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**WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 19th February 2018** Check us out on our website: www.stcatherinesps.co.uk

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Many thanks to Miss Doherty (ICT Coordinator) and Mr Bellew (ICT Technician) for coordinating our Safer Internet Day in School. Internet although a very powerful educating tool can be a danger for some vulnerable pupils and even adults. Raising Safety Awareness of the appropriate and kind use of the Internet has become paramount for the way forward.

To this end we are delighted that pupils and parents are more aware of this. Every child saw a powerpoint presentation highlighting the importance of being kind to each other and staying safe on the internet.

Every child also designed a poster to reflect the messages of Safer Internet Day. The winners in each class are listed below. Every winner received a customised Mouse Mat and every child in the school received a Safer Internet Day Book Mark .....just for participating! Well done to all!

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

# Celebrating Chinese New Year 2018 Year of the Dog



As you are aware every pupil in our school studies a little bit of Chinese Language and Culture in St. Catherine's from Year 1 to Year 7. Last year our Year 7 Pupils not only studied a little of the language and culture but also managed to successfully complete a little examination called YCT 1. We were totally amazed by them as this was their first time ever to study Chinese. We take this opportunity to congratulate them for their openness to a different language, culture and for their diversity! We are very proud indeed.

This year our Chinese Tutors are called Songrui Zhu (Junior School) Chen Yi ( Senior School).

Our tutors are very hard working and

provide brilliant opportunities for our pupils! We also thank South West College Omagh who have provided the Chinese Tuition in school. In order to celebrate our achievements, Year 6 and 7 pupils will be hosting a little Chinese Celebration on Monday 26th February in the Senior School on Monday 26th Fenruary at 10am.

Last year's Year 7 Pupils who sat YCT 1 are invited back to receive their certificates and parents our our current Year 6 and 7 Pupils are also invited to come along to celebrate our studies. If you happen to be free please come along with us to celebrate.

If you can attend, please sign the attached slip so that we can plan for numbers attending!

#### **Year 6 and 7 After School Booster Clubs**

After School Booster Clubs for Year 6 and 7 pupils will begin next TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY. All Year 6 and 7 Pupils who have signed up for the clubs will receive a note this week informing them of the time of the club, the venue and the name of their tutor.

## St Catherine's First Ever Crazy Hair Day



St. Catherine's Pupil Council were truly delighted with the outcome of our First Ever Crazy Hair Day Event.

The designs were simply out of this world. Sincere thanks to all our pupils and

their devoted parents/ families for all the effort that you put into making this a very special event indeed!

The Student Council of our school raised £338. Well done to all!



### **Year 7 Confirmation Preparation**

The second Mass in preparation for Confirmation for Year 7 Pupils is called "Moved by the Spirit" and will be celebrated on Sunday 25th February at 10am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, We look forward to seeing all our Year 7 Pupils and their families there!



St Catherine's Junior Site
Monday 26th Feb @ 1pm-3pm

Want to come along? Text Clare on 078 2539 2136



## Familes Together

## Workshops

STRABANE FEB - MAR 2018



TUESDAY 20TH FEB 10 AM - 12 NOON

Support with Budgeting

@ Sion Mills Primary School

THURSDAY 22ND FEB 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

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MONDAY 26TH FEB 1 PM - 3 PM

Support with Budgeting

@ St Catherine's Junior Site

TUESDAY 27TH FEB 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Mental Health Awareness

@ Sion Mills Primary School



MONDAY 12TH MAR 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Spring Craft Workshop

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TUESDAY 20TH MAR 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Spring Craft Workshop

@ Sion Mills Primary School

THURSDAY 22ND FEB 3 PM - 4:30 PM

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To come along to any of these workshops or for more information, text Clare on 078 2539 2136 or visit our website

parentingni.org

# Strabane Family Centre

In association with MindWise & Aware

Supporting Children with Anxiety Workshop for Parents

Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> 201 8 10.00am – 12 noon Unit 45 Orchard Road Industrial Estate



Please contact Mustapha on 028 71 382658 or on mustapha.benhassine@barnardos.org.uk to book your place... This workshop is open to all parents with children up to 12yrs of age & not restricted by Strabane Sure Start Wards

# 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.

## 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.







# Chinese Language and Culture Celebration Parents of Year 6 and 7 Pupils

I can/ cannot attend the Chinese Language and Culture Celebration in St Catherine's Senior School Assembly Hall on Monday 26th February at 10am

Signed:
Parent/Gaurdian of:
Class:
Teacher: