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Monthly Note: Monday 6th June 2022

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

BREAKING NEWS:

ECO FLAG AWARD for St. Catherine's for the SECOND TIME!!

Heartfelt congratulations to our whole school pupils, staff, Governors ably directed by the School ECO TEAM led by Miss C. Hutton (World Around Us Leader) and assisted by Ms K. Carlin . We are truly delighted to win this award yet again and this is testimony to the fabulous hard work and effort of the whole school community with a strong focus on ECO Education! Congratulations to all! Some staff and pupils will attend the awards ceremony in the Foyle Arena on Tuesday 21st June. We will keep you updated!



More Success for the ECO Department of St. Catherine's !!

We have been awarded an unbelievable £7631.58 Grant from the Live here, Love here School Pollinator Garden Grant Scheme. We are totally delighted with this and will work hard to put this grant allocation to good use for the education of our little pupils in school! Heartfelt thanks to Ms Carlin for making the application and to Miss Hutton (World Around Us Leader) for all the hard work and effort in leading and directing the direction of Eco Education in school. Great opportunities ahead for our pupils!



What's it all about?

It's all about cleaner streets and more green space!

LIVE HERE LOVE HERE wants everyone to get involved in making their space a really special place.

You're the person who can see what needs to be done in your area, whether it's a problem with dog fouling or a neglected area that could be put to good use.

So we're looking for your ideas – and commitment – to doing the little things that make a big difference.

Doing something costs nothing – you may even be eligible for a grant!

And of course it can be fun – getting together with friends and neighbours is the best way to make your neighbourhood nicer.



School Pollinator Garden Grant Scheme

APPLICATIONS ARE CLOSED

2022

Group	Project name	PDF	Application start date	Status
1 St Catherine's Primary School	To provide a creative outdoor learning environment and increase biodiversity in our school.	view pdf	Thu Apr 7th 2022	OFFER MADE £7,631.58



Prayer of the Month for June

Dear God

Thank you for my year at school.
Thank you for all the friends I have made.

Thankyou for the memories that live in my heart.

Thank you for helping me to learn new things.

I am grateful God for today and for what is to come. Help me to always follow in the footsteps of your son Jesus.

Amen



Exciting news Parents....

If you would like a little chance to take part in a fun activity just for YOU!

Treat yourself to a little hour of ZUMBA with Diane, every Thursday evening from 7pm to 8pm. Everyone welcome! Last night for this term will be Thursday 23rd June.

THANKS
for helping me
grow and learn!



Zumba with Diane



ZUMBA[®]
FITNESS IS
HERE!

Every Thursday
7-8pm

Pm Zumba with Diane
for details
07921523679

Starts
12th May

All Levels Welcome

St Catherine's Ps Junior Site

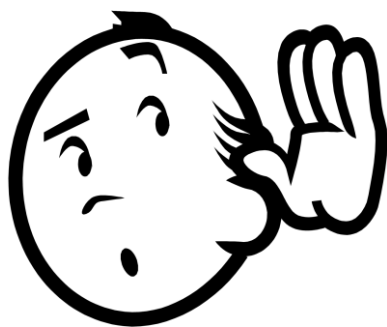
PATHS Quote of the Month

June

We are delighted that our school is a PATHS Model School and that PATHS is taught in all classes from Nursery right through to Primary 7. The PATHS programme involves lots of fun activities dealing with important issues such as Feelings, Behaviours, Solving Problems, Making Friends and Self-Esteem. It links directly with our Personal Development and Mutual Understanding curriculum and aims to help children develop the fundamental skills needed for life. From time to time your child will have fun home activities to complete relating to the programme. Get involved! Ask your child in the coming weeks about our fantastic PATHS programme and help prepare them with the essential skills they need for their life ahead. There will be an inspirational PATHS quote each month in our newsletter highlighting key PATHS ideas.

Check out June's quote...

Listening is one of the loudest forms of kindness. Listen and silent are spelt with the same letters, think about that. Being a good listener means being able to be quiet and taking time to understand what the other person is saying. When you really listen to someone you can help them; especially if they have a problem, if they are worried or sad. Sometimes a good listener is all they need to feel better.



