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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 8th January 2018

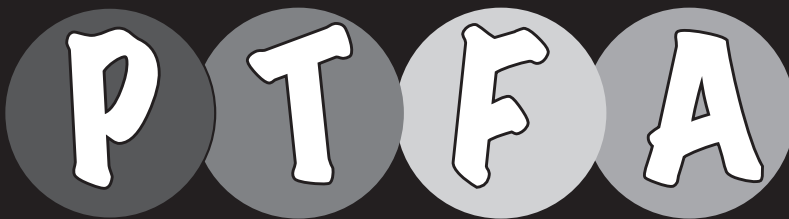
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St Catherines PS, Strabane



Parent, Teacher,
Friends Association

**Working together
for our children**

Many thanks indeed to all the members of our wonderfully hardworking PTFA for everything they have done for our wee children before Christmas and generally this year to date. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th January at 7pm in the Junior School.**

This is a particularly special meeting as there will be a Guest Speaker Mrs Maria

Herron from Parenting NI in attendance to update us re the work of Parenting NI in our areas and the various services that they can offer.

All parents from our school are welcome to attend this meeting whether they are PTFA Members or not. However our PTFA are also always looking for new recruits.... why don't you give it a try?

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU

Any ideas for future fundraising events?
Offer specialist services that can help us raise money?
Want to meet other parents and raise money?

Don't Be Shy, Get Involved



God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Strabane Feis

It's that time of year again.....we are a school that places so much emphasis on providing a variety of opportunities for our children's learning. We promote a love of learning in the classroom and beyond for all subjects, sport music and drama too! Feis promotes confidence and aptitude in Speech and Language, Drama and Music in particular. It is quite a skill to get up in front of an audience to say a poem, make a speech, sing a song or play an instrument! Regardless of what level each child can perform at, we acknowledge the effort that any child makes in order to take part in the Feis..... this is overcoming fear at such a young age and promoting a skill that will serve our children well in the future! We encourage all our children from Nursery – Year 7 to take part in the Feis events and teachers will encourage and promote this in school also!

There is a Speech Feis and a Music Feis. Speech Feis will take place from Thursday 1st March to Monday 5th March.

Music Feis will take place from Thursday 22nd March to Monday 26th.

Cost of Individual Entry to the Feis will be £1.50. The closing Date for entries to the Feis will be Friday 19th January.

Sometimes we notice that children do not enter the Feis by the closing date and then when they hear all the children rehearsing for Feis in school, they want to enter then but its too late!

We advise that children strongly consider entering by the closing date as they will be guaranteed to enjoy it and join in the fun of it with their class in the lead up to the event itself! All children who enter the Feis will get a certificate of participation from school..... regardless of the adjudicator's decision in St. Patrick's Hall!!

Speech Feis Events

Event Year Groups who can enter

Verse Speaking Girls	Nursery- Year 7
Verse Speaking Boys	Nursery – Year 7
2 Minute Speech	Year 6 & 7 Pupils only
Creative Verse	Years 5.6 and 7 Pupils only

It is to be noted that various class teachers may also enter an entire class for the Choral Poem Competitions.

Music Feis Events

Event Year Groups who can enter

Girls' Song	Nursery- Year 7
Boys' Song	Nursery – Year 7
Sacred Solo	Years 5.6 and 7 Pupils only

It is to be noted that our choirs in school may also enter competitions in the Feis under the direction of the Choir Directors.

More details will follow in the January Weekly Notes!



St. Catherine's Primary and Nursery School Grand Christmas Draw Winners



Many thanks to our PTFA who organised our Annual Grand Christmas

DRAW this year. Many thanks also to all our parents, pupils and staff who generously supported our DRAW. Below are the list of Prizes and their WINNERS! Well done to all!

Prize	Winner	Ticket Seller
1st Prize – Ipad	Maria McGillion	Brodie Mc Gillion P5a
2nd Prize – Bike (Older child)	Jack McManus	Jack McManus P3b
3rd Prize – Bike (Younger Child)	Aidan Caldwell	Jack Caldwell P4c
4th Prize – Flicker (Older Child)	Cormac Murphy	Cormac Murphy Nursery Room 2
5th Prize – Flicker (Younger Child)	Jade Harte	Harlow Coulter Harte P3b
6th Prize – Dolans(Shop) Lifford £100 Voucher	Georgina Zsolnai	Eileen Barbabas P7c
7th Prize – Christmas Food Hamper	Caroline McCrossan	Aoibheann Mc Crossan P7b
8th Prize – Tote Bag (Sweetheart Bags)	Israel J Reyes	Eoin Reyes P3b
9th Prize – Christmas Candle & Stand (Memory Candles)	Ellie Gallagher	Ellie Gallagher P6b
10th Prize – Men's Tie and Socks (Raymond Kirk Menswear)	Maisie Porter	Maisie Porter P2b
11th Prize – Sweet Hamper	Ali Faoli	Ayesha Moore P7a
12th Prize - Sweet Hamper	Sadie Porter	Ollie Wray Nursery Room 1
13th Prize – Homemade Christmas Cake (Mrs C.Mc Garrigle)	Calum Coyle	Calum Coyle P2a
14th Prize – Bottle of Vodka	D Coyle	Daire Coyle P6c
15th Prize – Bottle of Wine	Clayton Tracey Clift	Lexie Clift P4c
16th Prize – Tin of Sweets	Ann Connolly	Isla Goodall P2c



