson visited our school. Mr Patterson told us all about birds and brought two owls and a kestrel. We found out that owls and birds of prey eat raw meat. Owls can turn their heads all the way round and can see for miles. Lots of us got to hold the birds on our arms, which was really exciting!



Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour

On Wednesday 22nd February a best- selling Scottish author, Lari Don, came to St. Comgall's and talked to the P.4's, P.5's, P.6's and P.7's about being an author. She told us that many of her stories are about Scottish Myths.

Lari Don read to us a part from her book *Spellchasers, 'A Beginners's Guide to Curses'*. Lari and the P.4 – P.7's made up a chase about a witch chasing a phoenix and they went through rain, a sandstorm and a tornado. The witch wanted to eat the phoenix for her dinner.

When she finished her presentation talk there was a chance for people to buy some of her books and get them signed by her. We really enjoyed Lari Don coming to our school and hope she will be coming back very soon!

By Rhea Waring & Molly Burnside P.6A



Wednesday 22nd February Lari Dons Author visit.

Lari Don, a Scottish Author, came to visit our school. Lari is from Scotland she writes non-fiction books about fairies and witches. So on the Wednesday she came in and talked to us about her books and what inspired her. She told us she has liked reading since she was small, she said she started writing roughly when she was 5 or 6. I really enjoyed meeting her and loved her expression. She had a really good vibe and was inspiring. Her imagination was amazing. What she could make into a story from two characters was phenomenal. I had an amazing experience. She is such an inspiring woman I look forward to reading more of her books. **By Anna Brady P6C**



Peace Proms in SSE Arena

On Sunday 26th of February our school choir took part in a musical education called “Peace Proms”. The choir performed at the SSE Arena, Belfast with other schools from all over Ireland. Peace Proms aims to entertain, educate and engage children and young people in music and to enrich their lives through exceptional musical experience and performance. Peace Proms is recognised as one of Ireland’s most important Arts Education initiatives, providing outstanding cultural opportunities for young people while promoting peace, unity and tolerance through music. This was a wonderful opportunity for our school choir and they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

As part of World Book Day this year St. Comgall's took part in the 'Big Book Off!' Each year group was involved in activities related to books and the focus on this day was books/reading/discovery etc!



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★ DO
★ SOMETHING
★ BOOKY ★

JOIN OUR
BIGGEST EVER
CELEBRATION
THURSDAY
2 MARCH
2017

Our P.1 children shared their favourite book at show and tell. P.1 + P.2 classes experienced story telling from one of our male teachers – to help promote reading for boys.

Pancake Tuesday

28th February 2017



Making
Jungle
Fruit
Pancakes!



Jungle fruit
pancakes!



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Tasty!



Yummy!



Delicious!



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We
decorated
pancakes
with tropical
fruit!



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Junior Entrepreneur Programme

JEP stands for Junior Entrepreneur Programme. We started JEP in January and we have been working on it ever since. We have to come up with business ideas and present them to the class. After the top 4 ideas are chosen they are then presented to "the dragons." The top 4 ideas that were chosen were Liam and Harvey's, Angel's, Eimear's and Segdae's. The class gets behind the top idea and in time we will sell our product to parents and children in our school.

We started off looking at famous entrepreneurs E.G Donald Trump, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Oprah Winfrey and many more. We also listed the good qualities of an entrepreneur. We were given a task over the mid-term break to come up with our own JEP ideas. We then did our business pitches and presented them to the class.



A little while before that Mr Storey, a local entrepreneur/business man came to our class and told us all about his coffee business "Wake up and Taste". He gave us tips for our JEP idea. He also showed us his website and some of his products. He talked about how he started his career and how well he is progressing. We heard about his mistakes but also about his victories.

Some advice he gave us was: Be kind, honest, courageous and nice. Always enjoy yourself. You shouldn't be disheartened. And our personal favourite: Know your limits and set yourself targets. Get knowledge on what you're doing and only do the things you believe you can do.

By Eva Varghese & Aimee McClelland P.7B

BEAM: Peace Island Project

On the 8th, 9th & 10th March, Mrs Magee's (P.6C) took part in a BEAM Project called 'Peace Island'.

