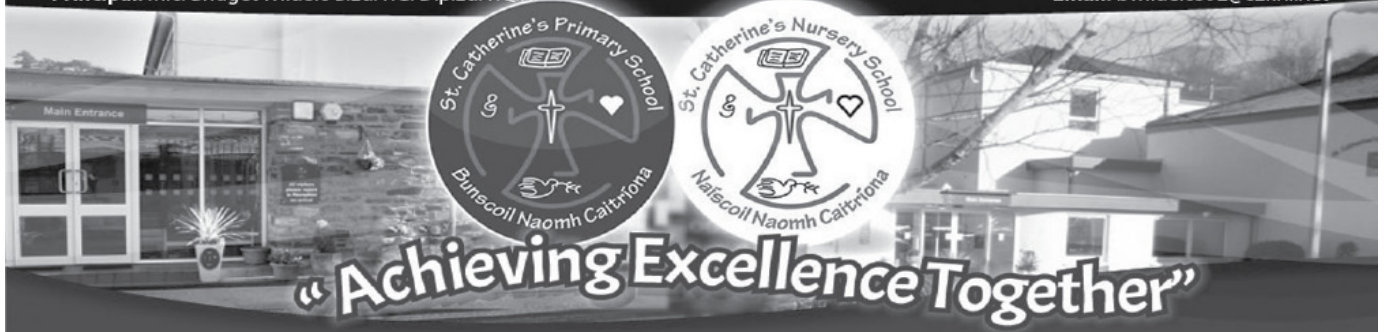


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School will be closed for the Mid Term Break from Monday 18th February until Friday 22nd February. School will reopen again as usual on Monday 25th February.

Have a lovely break and quality family time!

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal



Parent Alert: Social Media Concerns

We encourage all parents to be vigilant in terms of monitoring their child's use (if at all) of any form of social media.

Quite often parents approach school with concerns regarding bullying and inappropriate use of social media which is upsetting and potentially damaging to other children. This occurs outside of school. We cannot stress enough the need for parental supervision in this area. Guidance on the use of social media in terms of age restrictions is listed below, for your information. We thank you for your support in this particular area of challenge in the modern world, for both parents and children. The internet is a great modern day resource but social media must be handled with care to promote effective health and well being especially for children and young people.

Special Grandparents assembly

Our annual special Grandparents assembly was postponed due to the inclement weather. We are so sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. This will now be rescheduled to WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY in the Junior School 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.



Age Restrictions for Social Media

- 13 Years Old - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Google+, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat & Musical.ly
- 14 Years Old – LinkedIn
- 16 Years Old – Whatsapp
- 17 Years Old – Vine, Tinder & Yik Yak

Any account set up by an individual under this age bracket is deemed as Fraud by the police.

Children need to be protected especially using the internet and any form of social media. They are vulnerable.

#pleaseprotectourchildren

For Any Further Information Regarding Social Media and keeping your child safe online please logon to:- www.internetmatters.org



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source: NSPCC



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

SPEECH FEIS

The Speech Feis will run from Thursday 21st February until Monday 25th February. (Please note that the Feis starts during the Mid Term Week off this year!) We have attached timetables of the events that are happening on each day.

If you are unsure of when your child's event is happening use the timetables below. If you are still unsure please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Well done to all children who are taking part in the Feis, you are stars!



Thursday 21st February 2019
St. Patrick's Hall (Minor)
Morning

9.30 a.m.	Comp. 37 (a)	P.7 Boys Poem	"Homework! Oh Homework"
10.05 a.m.	Comp.37 (b)	P.7 Boys Poem	"Homework! Oh Homework"
10.40 a.m.	BREAK		
11.00 a.m.	Comp. 25 (a)	P.4 Girls Poem	"The Haunted House"
11.35 a.m.	Comp. 25(b)	P.4 Girls Poem	"The Haunted House"
12.10 p.m.	Comp.25(c)	P.4 Girls Poem	"The Haunted House"

LUNCH

Afternoon

1.30 p.m.	Comp 36	P.6 Boys Poem	"The Petshop"
2.10 p.m.	Comp. 28 (a)	P.7 Girls Poem	"Meeting"
3.00 p.m.	Comp. 28 (b)	P.7 Girls Poem	"Meeting"
3.45 p.m.	BREAK		
4.00 p.m.	Comp. 24(a)	P.3 Girls Poem	"The Mermaid"
4.35 p.m.	Comp. 24(b)	P.3 Girls Poem	"The Mermaid"

Friday 22nd February 2019 (Morning)
St. Patrick's Hall (Minor)

9.30 a.m.	Comp. 27(a)	P.6. Girls Poem	"Midsummer Magic"
10.10 a.m.	Comp. 27(b)	P.6. Girls Poem	"Midsummer Magic"
10.50 a.m.	BREAK		
11.00 a.m.	Comp. 35(a)	P.5. Boys Poem	"My Grannies"
11.35 a.m.	Comp. 35(b)	P.5. Boys Poem	"My Grannies"
12.10 p.m.	Comp.33(a)	P.3 Boys Poem	"The Lonely Dragon"

LUNCH

Friday 22nd February 2019
St. Patrick's Hall (Minor)
AFTERNOON

1.30p.m.	Comp. 33(b)	P.3 Boys Poem	"The Lonely Dragon"
2.00 p.m.	Comp.26(a)	P.5 Girls Poem	"Daddy Fell Into The Pond"
2.40 p.m.	Comp.26(b)	P.5 Girls Poem	"Daddy Fell Into The Pond"
3.20 p.m.	BREAK		

