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BREAKING NEWS

Home Learning for June

Home Learning Activities for the month of June will be uploaded to the Home Learning Area of our website by 8th June. These activities will be mainly practical and fun for the last three weeks of June as this is what would have been completed if our little pupils had been in school.

The password for the web area remains the same as before. If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wilders (bwilders592@c2kni.net) or Miss Doherty (jdoherty742@c2kni.net) or the class teacher. The class teachers' emails are on the JUNE Learning Instructions for each year group.

Have fun!



Home School Transport Applications

The ONLINE transport application process for Primary Pupils is now open. If you require any support or assistance in completing the online application contact the School Transport Online Application Helpdesk on 0300 200 7824 Monday – Friday 9am -5pm



Year 7 Leavers

As you are all aware, our Year 7 Children were due to take part in their Last Bell and Leavers Mass Ceremony on Monday 22nd June in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Due to the COVID19 Pandemic this cannot take place.

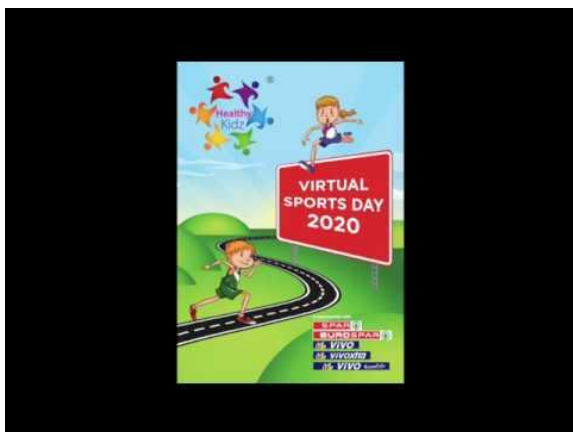
In the meantime, we are thinking of and praying for our Year 7 Children during June on what would have been a very special month for them. We will post a special message to the school facebook page closer to the time. Fr. Boland will also say a special mass for their intentions on Sunday 21st June at 10am in The Church of the Immaculate Conception via webcam. Please watch this mass from home as staff will be there and each child's name will be read out and each child will be prayed for at this mass. We will seek to arrange a new opportunity for Year 7 to say proper good bye's in the Autumn Term.



Virtual Sports Day

Virtual Sports Day has been prepared for since May and completes on Saturday 13th June. Many thanks to all who registered for this, have been recording scores on the Healthy Kids App and to all who have been having such fun and practicing so hard for it! We are so proud of you.

Our staff have been having fun too...you will be in for a little surprise!



ATTENTION Year 7 Children

Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Fan the Flame Mass at

10am Mass in Saint Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday 4th June tune in to the webcam

<http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral-derry>

<https://www.facebook.com/StEugenesCathedral/>

Wear your t-shirts and take photos. please send them to our Facebook page



Post Primary Admissions Letters for Year 7 Pupils

The Education Authority will be issuing letters to parents/ guardians on behalf of Post Primary Schools to advise on the outcome of their child's Post Primary School Application. Letters should be received in the post on Thursday 4th June. For help and advice, contact EA Admissions Helpdesk via email on

postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

A graphic with a light blue background. At the top, the text 'Post Primary School Admissions' is written in large white font, followed by 'Notification of Placement' in a slightly smaller white font. Below this, in smaller white text, it says 'Letters for receipt on Thursday 4 June 2020'. To the right of the text is a calendar icon showing the month 'JUN' and the date '4'. At the bottom, there is a yellow horizontal bar. Below the bar, on the left, is the text 'For more information visit eani.org.uk/admissions'. On the right is the EA logo, which consists of a green stylized leaf icon followed by the letters 'ea' and the words 'Education Authority'.

Nursery / Year 1 Induction and Welcome to St. Catherine's

In June we would have had Year 1 Induction and Nursery Induction. This was a perfect opportunity for both parents and pupils to visit school and get talking about any little concerns, fears, worries they might have and for children to become more familiar. There is a Transition Booklet on the Home Learning Area of the Nursery which parents can use with pupils to prepare them a little better for starting school. The actual meetings will not happen now in June due to the current crisis, however we will be in touch with a way forward with this when all becomes clearer after the Summer. Please do reassure your child that we look forward to them starting school and we are excited too!