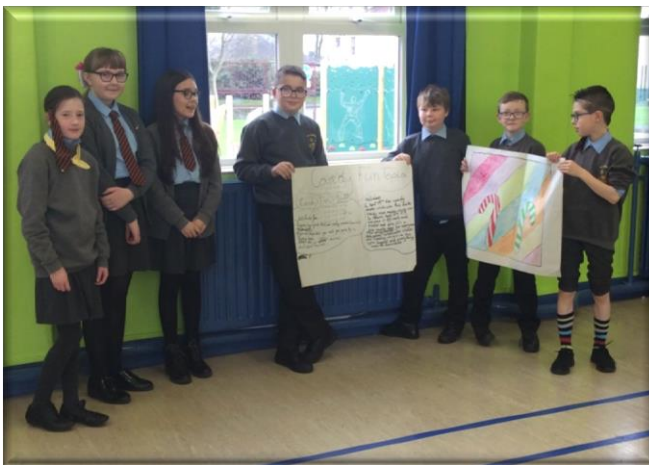
The school had been selected, through the Good Relations Programme, (BEAM) to be involved in this project

This project was facilitated by drama professionals who worked with the children to create an imaginary Island. Their Island formed discussions on imaginary identity/imaginary flags/traditions/imaginary history/dance/sport & laws.

It generated interesting discussions in the class around the topic and helped the children understand issues associated with identity and race in a real-life situation. An interesting project indeed! We worked alongside our shared education partner school and there was a showcase of Islands on Friday 10th March in our school hall. One of our pupils, Eilish Logue gave her thoughts on the project.

BEAM Creative Network was a great experience and opportunity. We learned that everybody is unique in their own special ways, everyone has their own Culture. We had the chance to make up our own island, motto, rules, holidays, clothing, rap and dance. We also did some warm ups and told a partner one secret and shared it with the class. Following this we were split into four groups. My Island was called candy Fun Topia. The rap was: dun dun dun, you'll run into a gummy bear, dun, dun, dun, you'll eat a bun and have more fun, dun, dun, dun, candy and fun = paradise, candy and fun = paradise, just have fun. We performed in front of Antrim Primary and they performed for us. It was great fun.

By Eilish Logue P.6C



HOME SWEET HOME



P.1 children enjoyed their topic 'Home Sweet Home'. They got involved in lots of activities. They made characters using play dough, had lots of fun in the role play corner and much, much more.



Antrim Regional Sportshall

Athletics Heats

Sportshall Athletics is an indoor form of track and field for children between the ages of 4 and 16. The programme focusses on fitness and multi-skill development providing a grounding for all sports. It is totally inclusive, encourages children to get fit and promotes friendship whilst having lots of fun.

Ten pupils were selected from P.6 and P.7 to take part in the event in the Antrim Forum on Wednesday 15th March along with other schools in the area. They really enjoyed participating in this high energy event.



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

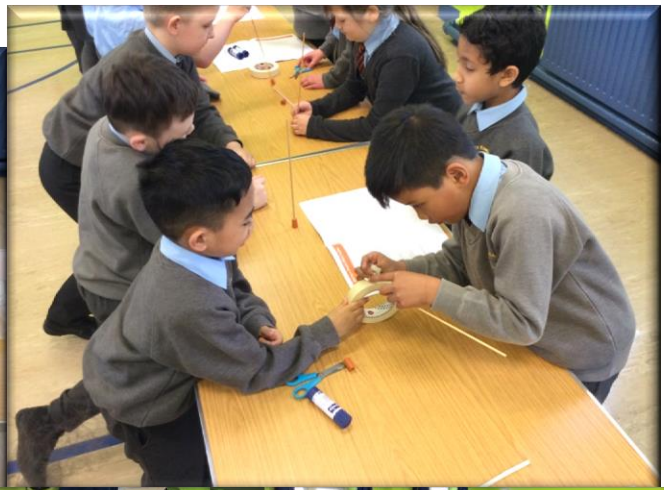


Primary 5 took to the stage on Thursday 16th March to perform an assembly celebrating the life of our Patron Saint, St. Patrick. We retold the story of St. Patrick and St. Brigid, performed some Irish dancing and sang songs. We also taught the audience some Irish phrases such as hello, goodbye, please and thank you. We had great fun performing for our friends in school and for our parents.

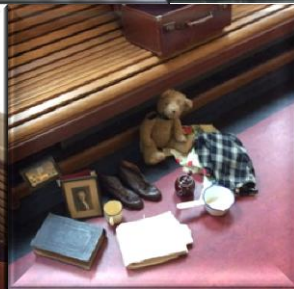


STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)

Our P.4 children enjoyed a fun filled S.T.E.M afternoon with Mr Lynch from the company Sentinus. We made wind turbines from scratch and they actually worked! This linked with our current topic 'Weather Watchers' and taught us lots about construction and renewable energy!



