

St. Catherine's Primary School

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Monthly Note: Monday 7th November 2022

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

A Trip to see the Millennium Forum Christmas Panto!!

Should we go?????Oh yes we should!!!

Every year we have always visited the Millennium Forum to see the Christmas Panto; it has been part of our tradition of preparation for Christmas! This year again, we have booked to take all our little PRIMARY SCHOOL Pupils to see the Christmas Panto.

This year's Panto is Cinderella at the Millennium Forum starring Conal Gallen as Buttons. Fun, frolics and laughter abound in this wonderful take on the traditional tale.

With hilarious comedy, breath-taking special effects, a cast of talented performers and all the joy of Christmas 2022.....

**all the pupils of St. Catherine's Primary School
SHALL GO TO THE BALL!**

Dates are as follows:

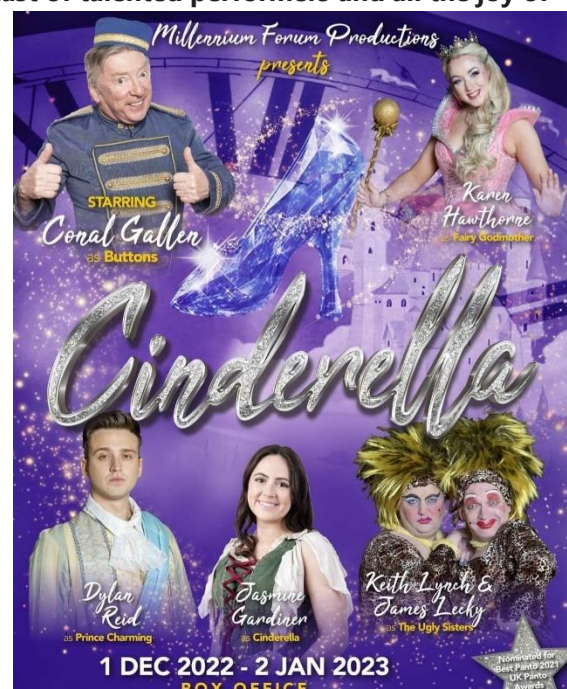
Years 5-7: Monday 12th December

Years 1-4: Tuesday 15th December

Normally the total cost of the trip is approximately £12....
but this year we have been dedicating any fundraising
to the cost of this trip so that every child can go and go for
FREE as all money will have been raised through fundraising
activities.

We are aware of the challenging times that we are all living in
and thought that this would be a lovely
Christmas Idea for each and every child.

A note will be sent out shortly to each class
for Parents to sign to give their consent for their child
to go to the panto this year.



Prayer of the Month November

*During November we remember
and pray for the dead*

Eternal Rest

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O
Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May the souls
of the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's

(Promoting Alternative Thinking
Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month November

Refuse to fight! People fight
with words as well as with their
hands. Walk away when you
are teased or someone dares you
to do something you know is
wrong. Find an adult to help
you solve your problem. Refuse
to fight!!



Talk Money Week

Talk Money Week takes place Week Commencing Monday 7th

November. Key Stage 2 pupils will be very busy this week completing some Financial Capability Lessons as part of their Maths and Numeracy Education. It has never been a more important time to educate our little children regarding the sensible use of money and developing financial awareness.



Talk Money, Talk Solutions

Financial education through numeracy and practical tasks

Internet Safety Education

Workshops for Key Stage 2 Pupils (Years 5-7)

Every year we host specialised Internet Safety Education Workshops for our Year 5-7 Pupils to upskill them in how to make most use of the Internet but in a safe and appropriate way.

Workshops will be facilitated by ALLSTATE and REIM SOLUTIONS.

The following dates below are for each year group;

Year 5: Tuesday 15th November

Year 6: Wednesday 16th November



Health Visitor Visit to our Nursery Pupils

Our Health Visitor (Ms Lisa O'Brien) will be in school on the following dates to see our little Nursery Pupils for their Pre School Health Checks. These will take place with parental consent and in the presence of parents in the Senior School Canteen on prescheduled appointments on....

Monday 7th November

Tuesday 8th November

Friday 11th November

Wednesday 16th November

We welcome our Health Visitor and parents for these very important pre school health checks!



Anti Bullying Week

(Week commencing Monday 14th November)

This year's Theme : Reach Out

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out. Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach. And it doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities. It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.

