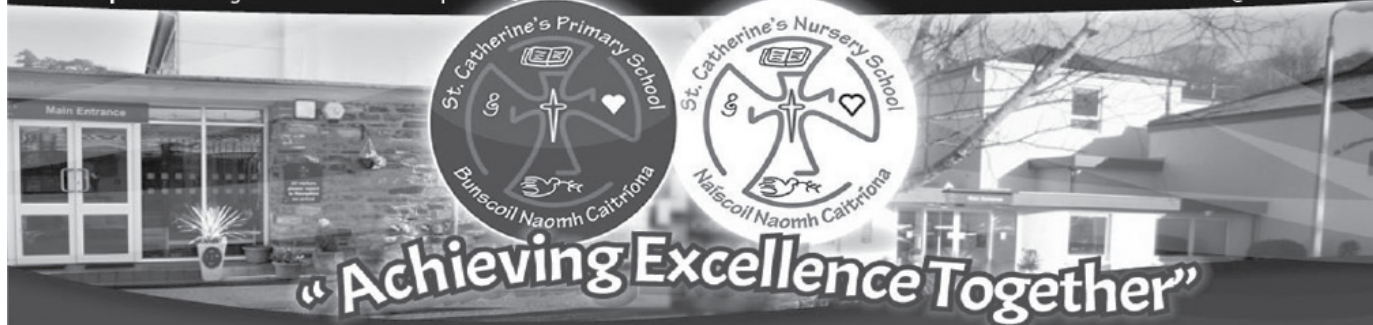


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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 18th March 2019

Check us out on our website: www.stcatherinesps.co.uk

Download Our **FREE** School App

St Catherines PS, Strabane



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#keepingsafe

Important Safety Request

At certain times of day, that is, "drop off" times to school in the morning and "collection times" in the afternoon, parents/carers are parking at various places near and in front of our two school sites from Newtownkennedy Street right down to Barrack Street. We respectfully ask parents NOT to double park. We also ask that parents ensure their vision is clear before moving away from the kerb or reversing in case they do not see other parents/ carers or children walking by.

Many thanks for taking time, care and patience around our school.

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

ECO TEAM News



Many thanks to all our pupils and parents for kindly supporting our GREEN Eco Day event on Friday 15th March. Our ECO Team are delighted to report that £373.60 has been raised to buy recycling bins and other much needed ECO Resources in School. Thank you!

Staying Safe: Parents please remind our children!!

If our wee children have any worries or concerns at all, there is always someone in school that they can talk to..... who will always try to help. Children can speak to their own teacher, any staff member or designated teachers for Child Protection and Safeguarding.



**Please refer to the Child Protection and Safeguarding Information
(Primary School Staff and Nursery Staff)**



St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School



If you are worried you can talk to...

**The Designated Teachers for Child Protection
& Safeguarding in our School**



Mrs. Wilders



Miss Doherty

**The Deputy Designated Teachers for Child
Protection & Safeguarding in our School**



Mrs. McGowan
Junior School



Mrs. Daly
Senior School

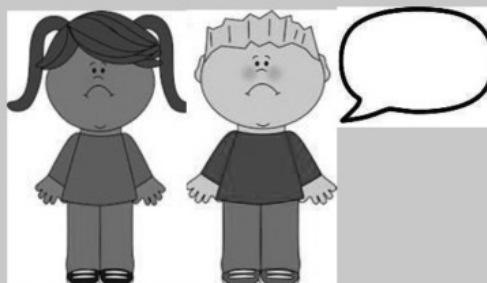
If you are sad



or worried



you can talk



to...



The Designated Teacher for Child
Protection & Safeguarding in our
Nursery School

Mrs Carlin



The Deputy Designated Teacher for
Child Protection & Safeguarding in our
Nursery School

Mrs. Porter

The Designated Teachers for Child Protection & Safeguarding in our School



Mrs. Wilders



Miss Doherty

World Down Syndrome Day

To celebrate World Down Syndrome Day, pupils should come into school on Thursday wearing any kind of socks with their uniform ... either odd socks, brightly coloured socks, long socks, printed socks, patterned socks in order to show your support!!! Many thanks for joining in the fun!



**THURSDAY
21ST MARCH**



**WE WANT YOU TO WEAR THE.....
CRAZIEST LOUDEST ODDDEST
FUNKIEST COOLEST GROOVIEST
HIPPEST AND MOST HAPPENING SOCKS
IN THE WORLD!**

Parent and child FREE PLAY Workshop DATE AGREED!