3.35 p.m.	Comp.26(c)	P.5 Girls Poem	"Daddy Fell Into The Pond"
4.15 p.m.	Comp 34(a)	P.4. Boys Poem	"The Things I'd Like To Do"
4.50 p.m.	Comp. 34(b)	P.4. Boys Poem	"The Things I'd Like To Do"

Saturday February 23rd 2019
St. Patrick's Hall (Minor)
MORNING

9.30 a.m.	Comp.27(c)	P.6 Girls Poem	"Midsummer Magic"
10.10 a.m.	Comp.32(a)	P.2. Boys poem	"If You Should Meet A Crocodile"
10.40a.m.	Comp. 32(b)	P.2. Boys poem	"If You Should Meet A Crocodile"

11.10 a.m. **BREAK**

11.25 a.m.	Comp.32(c)	P.2. Boys Poem	"If You Should Meet A Crocodile"
12.05 p.m.	Comp.30(a)	Nursery Boys Poem	"The Cat With A Smile"
12.35 p.m.	Comp. 30(b)	Nursery Boys Poem	"The Cat With A Smile"

LUNCH

Saturday 23rd February 2019
St. Patrick's Hall (Minor)
AFTERNOON

2.00 p.m.	Comp. 21(a)	Nursery Girls Poem	"The Cat With A Smile"
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2.35p.m.	Comp.21(b)	Nursery Girls Poem	"The Cat With A Smile"
3.10 p.m.	Comp.21(c)	Nursery Girls Poem	"The Cat With A Smile"

3.45 pm

BREAK

4.00 p.m.	Comp.22(a)	P.1. Girls Poem	"My Snowman"
4.35 pm	Comp. 22(b)	P.1. Girls Poem	"My Snowman"

Sunday 24th February 2019
St. Patrick's Hall (Minor)

12.00 a.m.	Comp.22(c)	P.1. Girls Poem	"My Snowman"
12.35 pm	Comp. 23(a)	P.2. Girls Poem	"Ice Cone Island"
1.05 p.m.	Comp.23(b)	P.2. Girls Poem	"Ice Cone Island"

1.35 p.m.

BREAK

1.55 p.m	Comp. 23(c)	P.2. Girls Poem	"Ice Cone Island"
2.25 p.m	Comp. 31(a)	P.1. Boys Poem	"My Puppy"
3.00 p.m.	Comp. 31(b)	P.1. Boys Poem	"My Puppy"

3.35 p.m. BREAK

4.00 p.m. John McGinley Cup
Sister Carmel Fanning Cup

Monday 25th February 2019

St. Patrick's Hall (Minor)

9.30 a.m.	Comp. 40(a)	P.5. Creative Verse	
10.05 a.m.	Comp.40(b)	P.6. Creative Verse	
10.40 a.m.	BREAK		
11.00 a.m.	Comp.40(c)	P.7. Creative Verse	
11.30 a.m.	Comp. 39	2 Minute Speech	
LUNCH			

1.15 p.m.	Comp.24(C)	P.3 Girls Poem	"The Mermaid"
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MAIN HALL

2.00 p.m.		Nursery Choral Verse	1. St Catherine's
2.10pm	Comp 20 (h)	P.7 Choral Verse	1, Scoil Mhuire
2.15 p.m.	Comp. 20 (f)	P.5. Choral Verse	1. St Columba's 2. St Catherine's
2.30 p.m.	Comp.20(e)	P.4. Choral Poem	1. St Catherine's
2.40 p.m.	Comp. 20(g)	P.6. Choral Poem	1. St Catherine's

MINOR HALL

3.00 p.m.	Comp.3	Year 8 Poem	"Marmalade"
3.15 p.m.	Comp. 4	Year 9 Poem	"He and She"
3.30 p.m.	Comp. 5	Year 10 Poem	"The Tomcat"

New Parenting Puzzle Programme

The Parenting Puzzle is a 4 week programme that promotes the need for a balance between clear boundaries and expectations between parents and children. It promotes bonding between parent and child with a view also to making positive changes in our lives. Would you like to find out more about this.....4 weeks starting Thursday 7th February from 9.30am-11.30am in Junior School Meeting room.....come along and find out more.....bring a friend....you will not be disappointed!! Crèche places for younger children will also be available. See poster below!!

Sure Start Parenting Puzzle Programme

Thursday February 14th, 28th & March 7th 2019

St. Catherine's Primary School

9.30am – 11.30am

The 'Parenting Puzzle' is a 4 week Programme that promotes the need for a balance between clear boundaries and expectations. This programme aims to enhance bonding between parent and child, empowering parent's to make changes in their own lives and of their child/children's.



Please contact us on 028 71 885504 for more information or to book your place. Crèche places will be available @ our Fountain Street Crèche but places are limited....

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Surestart will now be sending us through a message of the month for our Weekly Note. We are delighted to continue to work in partnership with Surestart to bring a better service to children and families in our community.

Take your place face to face...
I learn the most when you are close

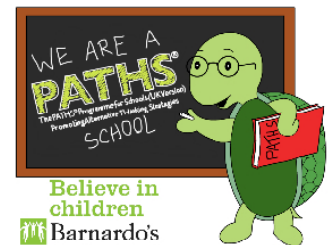
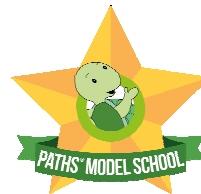


Sing a rhyme anytime
Start your child learning
for a lifetime!

PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month - February

Today and everyday is a good day to Do Turtle or use the Control Signals to calm down. Remember, you can make a good decision to stay calm and in control.



Prayer of the Month - February

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY



*Lord, we thank you for our
family
For the talents and good things
that you have given each of us
Please guide us, protect us and
equip us
This day and every day
As we grow together in Your love*

Amen.