All children will complete various activities in school linked to this theme for Anti Bullying week. We hope that our little children enjoy this work and gain something important from it.



Confirmation Dates

Fr Boland will celebrate Confirmation with our Year 7 Pupils this year. Dates are as follows:

Year 7 A (Mrs Deery's Class) : Saturday 11th March at 11am

Year 7 C (Miss Kerr's Class) : Saturday 11th March at 2pm

Year 7 B (Miss Keyes' Class) : Saturday 25th March at 2pm

More details will follow closer to the time.



First Holy Communion Dates

Fr Boland will celebrate First Holy Communion with our Year 4 Pupils this year. Dates are as follows:

Year 4 A (Ms Carlin's Class) : Saturday 22nd April at 11am

Year 4 B (Mrs Connolly's Class) : Saturday 22nd April at 2pm

More details will follow closer to the time.



ATTENTION ALL PRIMARY 5 CHILDREN

Shoeboxes will be collected soon. Please leave them into school as soon as they are ready so that they arrive on time to the children that they are being sent to. This is an extremely worthy appeal and lights up so many lives around the world at Christmas and never more needed than this year. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause.

FILL THEM WITH



Action Cancer Red Day

Year 4 and Year 7 are participating in Action Cancer workshops this week. These workshops promote the importance of physical activity, healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. These workshops are facilitated by the charity, Action Cancer for free and we are very lucky to avail of these services. To give a little back to Action Cancer and in appreciation of their services, Year 4 and Year 7 will be having a Red Day on Friday 11th November. This will give the children an opportunity to wear a red piece of clothing or have red accessories on to school for a small fee of £1. This small donation will help such an amazing charity to fund health check-up services and educational workshops in our local community and surrounding areas.

Many thanks,

Mrs S.O'Kane

(Health and Safety Leader)



Book Week Thanks!

We had a fabulous Book Week from Monday 10th October to Friday 14th October in St Catherine's!

Book Character Day (as always was also a brilliant experience shared by all our little children in school. We saw many Nursery Rhyme, Fairytale and Novel Characters in school.

Heartfelt thanks to our parents for supporting Book Week in School. Our little children get so much out of it as it promotes an awareness of Literacy, Reading and Books and helps encourage good reading habits and an overall love of learning! Parents, as always, support this by preparing children so well for Book Character Day and also by allowing children to purchase a story/ novel / non fiction book from the Book Fair. This year our Book Fair totalled £ 2348.27 of which we are allowed a percentage commission of this to buy more books for our little children....so thank you so much!

Thanks also to all staff for facilitating Book Week and ensuring that the teaching and learning is centred around this very important theme. We had a focus on book/ nursery rhyme/ fairytale characters; their costumes, speeches about them, art work depicting them, dramatizing them, reading activities and much more!

Special thanks also to Mrs Connolly (Language and Literacy Leader) for organising all events in school providing an amazing literary experience for our little pupils.

Encouraging School Attendance!

We are delighted that we have no further challenges to our little children attending face to face teaching and learning in school like we suffered during Covid. To this end, we ask for parents support by encouraging school attendance every day. We understand that from time to time a child may be ill and if this happens please email the teacher or ring the school so that the correct absence code can be recorded for your child to explain the absence. Our school policy aims for at least 90% school attendance for every child. Help us to achieve this. To this end we will be giving out termly BREAKFAST CLUB VOUCHERS for any child who achieves 90% and more attendance. (Previously we gave for 100% but in order to support and encourage our children trying so hard we will give these vouchers now for any child who achieves between 90-100%). Thank you for your continued support!



Introducing Debutots!

We are simply delighted to share that we are introducing a new and exciting programme within our school called "Debutots". This programme is designed to offer interactive storytelling and dramatic play sessions with our children. The classes will help develop children's language skills and also promote confidence and ability. Please see attached information letter from Debutots.

We are offering this programme to all our little learners in Nursery, Year 1 and in our Learning Centre.

Lessons will be carried out by facilitators in the classrooms with our staff during the school day and will begin just after the Hallowe'en Break. See timetable below.