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Free School Meals/ School Uniform Allowance Update for 2022-2023

ALL APPLICATIONS for Free School Meals / Uniform allowance MUST be made ONLINE this year through the EA Website. Due to the amount of applications and the time it takes to process applications, parents are strongly encouraged to apply online during the month of JUNE to ensure applications are processed in time. If you have received this allowance in the past, you STILL MUST MAKE A NEW ONLINE APPLICATION this year. It will not be automatically renewed. There will be NO PAPER APPLICATIONS. Website address is

www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals



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Year 7 Leavers Mass in the Church

We will have a very special Leavers Mass for our fabulous Year 7 in the Church on the date below.

Monday 27th June at 1.15pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

As this mass is taking place in the church, Fr Boland has agreed that the pupils in each class can have a **MAXIMUM** of two Parents/ Carers present with them on this special day.

Further information will follow in a letter to each child. We look forward to this special occasion for our Year 7 Pupils.



Nursery Graduations

Nursery Graduations will take place this year in school.

Unlike last year we can now invite **TWO** Family Members to attend the Graduation in the Senior School Assembly Hall! We are delighted!

Photos of the children in their little graduation gowns will also be available to purchase if you wish to. We hope that you understand and can support us in this matter.

Mrs Porter's Class: Wednesday 8th June @10am

Mrs Mc Corkell's Class: Thursday 9th June @10am



End of Year School Reports

We will be issuing school reports to every parent about their child's progress this year.

Reports will be posted out to every parent in the last week of June. (More details to follow)

Please ensure that we have the correct home address on file for you so that you receive this very important information. We will also issue a letter to explain details about the report and inform you of your child's teacher next year!



Sports Days

This year we have experienced some challenges with the very unpredictable weather. We would just like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your patience and understanding throughout this challenging time.

Mrs S.O'Kane (PE/ Health and Safety Leader) and Miss Doherty have scheduled and rescheduled Sports on several occasions and we continue to do so. Hopefully we will get all year groups carried out soon!



Nursery and Year 1 Induction for Pupils who will start in September 2022!

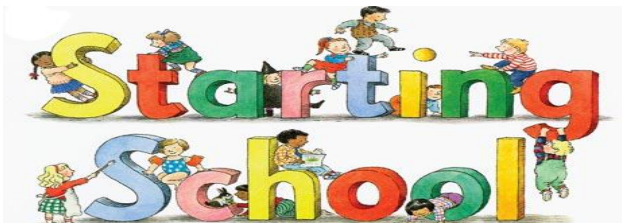
We simply cannot wait to meet our little pupils who will be starting in Nursery and Year 1 in September 2022.

You should have received a letter with your appointment date/ time on it inviting you to come in to school to meet staff and see the classroom.

If you do not receive a letter by Wednesday 8th June please ring the school to find out your child's Induction Date and Time.

In the meantime, you might like to have a little look at the links below to see a Nursery Welcome video on our website for New Nursery Pupils and their families and also a Year 1 Welcome video for New Year 1 Pupils and their families.

Sending a Heartfelt Welcome to you all!



Nursery Welcome Video Link: Just click below

<https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/admissions/open-day-films/nursery-421/>

Year 1 Welcome Video Link: Just click below

<https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/admissions/open-day-films/primary-1/>



Uniform Savings Club

As you know, our Uniform Supplier is SELECT KIDZ who are based in Derry. They have asked us to remind parents know that they have premises at 105 Spencer Road, Derry BT47 6AE.

The staff from Select Kidz will be running a Uniform Savings Club again this year in St Catherine's for any parent who would like to join. Parents report to us every year that they like the idea of saving for the uniforms and for getting the chance to fit children with items in the school. This year more than ever, costs are rising. Fuel costs are rising, shopping costs etc. This is a very good chance for everyone to consider enrolling in the Uniform Savings Club to help ease any pressure of Uniform Costs going forward.

To this end, Staff from SELECT KIDZ will visit our school on the following dates to run the Uniform Savings Club:

Friday 10th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thursday 16th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thursday 23rd June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thursday 30th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL.

(Thursday 30th June is the LAST DAY And ALL UNIFORMS SHOULD BE PAID FOR/ COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.)