Phasing Back to School

As you are aware, schools will not begin to reopen until after the Summer Holidays. That means that all events in Term 3 were cancelled. We have tried to improvise as best as we can given these very difficult circumstances but we can only express heartfelt sorrow that this had to happen. Your understanding and support throughout all of this has been invaluable.

As of yet we have no guidance from DE (Department of Education) as to how and exactly when schools will begin to reopen. We DO know that reopening will not be quite the same as usual and there are many ideas being discussed as to what the NEW NORMAL will look like. As soon as we have clear guidance and a plan going forward we will let you know.

Stay safe everyone, God bless.....this will pass and we will meet again with new plans and a new way forward for our little children!



New EMAIL Contact System

Many thanks to all parents for sending their email addresses through to Teaching Staff. Having email addresses will enable us to send you more information going forward.

Our text messaging system only allows us to send you very short messages, but emails will mean that we can send you more detailed information. This will be very important going forward as we begin the process of reopening school again after the Summer Holidays.

If you haven't sent an email address to staff you can still do so simply by emailing the class teacher or the Principal/ Vice Principal.

We do not want you to miss out on anything!



CONTROL SIGNALS

STOP

Take one long, deep breath.
Say the problem and how you feel.

**MAKE
A
PLAN**

Think—what could I do?
Think—would it work?

GO

Try your best idea.
How did it work?

PATHS

PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's

(Promoting Alternative Thinking
Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month June

There are comfortable and uncomfortable
feelings.

Remember all feelings are okay
Now is a good time to use your Control
Signals and Three Steps for Calming
Down if you have uncomfortable feelings

Be kind

Listen to your Parents/Guardians

Show love

3 Steps for Calming Down

STOP!

Tell Yourself
to **STOP**

Take One Long,
Deep Breath

Say the Problem
and How You Feel

The
problem
is...

PATHS

Listening is
one of the most
loudest forms
of Kindness.

VistaMundo.info

PATHS

Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies Program

Believe in
children



Barnardo's



Prayer of the Month for June

Dear Lord

If I am wrong, right me,

If I am Lost, Guide me.

If I start to give up, keep me going.

Lead me in light and love.