STARTING SCHOOL 2018 INFORMATION ALERT

Have you applied for your child's place in either Nursery or Year 1? The closing date for the forms is this Wednesday 10th January NO LATER THAN 12 NOON.

Nurse Health Checks for Year 1 Pupils

The School Nurse will be in school this Thursday 11th January and Friday 12th January to carry out Year 1 Health Checks.



COMMUNITY NOTICE

GAA have informed us that they are beginning their Gaelic Start Programme again in Melvin Hall every Tuesday Night from 7pm-8pm for Year 1 and 2 Pupils. This programme is completely FREE of charge. The programme begins this Tuesday 9th January. All welcome. Prior Registration is not necessary.



Post Primary School Open Days

Post Primary Schools will have various Open Days coming up so that Year 7 Pupils and their parents can tour the school to get a flavour of what the school would be like to attend as a Year 8 Pupil in September 2018! It's so hard to believe that our Year 7 Pupils are at that stage already!

The following are the dates of Open Days in our two local Post Primary Schools. We will let you know more information as we know it!

Meetings with the Principal to indicate choices of schools will be planned for at the end of the month. You will receive a letter from the Principal inviting you to attend to indicate your school preference for your Year 7 Child next year. I look forward to meeting with you!

Holy Cross College

Saturday 20th January 2018 from 10am-12Noon and 1pm-3pm

Strabane Academy

Thursday 25th January on the Junior Campus (Derry Road) at 7pm.

Year 7 Flight Programme

Every Year as part of the Extended Schools Cluster Programme we take our Year 7 Pupils on a flight with FLYBE. This flight is part of their curriculum education studies on Flight which they complete in school. We are very fortunate, that in the face of current cutbacks, we are still able to offer this trip to our Year 7 Pupils this year again.

The Flight will take place on Tuesday 23rd January. Children will fly on a short flight around NI and then they will also

visit W5 on the same day. (More Details will follow re this trip.....regarding times etc) from the Class Teachers.

In order to assist with funding we ask that all children in Year 7 Make a Voluntary Contribution of £10 towards the cost of this wonderful trip.

If you would like your child to avail of this fabulous trip, please sign the attached permission form and send your child's £10 contribution to your child's teacher by Wednesday 17th January. Many thanks!



Year 4 Do This in Memory Programme

The next mass for pupils and parents of our Year 4 Pupils as part of the Do This in Memory Programme will take place on Sunday 14th January at 10am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Milk Money

Milk Money from 8th January until Easter is £10. This money is now due. Payment should be made on or before Thursday 11th January so that accurate orders can be given to the Dairy. Thank you!

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

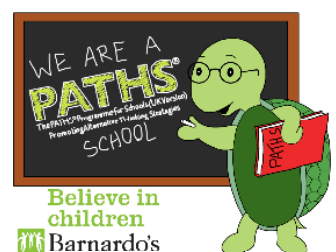


PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's

(Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month - January

Our feelings are as much a part of us as our hands, feet or hair. Feelings, while on the inside, often show on the outside. All people have feelings. Keep your eyes open today and look out for feelings





January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Year 1 Health Check Milk Money Due	12 Year 1 Health Check	13
14 Year 4 "Do This In Memory" 10am	15	16	17	18 PTFA Meeting 7.00pm	19 Holy Cross Open Day 10am-12Noon and 1pm-3pm	20
21	22	23 Year 7 Flight Programme	24	25 Strabane Academy Open Day Junior Campus (Derry Road) 7pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Year 7 Flight Trip to Belfast

I allow/ do not allow my Year 7 Child to go on the Year 7 Flight Trip.
I understand that this trip will take place on Tuesday 23rd January
and will involve a Bus Journey to Belfast City Airport to board a
FLYBE Plane for a short Flight around NI. Then my child will visit
W5 Museum on this day also.

I enclose £10 Contribution towards the cost of this trip.

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____