***** Select Kidz will also offering a variety of Summer Deals on Uniform Packages this year. Do not hesitate to ask staff who will be only too happy to help ******

NEW YEAR 1 PUPILS are invited to the Uniform Club with a parent on Friday 10th June (9.30am-10.30am) if they wish to get a fitting for their New Year 1 Uniform....exciting times!



End of School Year Trips are back!!

Every year our children enjoy their End of Year Trip with their classmates and their teacher and staff. Due to Covid we have been unable to facilitate this for the past two years however this is the first year that we can go ahead since Covid began and we are so excited! The details are given below.

Year Group	Day	Date	Venue
1 & 2	Thursday	23 rd June	Lesiureland Redcastle, Molville
3	Wednesday	22 nd June	Brunswick, Derry
4	Tuesday	21 st June	Brunswick, Derry
5 & 6	Monday	20 th June	Brunswick, Derry
7	Friday	24 th June	W5 Belfast

Year 1 and 2 pupils will enjoy all the rides free at Leisureland and a meal as well as the cost of the bus.....a great day out!

Year 3 pupils will enjoy a fab play session in Bananas, a movie in the Cinema and a meal.....fun fun fun!!

Year 4-6 pupils will enjoy a game of bowls, a movie in the Cinema and a meal.....great craic for our older pupils!!

Year 7 pupils will enjoy a visit to W5 in Belfast.... A special trip planned for our Leavers this year!

The cost of the trip for each child is £15. (School will subsidise the additional cost of buses this year due to fuel cost increase in order to keep the price down as far as possible for our families.) This includes all the activities mentioned above. If you would like to book a place for your child on their class trip please sign the attached booking form and send the fee to their class teacher by MONDAY 13th JUNE .

Request from World Around Us **(Outdoor Learning Department)**



(Message from Miss Hutton; World Around Us Leader)

We are on the hunt for some construction resources for our children to “build” with as part of our Outdoor Learning Programme. Do you have any of the following items at home that you could donate to us?

- Large spools
- Tyres
- Bread/ milk crates
- Guttering
- Hoses
- Plastic piping
- Cable drums
- Logs / tree stumps

If you could help in any way please contact Miss C Hutton by emailing chutton763@c2kni.net or speak to any of the Year 1 / 2 teachers .

Thanks so much!

(Please see some photos on the next page as examples of what we need)



Uniform Recycling

We have Uniform Recycling Bins at the front of each school site. If anyone has any unwanted / outgrown items of St. Catherine's Uniforms that they would like to donate please place the items in the BLUE Uniform Recycling Bin at the front of each site.

Many thanks in advance for your kindness.



General Clothing Recycling

We have a large General Clothing Recycling Bank at the front of the Senior School Site on the left hand side of the walk way to Nursery. All items of clothing, bedlinen, curtains, fabric etc can be placed in this bin. It is emptied regularly by the Recyclers and any money raised goes towards school funds. You can help our school funds and become even more Eco Friendly by using this facility. Thank you in advance for any support that you can give.





Latest News:

Meet the PTFA Committee of our School. Heartfelt thanks to all parents for contributing in any way to fundraising for our school to get extra resources for each and every child in order to further their education but special thanks to our committee members who work tirelessly for every child in our school.



Join our PTFA....we need YOUR HELP!

Please read below a testimony from one of our members.....

Before becoming a PTFA member, I will be the first to admit, I didn't realise the work that goes on behind the scenes to throw a school disco, to organise a visit from the Easter Bunny or to make sure Santa squeezes a journey to St Catherine's into his busy schedule in time for Christmas. I used to think a lot of it involved fundraising, and of course it does involve that but there is so much more to it. The meetings help connect you with other parents and with the school, you get to put your ideas forward and have your voice be heard. The part that has surprised me most is how rewarding it is, to see your child's face light up because you are volunteering in their school. The PTFA is always open to recruiting new members. The more the merrier so why not come along to the next PTFA meeting. (Maria Mc Grath)



Meet the Officers:



Mrs Noeleen Mc Crossan
(Treasurer)



Ms Maria Mc Grath
(Secretary)



Mrs Berni Allen
(Vice Chairperson)



Mrs Bridget Wilders
(Chairperson)



Save the date :

Next meeting :

**Wednesday 15th June at
6.30pm in the Junior School.**

Everyone
IS
WELCOME

A vibrant, abstract background of colorful powder in shades of orange, red, pink, and purple. The text 'Everyone IS WELCOME' is centered over this background. 'Everyone' is in a white, elegant script font, 'IS' is in a small, white, sans-serif font, and 'WELCOME' is in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

Community Support Notice

If your family or any family that you know needs any emergency help in January

Help can be sought by contacting the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

The helpline number is 02871 384488.