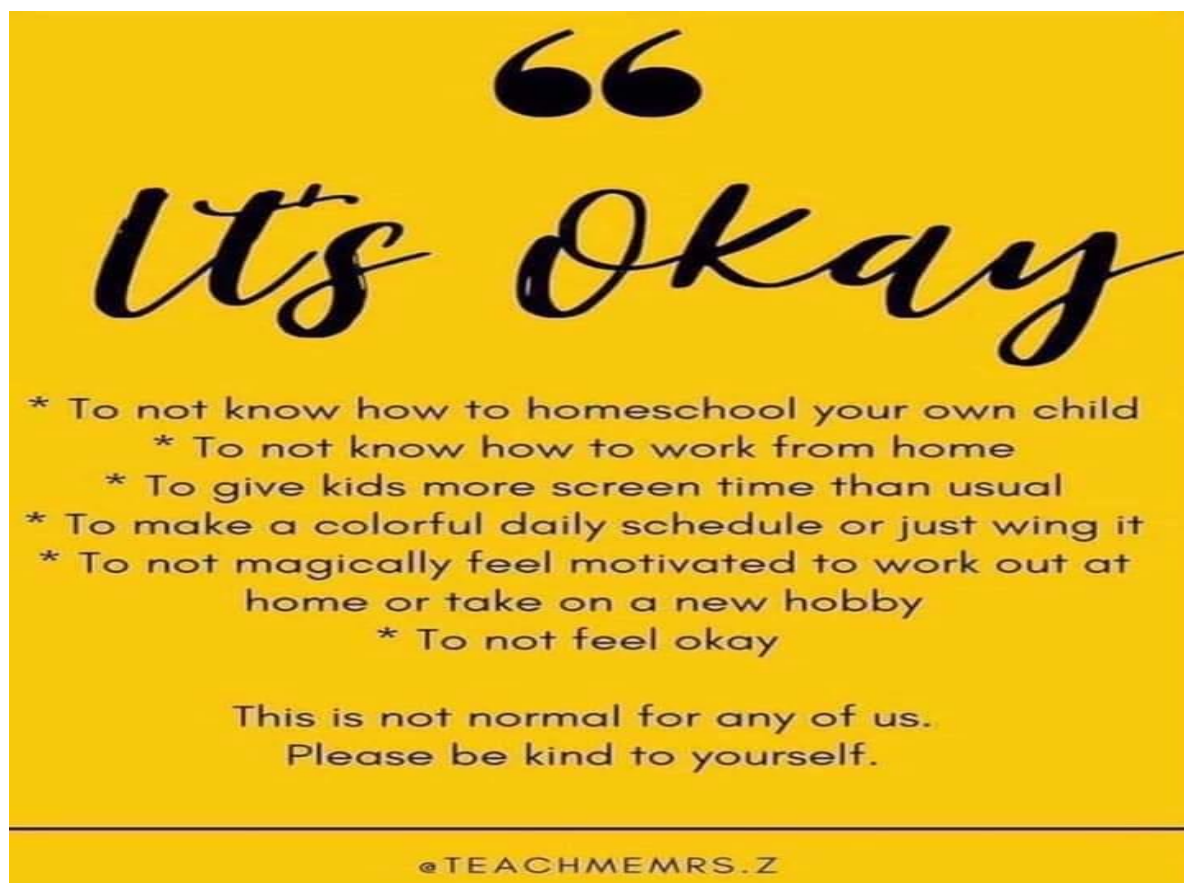
Amen



Home Schooling Challenges and our Well Being

Home Schooling and working from home is something that (in our school family) we have had to adapt to since the COVID19 Pandemic and Government Lockdown to contain the spread of the virus. At the beginning it was a novelty but as time wears on, the impact of this new way of life can be even more challenging than originally thought. That is why it is so important that we follow the following 5 STEPS to looking after our Mental Health whilst at home....

1. Connect....keep in touch with friends, family and colleagues. Use phone calls, texts or video calling apps such as facetime or whatsapp.
2. Be Active....play games with the kids, join an online yoga class or take a walk outside (keep a 2 metre distance)
3. Give....Caring for others can help our own mental health. Offer support to a friend or neighbor in isolation.
4. Keep Learning...read up on something that interests you. Read books, watch documentaries or learn a new craft.
5. Take Notice....Notice the beauty around you. Feel the sun on your skin. Listen to the birds. Breathe....



Uniform....Getting Ready for School in September!

As you are aware our Uniform is supplied by Select Kidz.

They have a shop in Spencer Road, Derry but every year they come up to our school and host a Uniform Savings Club for the last few weeks of the year. At this club you can pay in for Uniform, have your child fitted and Select Kidz staff will even bring your uniform to school at the end of June for you to collect!

This year the shop in Derry is closed at present in line with Government Lockdown guidelines.

We have a special arrangement with Select Kidz this year.....

1. You can join the Uniform Savings Club, have your child fitted at a session and then collect the uniform at the end of June
2. You can come in for a one off session, have your child fitted, pay and take your uniform away there and then
3. You can contact Select Kidz directly and arrange a fitting with staff in their store in Derry (TEL: 02871 31 33 44 or email: selectkidz1@outlook.com)
4. You can wait and visit the store yourself when retail shops reopen again hopefully in the not too distant future.

If you choose to see staff in the month of June through the school, we are respectfully asking that you email the Principal Mrs B. Wilders (bwilders592@c2kni.net) to arrange an appointment. This is so that Social Distancing Precautions can be upheld in order to guarantee the safety of everyone.

We had some appointments already in response to a text sent out and there was such joy on the faces of our little children who got fitted for a new uniform.....it was actually good therapy!!





DERRY

105 Spencer Rd

Derry

BT47 6AE

selectkidz1@outlook.com

Tel: 028 71313344

IMPORTANT NOTICE

to all our loyal customers

Thank you for shopping at Select Kidz

FIRST STAGE

We are looking at appointments in your local shop for fitting your child/children for pre-school, primary and secondary.

Please state if morning, afternoon or evening suits best - also if its Secondary fitting. Email: selectkidz1@outlook.com

SECOND STAGE

Know your sizes and collect your uniform - in and out of our shop quickly. Exchanges will be given up to 90 days from date of receipt.

EARLY BIRDS (Dates to be confirmed)

Spend: £60 - **£5 voucher** £100 - **£10 voucher** £150 - **£15 voucher**

Vouchers to be redeemed in-store only for stationary and toys only

COMING SOON

Select Kidz are going online to allow you to click and collect with a choice of delivery.