P.6's Visit Titanic Belfast



On Thursday 30th March 2017 we went to Titanic, Belfast to learn more about our theme, 'Setting Sail'. We went on a coach with all of Year Six. We left at 10.15am.

After about 45 minutes, we arrived at Titanic, Belfast and went through swivel doors. We met a member of staff and he told us about life back in 1912. Then he brought 2 buckets over for us to put our coats in one and lunch in the other. Then we met our tour guide, Vanessa. She gave us our headphones we could hear her clearly.

Then we went to our first gallery and used the interactive whiteboard. We learned more about Thomas Andrews. We then saw the original H & W gates. Then we went to see where the people worked and used the elevator. When we got up it was really high off the ground and it wasn't even full height.

Next we went to the big window and waved down at people. After that we went to a vibrating banister and held on to it and it felt like we were in the Atlantic. Then we went to the sinking gallery where we heard survivors talk. Next we sat on the glass floor and looked down at the remains of the Titanic. Mrs Magee was giving a sheet with information about where the ship was built. Then we got on the bus and went home. It was a lot of fun and we learned more about Titanic.

By Nell Dunn-Clarke P.6C

First Penance for Primary 3

P.3A Mr Henry's Class



P.3B Mrs Black




P.3C Mrs McLaughlin



First Penance for Primary 3

ST. COMGALL'S NEWS



So proud of you kids. 

P3's first penance

Reported by: Kiane Williamson

On Sunday 26th March P3's made their first confession. The weather was sunny.

The priest tipped the picture. P3 said the Parable of the Lost Sheep. P3 told the priest all their sins.

ST. COMGALL'S NEWS


P3 MAKE THEIR FIRST PENANCE

Reported by: Christa Varghese

On Sunday 26th March P3's made their Sacrament of Penance.

Their family, friends and teachers came to the sacrament of confession. They made it in St. Comgall's church. They sang songs and told the Parable of the Lost Sheep. The church was very very full.

They were their names: Fr. O'Reilly, Fr. Emerson and Fr. Curran were there.



An excellent report Christa 28/3/17 lovely picture

Some of our P.3 children reporting on their special day.

ST. COMGALL'S NEWS


P3's From St. Comgall's Make their First Penance

Reported by: Barth Sansome

On Sunday 26th March P3 children from St. Comgall's made their first confession.

The church was packed with family and friends. The children told the Parable of the Lost Sheep. They told the priest all their prayers and the priest gave them forgiveness.

It was a lovely day and everyone enjoyed the P3's first Penance.



ST. COMGALL'S NEWS


P3.5 SPECIAL DAY

Reported by: Isabella Megaffy

Sunday 26th March the P3.5 celebrated their first Confession.

The primary 3s sang three beautiful songs and told the Parable of the Lost Sheep. There were three priests and it was a beautiful day.

You wrote a very good report about your classmates making their confession well done. And it was Mother's day.



their confession well done 28/3/17

P.5 Story Telling

Yesterday we worked with a story teller called Mary. She taught us about myths and legends. We were put into groups of five and were told to make some up characters and a story. We also made a class story about dragons and wonderful lands. There were small dragons and big dragons. My favourite were the big dragons. The small dragons fought the big dragon. We really enjoyed creating the characters and working together to create stories.



Fire Safety



Today three firemen came in to our school they were called Steve, Kyle and Gareth. They taught us how to be safe in a fire. They told us if we were ever in a fire to get out of the house, stay out of the house and call 999. They said when we call 999 to say our address, postcode and if we phoned 999 to say if we needed the fire service, an ambulance or the police. Then we played a game. It was about superheroes and bad guys. If it was a superhero we shouted 'yay' and if it was a bad guy we shouted 'boo'. At the end we got safety packs.





Art Project for Antrim Town

Some classes from P.4 - P.7 took part in an exciting project to design art that represents children's thoughts about the local area, culture and history. The children worked with an artist on 17th January 2017 in school. The children's work will be blended with other children's from Antrim to create one large scale panel to be installed at a site in Antrim Town to try to give an artistic facelift to some of the areas of Antrim.