When the helpline number is rung; please leave the name, address and telephone number in a message seeking help and the type of assistance needed. (For example food vouchers, oil vouchers etc).

† St. Vincent de Paul



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Quarry Safety Campaign

“Stay Safe Stay Out”

We are appealing to you to help us pass on this important message to young people in your care - “STAY SAFE... STAY OUT” - so that they heed this warning that quarries (working or disused) are not fun places and that by trespassing they place 2 both their own and their friends lives at risk. Fencing and warning signs are there to protect them, please do not ignore them.

The potential hazards that people expose themselves to are:

- Swimming in quarry lakes that can have very cold water even on a hot day in the middle of summer. Strong swimmers have drowned in quarries due to the unexpected impact that the extreme cold has had on their bodies.
- The water in quarry lakes can be very deep and shelving, exit from the water may only be possible in a few places, there may be pumps working or currents that can drag you under the water.
- There can be concealed underwater obstructions and other hazards that can seriously injure swimmers or individuals jumping into the water – tombstoning into quarry lakes is not safe.
- Tunnelling into piles of sand or playing on stockpiles exposes you to the risk of sudden collapses or movements that can easily bury you.
- Walking near the edge of quarry faces exposes you to the risk of serious falls as the edges can be unstable and collapse unexpectedly or sheer faces be obstructed by vegetation.
- Climbing or walking near rock faces can expose you to the risk of rock falls.
- Surfaces in quarries that may look solid, such as the surface of a silt pond, can suddenly break and act like quick sand sucking you down.
- Trail and quad biking in a quarry expose riders to risks from unstable terrain, unexpected obstructions and being hit by moving plant.
- Young people on bikes or on foot may not be visible to operators of large machinery, they may not appreciate that the driver cannot see them.
- Quarries can often be located in remote sites where mobile reception is poor and there is no one on hand to help in the event of an accident





St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School

June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. Sports day: Weather dependent am – P4B, P4A, pm – P5A, P5B Nursery Big Toddle Learning Centre Trip to ASpace.	2. Bank Holiday; School Closed	3. Bank Holiday; School Closed	4.
5.	6. Sports Day: Weather dependent am – NR1, NR2 pm – P7A, P7B	7. Sports day: Weather dependent am – P3A, P3B, P6C pm – P6A, P6B P7 Technology Workshops: 9am – 10.30am P7A 1.30pm -3.00pm P7B	8. Nursery Room 1 Graduation @ 10am Sports Day : Weather dependent am – P1B, P1A, LSC, P2A, pm – P2B	9. Nursery Room 2 Graduation @ 10am Year 7 Fan the Flame Mass, Derry @ 11am	10. Uniform Savings Club & Year 1 Fitting: 9.30am – 10.30am Nursery Induction Group 1 (pm) Year 1 Induction Group 1 (pm)	11.
12.	13. Year 7 YCT1 Chinese Assessment.	14. Year 7A visit to Strabane Academy Technology Workshops. 9am – 10.30am.	15.	16. 10am. Year 1A Grow in Love Assembly 7pm – 8pm: Zumba Training Junior Site	17. 10am. Year 1B Grow in Love Assembly Nursery Induction Group 2 (pm) Year 1 Induction Group 2 (pm) Uniform Savings Club 9.30am – 10.30am	18.
19. End of Year Reports will be posted this week.	20. Year 5 & Year 6 End of Year Trip to Brunswick.	21. Year 4 End of Year Trip to Brunswick. Year 7B visit to Strabane Academy Technology Workshops. 9am – 10.30am.	22. Year 3 End of Year Trip to Brunswick.	23. Uniform Savings Club 9.30am – 10.30am Years 1 & 2 and Learning Class End of Year Trip to Redcastle. KS2 Prize Giving in Senior Site @ 1.30pm 7pm –8pm:Zumba Training Junior Site	24. Year 7 End of Year Trip to W5, Belfast.	25.
26.	27.Year 7 End of Year Mass & Graduation in Church of the Immaculate Conception @1.15pm	28. Harry Potter Whole School Celebration & Awards (am)	29. Harry Potter House Winners trip to Eclipse Cinema.	30. Uniform Savings Club Collection Day 9.30am – 10.30am		

