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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 21st January 2019
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National Compliment Day 24th January

Give loads of extra compliments to people you meet on Thursday January 24th 2019

A compliment is a wonderful way to brighten up someone's day or give credit for a job well done.



God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2019

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is

Sunday, 27th January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2019. This is the 11th Year of Catholic Schools Week and, while we gather each year to celebrate our Catholic Schools, this year we gather in a special way to celebrate their wonderful contribution to the mission of the church, both in our local faith communities and throughout the wider communities. This year's theme is

Catholic Schools : Celebrating the Work of our Local Catholic Schools

We are reminded of the importance of

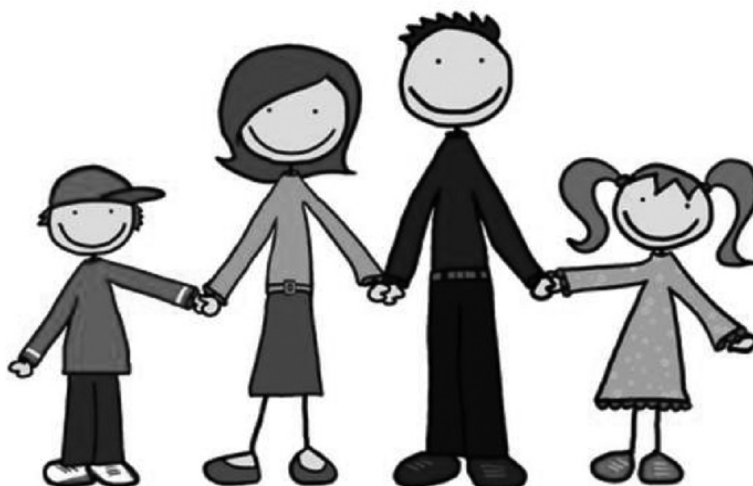
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| 1. Living Tradition | 4. Serving our Community |
| 2. Welcoming Diversity | 5. Supporting Faith |
| 3. Intergenerational Links | |

Children will complete activities based on this important theme this week

Talk to your children at home about the importance of our school and the very special family atmosphere we have in our wee school, which makes it so special.

Our annual special Grandparents assembly will take place in the Junior School on Wednesday 30th January at 10am and 2pm in the Senior school on the same day.

Our Grandparents Assembly is always so important and special to us all. We give thanks for our Grandparents who are here with us and also for our Grandparents who are in heaven.



Nurse Health Checks for Year 1 Pupils

The School Nurse will be in school this Monday 21st January, Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February to carry out Year 1 Health Checks.

Families Together



SINK OR SWIM

FREE 6 Week Programme for Parents & Carers

Do you sometimes struggle with parenting? Are some days better than others? Many parents feel exactly the same way!

Sink or Swim explores the realities of parenting, while sharing tips & tools on how to look after your own mental health.

Starts Thursday 31st January 2019
St Mary's PS Strabane, *
Music Room (Junior Site)
11 am - 1 pm

* Running every Thursday 11 am - 1 pm for 6 weeks
All parents & carers welcome.
Refreshments will be provided.

To register call us freephone
0808 8010 722 or visit parentingni.org



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Year 5 Paired Maths Programme

Every year we offer the opportunity for pupils and parents in Year 3 to take part in the PAIRED Maths Programme.

We supply the Maths Games from school and our children are encouraged to play a Maths Games every night for 4 weeks. We assess our children's attitude to Maths at the start of the programme and again at the end. Every year our children's Maths enthusiasm and ability improve as a result of taking part in this very simple programme.

What does it involve?

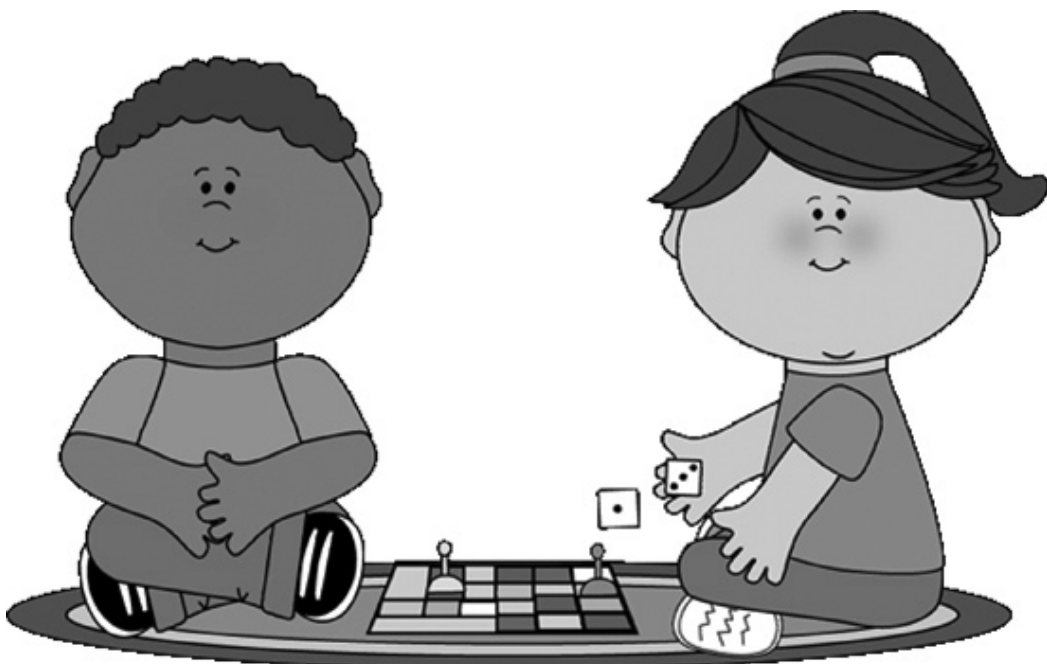
1. A launch meeting where you are shown the correct paired Maths strategy to use with your child and to pick up the pack to get started. **NO FURTHER MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED**

2. Playing a Maths Game for 10-15 minutes every night with your child for the 4 weeks of the programme...the more your play Maths Games together the better the outcome for your child will be!