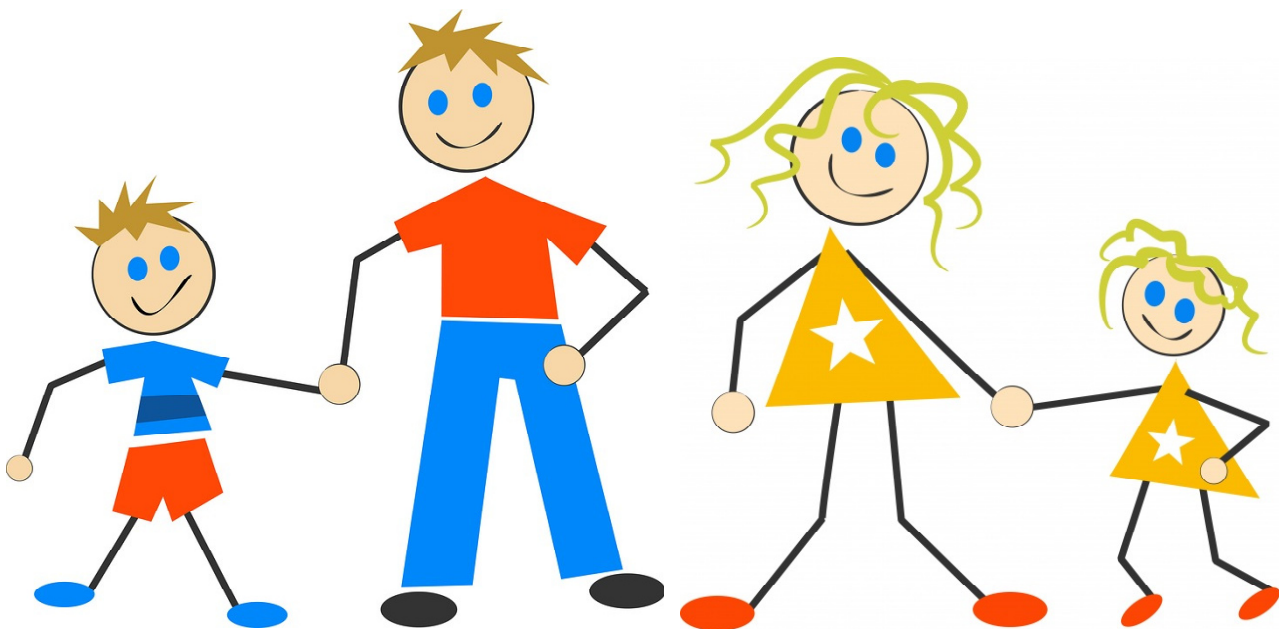
Parenting NI have joined up with Playboard NI to provide a FREE play workshop session for parents and children in our wee school. This is open to children and parents from Nursery – Year 4 age. This will take place in school.

Date: Tuesday 2nd April

Venue: St. Catherine's Junior School Assembly Hall

Time: 1.30pm-3pm

If you can attend this FREE workshop session with your child please indicate on the attached expression of interest slip.



Parent, Teacher,
Friends Association
**Working together
for our children**

**The next meeting of our PTFA
will take place at 7pm in the
Junior School on Thursday
28th March.**

Everyone welcome!





Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2019, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 25 March to 5 April. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

The details

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking or scooting to school. Each day your class teacher will ask who has cycled, walked or used a scooter

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling actively to school and is a simple way to boost their physical and mental health.

Cycle, walk, scoot and snap to win family prizes

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you and your child cycling, walking or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin. To be in with a chance of winning, you'll need to follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook facebook.com/Sustrans. Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.

What's next?

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle, walk or scoot to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way.

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school. Download your free pack [pdf].

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk. Enjoy the challenge!

Annual Nursery Bearhunt

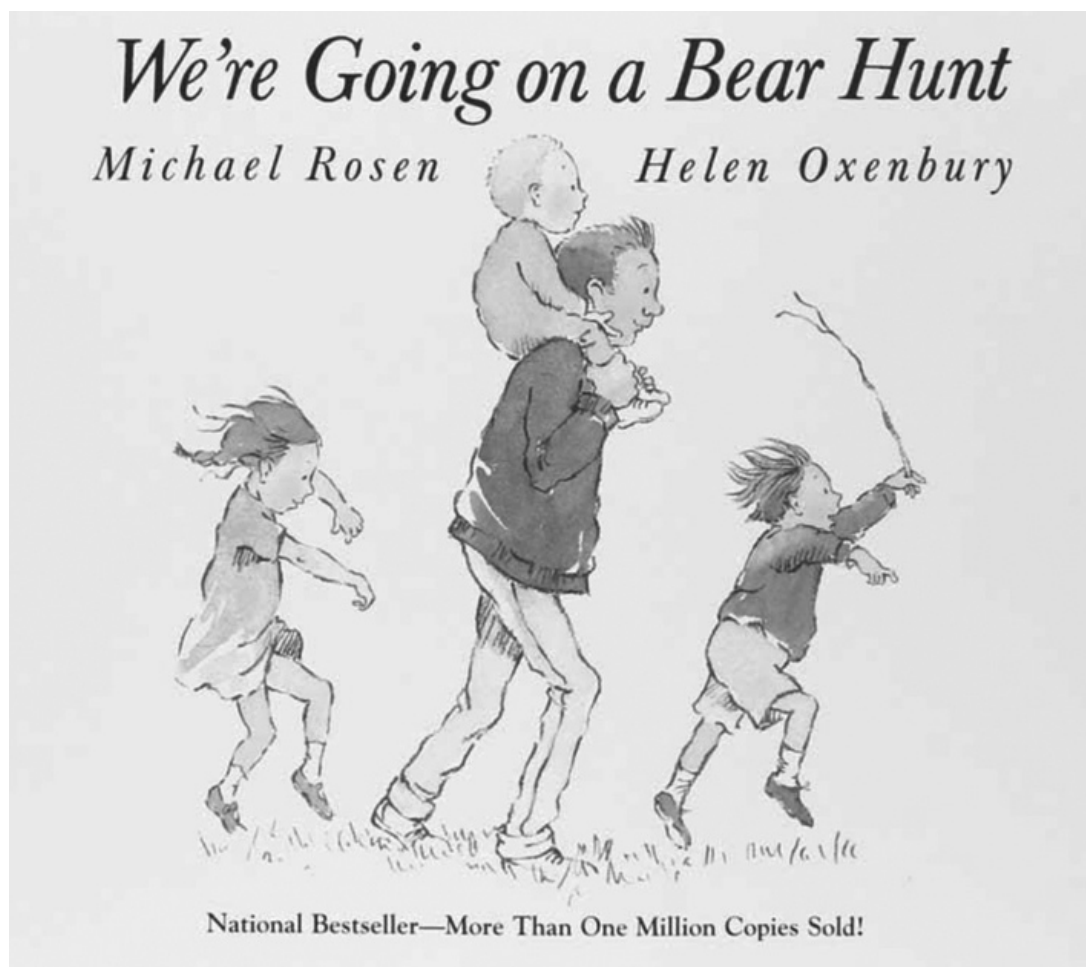
Every year we work with Surestart to have An Annual Bearhunt event for our little Nursery Children.