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED

Staff required for our busy schoolwear shop. Please email your details to selectkidz1@outlook.com

We have a strict Social distancing policy.
Hand Sanitizer screens and visors in place to
keep our staff and customers safe



Nursery Uniform

Our Nursery Uniform supplier is GMG LOGOS and their address is

Unit 33,

Orchard Road Industrial Estate,

Strabane BT82 9FR

Tel: 02871 886116

Email: sales@gmglogos.com

Anyone who wishes to get their child's Nursery Uniform can go to GMG LOGOS and get fitted there and then.

The staff are operating Social Distancing Procedures.



How to find our Website, School App and Social Media Platforms

Our WEBSITE will be our main area for you to connect regarding FUTURE HOME SCHOOL LEARNING WHILST IN ISOLATION.

Our website address is www.stcatherinesps.co.uk



We also put notifications on our free school app

[St Catherine's PS, Strabane](#) feel free to download to your phone!



Please like/follow us on the following technologies we would like more followers!!

Facebook page called: [StCatherines PrimarySchool](#)

We share loads of links to resources and Learning Areas on here VERY REGULARLY. We also share pupils work here!



We have a Twitter Account called : [@StCatherinesPS](#)



We have an Instagram Account also : [St Catherine's Primary School](#)



Making the Most of our Home Learning Area

www.stcatherinesps.co.uk

Our Parent Home Learning Support Area has gone live on the website since Wednesday 22nd April. We hope that you will find this useful both for yourselves and ultimately your children. Please feel free to explore the range of links here to various learning sites for ideas for Home Learning, support while Home Learning, games that can be played by and with children and some simple lesson ideas that can be taught. Not everything has to be printed off!!

In each Year Group, Staff have prepared a little plan for learning (for the next 6 weeks) in this exceptional circumstance to try to guide Home Learning in the absence of your child being at school to have it explained directly to them.

Use these resources in conjunction with the other links to websites and apps to continue with Home Learning. Remember nothing can replace the teacher or school environment so Home Learning is never going to be the same as school...this is a new way because of the emergency situation we find ourselves in. We must try to adapt to this as best as we can.

You are also not expected to use all of the resources here at all. These are only ideas and because we are all such individual learners, some of these will work for us and some will not.

Points to note;

These links to learning sites/apps can be just a different way of learning and practising some things.

Videos/podcasts can be fun to watch.

Worksheets can be downloaded, printed off and completed for practice at home only if you can however these worksheets **DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRINTED**, but can also be used as the children would use text books/ whiteboard in school to read through or copy down.

Some activities, eg wordsearches, comprehensions can be read through and answered orally rather than having to write them down or if you wish to copy down from the screen, this will give your child **HANDWRITING PRACTICE!**

There are links to PowerPoints, You-tube links and videos to help teach the topics as well.

Online educational games can be fun and can be used to help teach the topic.

When the children are working off the screen on their ipad/ laptop etc. there is no better way to develop their Computer Skills , Digital Technology Awareness, IT Skills and keyboard skills.

Practical Activity suggestions can be tried at home with an idea for learning but most of all just for fun.

Reading- keep your child reading as much as possible as this is invaluable!

Free Play and independent imaginative play is crucial especially for younger children.

Meditation links and links to our Grow in Love Spiritual Religious Programme can soothe our children and help them make sense of the world especially when they are anxious....do not be afraid to use them. This is very important for well being.

Remember you cannot do it all- you should not even attempt that. You know your child best; simply do your best together!



Looking after your mental health whilst home-schooling



TRY NOT TO STRESS - You don't have to take on the teacher's role. Focus on activities that will help stimulate the brain but also enable you and your kids to have fun in the process like reading, puzzles and arts and crafts.



ESTABLISH A ROUTINE - Studies show young people work better when they are in a routine. Why not create a simple timetable for the week? Take regular breaks and make time for exercise even from the comfort of your living room.



EAT A BALANCED DIET - This is essential for healthy brain function so try to include a variety of healthy foods in your family's diet. Get the kids involved by making a new recipe or baking some healthy treats!



GET CREATIVE - This is a great opportunity for you and your little ones to get creative. Create a poster about your favourite book, write a poem or use those extra loo roll tubes to make an art masterpiece!!



TAKE TIME FOR YOU! - Take time to look after yourself. Lead by example by eating healthily, taking part in physical exercise and relax by doing something that makes you happy.

AWARE
OVERCOMING DEPRESSION,
CHANGING LIVES.