This year the information for you and your year 5 child will take place on TUESDAY 22nd JANUARY at 7pm in the Senior SCHOOL.

Come along....join inget involved!!

MATH ROCKS



FREE



Families Together

Time for Parents

Confidential support with any parenting issue, helping you to find manageable solutions for your family.

- Available face to face, via phone or via Skype
- Explore and set realistic goals
- Parents can attend individually or together
- Support available over the summer as well as during term time

Interested?

Register interest online
on the Families Together
page at parentingni.org.
Call 0808 8010 722 or
the coordinator on
078 8742 9054



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ONLINE DIGITAL ADMISSION PROCESS

For any parent who could not attend the Open Afternoons but have a child due to start Nursery or Year 1 in September 2019, we are offering "Drop IN" Sessions this year as the applications have to be online. If you would like to book a session they run from 7-1-19 until 18-1-19. If you wish to book a session please give Mrs Clare Kelly (Clerical Officer) Senior School a wee ring on 02871 382614 OPTION 1 and she will be happy to book you in!!

Some sessions have been booked already.

You DO NOT have to attend these sessions but if you do the staff in school will help you make your application online there and then and you can be confident that all has been done and breathe a sigh of relief! Please note that you will need to have the following with you.....



1. YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL username and know your password
2. Your child's birth certificate
3. Your proof of address
4. DSS Income Support Form (Only if this applies to you!)

Update of Parent Mobile Phone Numbers



Some of you may have got new mobile phones for Christmas or indeed for some reason you may have a different number since the start of the year. If so have you let the school secretary know so that it can be changed at school? This is very important incase we have to contact you for any reason regarding your child. This is also important so that you can receive school text messages.

If you have changed your number and not updated the school.... Please do so!

Year 4 “Do This in Memory” Programme

The dates for the masses for the Do This in Memory Programme are as below. We look forward to seeing all our Year 4 Pupils and Families at these very special masses.

DATE	THEME OF MASS	TIME
26/01/2019	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm
03/03/2019		10am
14/04/2019	Passion (Palm) Sunday	12 Noon
11/05/2019		6.30pm
23/06/2019	Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	10am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 25th May, 2019



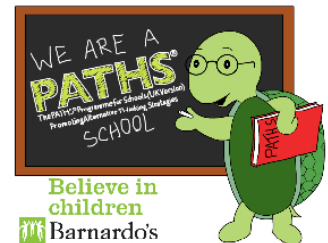


PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's

(Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month - January

***Friendship is one of life's greatest gifts. If you think someone could use a friend.
Be one!***



Prayer of the Month - January

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

***We remember For all that has been
We give thanks.***

***We look forward For all that will be
We say yes.***

***All time is God's time.
We let go of the past and We welcome what is to come.***

***And all the time we pray in the name of Jesus, who is the same yesterday,
today and forever. Amen***



Confirmation Preparation for Year 7 Pupils and their parents

Our children this year will be confirmed by Fr Boland P.P.

In preparation for this very special sacrament our children and parents are warmly invited to attend three masses dedicated especially to focusing on Confirmation Themes.

The dates and times for these masses, preparation and Confirmation itself are :

Venue	Mass Theme	Day/Date	Time
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Moved by the Spirit	Sunday 3 rd February	10am
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Called by Name	Sunday 17 th February	12 Noon
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Practice for Confirmation for Pupils and their Sponsors (<u>This is NOT a preparation Mass</u>)	Thursday 7 th March	7pm
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Confirmation Day	Saturday 9 th March	11am

Year 7 Parent / Teacher Transfer Meetings

The thought of your Year 7 child moving from Primary to Post Primary School is an exciting but also challenging time for some!

Post Primary Schools will be offering you and your child the chance to visit them now for their Open Days/ Evenings. This will give you and your child a chance to see the work of the schools and staff first hand and may help you and your child decide which school they would really like to transfer to in September 2019.

To this end, we have listed the dates/times of open days for some post primary schools below where our children have transferred to in the past. We also invite you to come in to our school to speak with your child's class teacher and the Principal to complete your transfer form for your child to be given to the Education Authority. The forms (with your post primary school preferences) must reach EA by WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY. Therefore we will be arranging these meetings ahead of this date so that forms can be completed and arrive at EA on time!

We will be hosting the meetings on Monday 28th January, Tuesday 29th January and Thursday 31st January. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you to arrange suitable times for these meetings. You are NOT OBLIGED to attend but parents have reported in the past that they find these meetings very helpful indeed.

If you have any further queries at all about the Year 7 Transfer Process, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or a Senior Leader/ Principal.

Open Days/ Evenings

Post Primary School	Open Day	Date / Time	Location
Loreto Grammar School	Wednesday	23 rd January 5pm-8pm	James Street, Omagh
Thornhill College	Tuesday	29 th January 4pm – 6.30pm Principal's Address @ 4pm & 6pm	142 Culmore Road, Derry
Lumen Christi College	Monday	21 st January Principal's Address 4pm & 4.45pm	Bishop Street, Derry
Strabane Academy	Thursday	24 th January 7pm	61 Derry Road, Strabane





Year 5 Paired Reading Meeting

I can / cannot attend the Paired Maths Meeting for my
Year 5 Child on Tuesday 22nd January at 7pm in the
Junior School Assembly Hall.

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____