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



New Menu available after Easter Holidays – EFFECTIVE Week Commencing 25th April 2022

Summer Menu 2022

**school
food**

try something new today

www.schoolfoodni.com

**Bread, salad, fruit,
yoghurt, milk and water
are available daily.**

**If you require any additional
information on allergens or
special diet please contact
the school in the first
instance**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 25/04/2022 23/05/2022 20/06/2022	Spaghetti Bolognaise Savoury Pizza Diced Carrots / Gravy Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Shortbread Biscuit Fruit & Custard (H)	Chicken Curry & Rice Naan Bread Oven Baked Fish Mashed & Baked Potatoes Peas & Sweetcorn Fruit Sponge Fruit & Custard (RMF)	Baked Gammon Stuffing & Gravy Dry Oven Roast /Mashed Potatoes Cabbage / Carrots Artic Roll Fruit Salad (H)	Oven Baked Sausages Chicken & Pasta Bake Baked Beans / Broccoli Mashed & Baked Potatoes Gravy Fruit Queen Cake Fruit Juice (RMF)	H/M Beef Burger & Bap Chicken Nuggets Baby Boiled Potatoes / Chips Mixed Vegetables Chocolate Sponge Fruit & Custard
Week Two 02/05/2022 30/05/2022 27/06/2022	Cottage Pie Oven Baked Fish Diced Carrots / Gravy Mashed / Baked Potatoes Fruit Muffins / Fruit Custard	H/M Beef Burger Chicken Curry & Rice Naan Bread Broccoli / Gravy Mashed & Baby Potatoes Apple Sponge & Custard (H)	Roast Meat Stuffing & Gravy Dry Oven Roast Mashed Potatoes Baton Carrots / Cabbage Flakemeal Biscuit / Fruit Custard	Hot Dog Pasta Bake Peas Mashed / Herb Diced Potatoes Date Cookies / Fruit Custard (RMF)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza H/M Chicken Goujons Mashed Potatoes / Chips Baked Beans / Mixed Vegetables Ice - cream Tubs Fruit
Week Three 09/05/2022 06/06/2022 05/09/2022	Salmon Fish Cakes or Fish Fingers Chicken Tika & Rice Naan Bread / Peas Mashed & Baby Boiled Potatoes Fruit Muffins Fruit & Custard (RMF)	Oven Baked Sausages Beef Lasagne Mashed / Baked Potatoes Baked Beans / Broccoli Gravy Wholemeal Shortbread Biscuits Fruit & Custard	Roast Chicken / Turkey Stuffing & Gravy Dry Oven Roast / Mashed Potatoes Cabbage / Carrots / Gravy Fruit Jelly Fruit & Custard (RMF) (H)	Hot Chicken Baguettes Beef Burger & Bap Mashed & Herb Diced Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Ice-cream & Fruit Chocolate sauce (H)	Stuffed Bacon Rolls Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mashed Potatoes / Chips Sweetcorn / Gravy Rice Pudding Fruit / Frozen Mousse
Week Four 16/05/2022 13/06/2022 Sep-22	Oven Baked Fish Chicken Curry & Rice Naan Bread / Peas Mashed / Baked Potatoes Frozen Yoghurt Fruit (RMF)	Cottage Pie Chicken Goujons Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans / Broccoli Gravy Flakemeal Biscuit / Fruit Custard	Roast Meat Stuffing & Gravy Dry Oven Roast Mashed Potatoes Turnips / Carrots Fruit Crumble / Fruit Custard (H)	Lasagne Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mashed & Herb Diced Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Orange Cookies / Fruit Custard (H)	Chicken Tika Wraps Oven Baked Sausages Baby Boiled Potatoes / Chips Peas & Sweetcorn Decorated Sponge / Fruit Custard (RMF)

try something new today