Summer Holidays

As you are aware, school would be closed from Tuesday 30th June for the Summer Holidays. We have all had a very strange time since we last saw each other in March. We continue to hope and pray that this will pass for us all and we will return to some form of normality again after the Summer Holidays. We will continue to keep in touch with you with any necessary updates via....

1. Text Messages
2. Our NEW EMAIL SYSTEM
3. Social Media
4. Website
5. School App



In the meantime it only remains for us to say heartfelt thanks for your patience, understanding and support during what has been such an unprecedented time for us all.

Remember Better Days ARE on their way....so its now time to relax, chill and enjoy the Summer Holidays.

School is due to reopen on Tuesday 1st September but this may change due to the current situation. We will update you regarding any changes.

God bless you all,

Mrs Wilders & the Governors and Staff of St. Catherine's Nursery and Primary School



Celebrating our June Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...Happy Birthday to you...Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday....Happy Birthday to you!

Jack	Dooher	Year 3	3rd June
Denissza	Zsolnai	Year 6	3rd June
Dzsesszika	Zsolnai	Year 6	3rd June
Lucas	McCann	Year 7	4th June
Jamie	McCosker	Year 1	5th June
Cillian	McNulty	Year 3	5th June
Queenie	Roche	Year N	6th June
Cassie	Flanagan	Year 3	7th June
Leah	Deans	Year 7	9th June
Lewis	Devenney	Year 7	9th June
Ruby	McCready	Year 3	10th June
Eoin	McCrossan	Year 5	10th June
Sophie	Kildea	Year 7	12th June
Freya	Adomaitis	Year 5	13th June
Scott	Dolan	Year 5	13th June
Kalea	Kelly	Year 1	13th June
Calvin	McGurk	Year 2	13th June
Kyra	Conwell	Year N	14th June
Mikey	McCormack	Year 6	15th June
Jamie	Devlin	Year 6	16th June
Bobby	McDaid	Year 3	16th June
Oran	Brown	Year 7	17th June
Rhyllie	Parke	Year 4	17th June
Adam	McLaughlin	Year N	18th June
Charlotte	Maxwell	Year 5	21st June
Sophie	O'Neill	Year 5	21st June
Amber	Clarke	Year 4	22nd June
Ava	Gillam	Year 7	23rd June
Kacilee	Conwell	Year 7	25th June
Oisin	Hurley	Year 5	25th June
Ronan	Christy	Year 7	27th June
Conor	Walters	Year N	27th June
Jenna	Gallagher	Year 7	28th June
Kai	McLaughlin	Year 3	28th June
Oisin	Smith	Year 4	29th June
Richard	Porter	Year 6	30th June



Celebrating our July Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...Happy Birthday to you...Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday....Happy Birthday to you!

Jamie	Clarke	Year 7	2nd July
Ruby-Ellen	Doherty	Year 5	2nd July
Rhys	Gilloway	Year 5	2nd July
Heidi	Foley	Year 1	3rd July
Coran	Kelly	Year 3	4th July
Ryan	Gallagher	Year 6	5th July
Robert	Nagy	Year 6	7th July
Eoin	Strawbridge	Year 3	7th July
Chloe	Gallagher	Year 6	8th July
Shauneen	McGarrigle	Year 4	8th July
Blake	Crawford	Year 2	9th July
Emilia	Frazer	Year 1	10th July
Noah	Molloy-O'Donnell	Year 5	10th July
Jack	McManus	Year 5	12th July
Denise	Sweeney-Devin	Year N	13th July
Hannah	Carlin	Year 7	15th July
Mya	McDaid	Year 1	15th July
Aodhan	McLaughlin	Year 6	15th July
Cormac	McLaughlin	Year 3	15th July
Tiernan	Reid	Year 5	15th July
Eireann	Melaugh	Year 1	17th July
Daley	Barr	Year 2	18th July
Shannon	Brewer	Year 6	18th July
Emma	McElwee	Year 4	18th July

Patrick	McNamee	Year 7	19th July
Callum	Brennan	Year 6	20th July
Eimear	Brookes	Year N	20th July
Eabha	Kay	Year N	21st July
Matthew	Burns	Year N	22nd July
Roisin	Kelly	Year N	22nd July
Kian	Brennan	Year 2	24th July
Amy	Brewer	Year 5	24th July
Kiernan	Devine	Year N	24th July
Jayden	Diver	Year 1	25th July
Darci	Doherty	Year 3	25th July
Riagan	McCauley	Year 1	25th July
Cora	Moore	Year 1	25th July
Cian	Devine	Year 1	27th July
Thomas	Goodall	Year N	27th July
Rachel	Kelly	Year 5	27th July
Chloe	Brookes	Year 6	28th July
Brodie	McGillion-Boyle	Year 7	28th July
Ella-Rose	Wray	Year 7	29th July
Noel	Zsolnai	Year 6	31st July



Celebrating our August Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...Happy Birthday to you...Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday....Happy Birthday to you!