This year this event will take place on WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL in STRABANE LIBRARY.

Children will be taken from school to the library by our staff and returned back again. Children should come to Nursery at the usual time and be collected from Nursery at the usual hometime. Children will also be back in school on time to receive lunch in the usual way.

This year each child has completed a piece of Art work which will be on display in the library and they DO NOT need to bring a bear with them.

Please sign the attached permission slip to give permission for your child to attend this lovely learning event.



Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

Blood donation sessions will take place in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Derry Road, Strabane on Friday 29th March. 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm. Everyone welcome!



Prayer idea attributed to Pope Francis. Try this with your children at home during lent



Pope Francis' five finger prayer guide

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "sweet obligation."

2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

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.

Less watching more talking...
put everything away and just sing,
talk and play



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



HSC South Eastern Health
and Social Care Trust

HSC Public Health
Agency

f **SureStart**

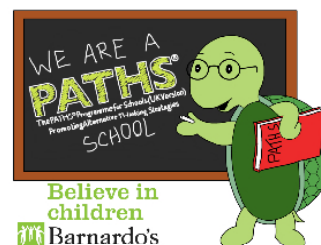
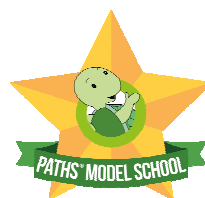


PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's

(Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month - March

*Sometimes saying "I'm sorry" seems to be too hard to do.
Maybe you can apologise in different ways – shake hands;
share something or give a compliment.*



Lent begins during March

Prayer of the Month - March



Dear Jesus

*Please help us to be kind,
patient and helpful to each
other during Lent. Help us to
follow directions the first time
we are asked.*

Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Sure Start

***NEW* Stay & Play 'The Grove'**

Every Tuesday

10.00am – 11.30am

St. Catherine's Primary School

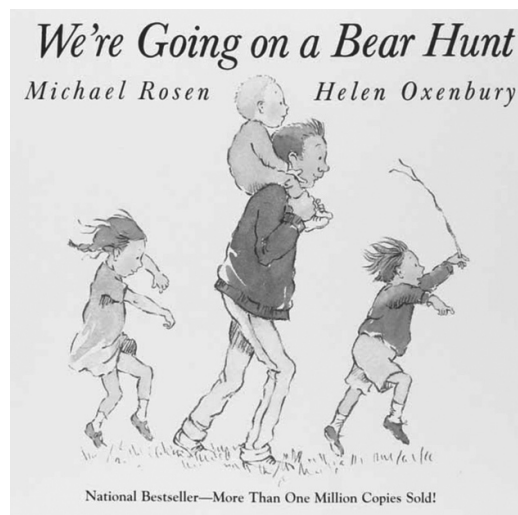


Come along with your little one(s) and join us for some FUN. Available to Registered Parents with children under the age of 4yrs who reside within Strabane Sure Start Wards...



Annual Bear Hunt Event

I allow/ do not allow my child to go to the Annual Nursery Bear Hunt event in Strabane Library on Wednesday 3rd April during the school day. I understand that staff will take my child to / from the event.



Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____



Parent / Child Play Workshop

I will be attending the FREE Play Workshop with my child in school given by a professional PLAY TUTOR from Playboard NI.

I understand that the date set is Tuesday 2nd April at 1.30pm in St Catherine's Junior School.

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____