Northern Ireland Boy's Football Association

Northern Ireland Boy's Football Association selected a team panel from 9 National League Clubs to represent the League at the inaugural Nordic Challenge Trophy to play at Salou Spain from 21st March to Sunday 2nd April 2017. We would like to send our congratulations to one of our past pupils, Conan McAuley, who was one of the footballers selected for team. This is an amazing achievement. Well Done Conan!



Ballymena Festival

Congratulations to our pupils who took part in the Ballymena Festival. They performed beautifully and we are very proud of them. Well done, Aoife Stewart P.5B, Noah McIlroy P.7A, Christel Kho P.6B and Charlotte Craig P.6B.





Confirmation Day at St. Comgall's



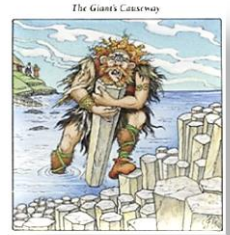
On the 22nd March 2017 St.Comgall's P.S.

Year 7 were confirmed as young adults of the Catholic Church. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church with Bishop Farquhar. We all sat together as a school while our sponsors sat near us. When we were to be confirmed, our sponsors placed their hand on our shoulder and told the Bishop our Confirmation names. Then, the oil of chrism was placed on our fore heads and that was us confirmed!! Afterwards, everyone went to St. Joseph's hall and took pictures and ate food while chatting to one another. The whole experience was very enjoyable and everybody seemed to enjoy it thoroughly.

By Georgia Lavelle P.7A



Welcome to our German Visitors



On Monday 3rd April, P7A and our German Visitors went to W5 Science Exhibition in the morning by bus and saw and did lots of things such as controlling propellers, trying out a lie detector and even making slime! Then, in the afternoon, we went to Titanic, Belfast which gave us the idea of how the Titanic was made. While we were having our tour, the Germans were buying souvenirs. After the P7s finished the tour and the Germans bought some souvenirs, we went to Lisburn Leisure Plex.

By Tania James P.7A



Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

Roots of Empathy

This year the children in P.4C have been invited to participate in a program called **Roots of Empathy (ROE)**. This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, baby Isla and her Mum will visit the classroom. Mrs Ewing, who is a trained Roots of Empathy instructor, will gather the children in the classroom around a green blanket and together they watch the baby grow.

The children predict and cheer when their ROE baby reaches the 'developmental milestones' of the first year: "She can roll over!" "She got her first tooth!" "She can sit up!"

Mrs Ewing also coaches the children in observing the baby and reading the cues the baby gives as to how the baby is feeling: "Is the baby happy or sad?" They then use this discussion as a lever for the children to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel: "Do you smile when you're happy?" "How can you tell when your friend is happy?" Being able to understand how other people are feeling is called *empathy*. Mrs Ewing also visits the classroom before and after each family visit to prepare and reinforce teachings using a specialised lesson plan for each visit.

For more than ten years, across Canada and internationally, thousands of children are learning about respect and how to care for one another through the lessons involving their Roots of Empathy baby.

We are excited that P4C has been chosen to participate in Roots of Empathy.



Youth United Social Action Awards

Youth United Foundation was delighted to announce that the Youth United Social Action Awards would take place on 31st January at Buckingham Palace.

The special Awards for Dedication, Impact and Teamwork were given out by our Founder and Patron, His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, and the unit Awards were given out by the Minister for Civil Society, Rob Wilson. The event celebrated young people's achievements and demonstrate their teamwork, dedication and the positive impact their social action has had on their local community.

The Girl Guides in the Parish of Antrim received an award. Three pupils from our school, Aimee McClelland, Niamh Smith 7B & Francesca Gurney 7A attended the award ceremony at Buckingham Palace.



Scholastic Book Fair comes to St. Comgall's

The Scholastic Book Fair came to St Comgall's on the 1st March to 7th 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

£906.28

**Hope everyone enjoyed reading the books
they bought.**

Thank you very much for all your support.

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.



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 designated door pick-up point – 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.

Passports

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

3rd TERM HOLIDAYS

MAY DAY

Monday 1st

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th May



School Closes on:

Friday 30th June 2017 – Half Day

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.
- It is 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.
- PLEASE RING IF YOU RECEIVE A TEXT.

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. There is 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, there is, 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 Dates and Arrangements

The school will close for the Easter Break on Thursday 13th April at 12noon for all pupils. Children should wear their school uniform on this day. There will be NO breakfast club and NO tuck or lunches on Thursday 13th April . 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 24th April 2017.

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