Lauren	Diver	Year 3	1st August
Tommy	O'Neill-Bates	Year 4	1st August
Liam	Doyle	Year N	2nd August
Niall	Dougherty	Year 7	3rd August
Carson	Duffy	Year N	6th August
Clara	Kelly	Year 2	6th August
Ava	Ward	Year 2	6th August
Lola-Grace	Barkley	Year 4	9th August
Brianne	Harper	Year 2	10th August
Finn	Ridewood-Duddy	Year 4	10th August
Maisie	Porter	Year 4	12th August
Aoibhe	Ruddy	Year 4	12th August
Alex	McLaughlin	Year N	13th August
Kyra	O'Neill	Year 3	14th August
David	Brennan	Year 3	15th August
Amber	Quinn	Year 1	15th August
Charleigh-Ann	Hegarty	Year N	16th August
Kathleen	McLoone	Year 7	17th August
Amira	McGrinder-McElhinney	Year 5	18th August
Zachary	Barr	Year 6	20th August
Carla	Brennan	Year 6	21st August
Lara	McCay	Year 4	21st August
Amber	Mohan	Year 7	21st August
Darragh	Mullen	Year 5	21st August
Martin	O'Neill	Year 1	21st August

Lucy-Marie	McGrath	Year 4	22nd August
Sophia	McLaughlin	Year 2	22nd August
Larissa	Arkinson	Year 5	23rd August
Eoghan	Duffy	Year 2	23rd August
Clianna	Farrell	Year 1	24th August
James	King	Year 5	24th August
Letecia	McGarvey-Gilloway	Year 1	24th August
Oran	McShane	Year 6	25th August
Niamh	McClay-Logue	Year 2	26th August
Martha	McLoone	Year 5	26th August
Jack	Doherty	Year N	27th August
Cormac	Murphy	Year 2	27th August
Ava	Stewart	Year 4	27th August
Fianna	Gallagher	Year 6	28th August
Max	McDermott	Year N	28th August
Connor	Crossan	Year 1	29th August
Freya	Devenney	Year 4	30th August
Scarlet	McMonagle	Year N	30th August
Darren	McCrossan	Year N	31st August





St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School

June 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. <i>Live life to the fullest, and focus on the positive.</i>	2. <i>Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart.</i>	3. <i>Believe you can and you're halfway there.</i> Nursery Graduation & Slideshow.	4. <i>Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind.</i> Year 7 Fan the Flame Mass @10am via webcam from St. Eugene's Cathedral Derry celebrated by Bishop Mc Keown.	5. <i>Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.</i> Uniform Savings Club	6.
7.	8. <i>Optimism is a happiness magnet.</i>	9. <i>Dwell on the beauty of life.</i>	10. <i>Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them.</i>	11. <i>Try to look at the good side of everything.</i> Uniform Fitting for New Year 1 Pupils	12. <i>Tough situations build strong people in the end.</i> Uniform Fitting for New Year 1 Pupils Uniform Savings Club	13. Virtual Sport's Day
14.	15. <i>Shift your energy to what you can create.</i>	16. <i>Nothing makes a person happier than having a happy heart</i>	17. <i>Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.</i>	18. <i>Find opportunities to make someone smile</i>	19. <i>Offer random acts of kindness in everyday life.</i> Uniform Savings Club	20.
21. P7 Graduation/ leavers Mass at 10am on webcam	22. <i>Positive energy knows no boundaries.</i>	23. <i>Love yourself</i>	24. <i>Enjoy every step you take.</i>	25. <i>Consider how much you are able to do.</i>	26. <i>Choose to be joyful</i> Uniform Savings Club	27.
28.	29. <i>Choose to be encouraging.</i>	30. <i>Choose to be empowering.</i>			.	

We cannot change the past but we can help shape the future.