Mondays : Nursery Room 1 and Nursery Room 2 Pupils

Fridays : Year 1A Pupils, Year 1 B Pupils and Learning Centre Pupils

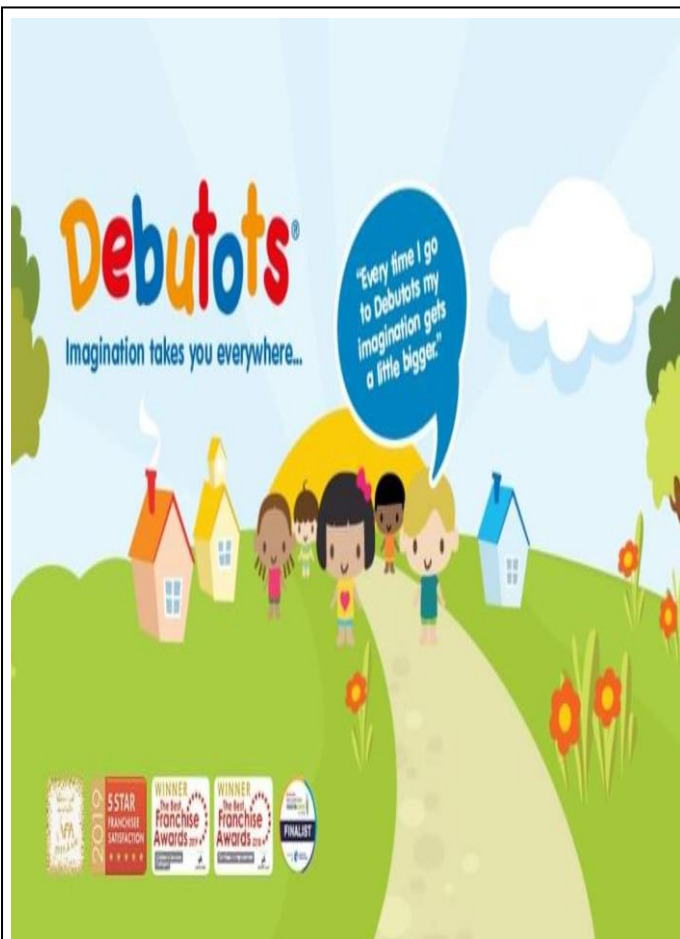
The programme will continue until Easter.

Parenting NI

Update to support Parents

Have you got a child with a diagnosis of ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder)? Have you got a child who displays ASD Behaviours but is on the Waiting List to be assessed or perhaps you are desperately seeking some support for your child? Parenting NI are hosting a workshop to explore techniques and strategies so that we can support each other.

This workshop will take place on **WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER** at 9.15am in the Senior School Canteen. Join us there!



Supporting a child with ASD

Join us to explore techniques/strategies and provide support to each other on this journey



Canteen Senior Site
St Catherine's PS

Refreshments will be provided

Wed 9th
Nov
9.15 am

parentingni.org

Welcoming SLIMMING WORLD Group to St. Catherine's!!

We are delighted to facilitate a SLIMMING WORLD Group in St. Catherine's Junior School every Wednesday from 5.30pm-7.30pm every Wednesday! Everyone Welcome. If you wish to find out more about this exciting new opportunity please feel free to contact Allison on 07856710051 or just come along to the session!



ZUMBA Class is back again!

Zumba has restarted every Thursday in St. Catherine's Junior School from 7pm-8pm. Go on, give it a go!!

A vibrant green poster for Zumba Fitness. On the left is a photo of a woman, Diane, in a white sports top and black pants, performing a Zumba move. In the center is the Zumba logo, a green circle with a black stylized figure. To the right of the logo, the text reads "ZUMBA® FITNESS IS HERE!". Below the logo, it says "Every Thursday 7-8pm". Further down, it says "Pm Zumba with Diane for details 07921523679". To the right of this, it says "Starts 12th May". At the bottom right, it says "All Levels Welcome". At the very bottom, in large purple and orange letters, it says "St Catherine's Ps Junior Site".

Starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2023?

Do you have or do you know anyone who has a little child who is ready to start Nursery or Year 1 in September 2023 and would very much like to join our family here at St. Catherine's?

ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF OUR OPEN AFTERNOONS!

Due to Covid these past two years we were unable to facilitate our Open Afternoons however this year marks their return. This provides an opportunity for the parents and prospective new pupils to see our Nursery and Year 1 classes, hear from the Principal about what our school offers and meet the staff and some pupils! A lovely introduction to the family that is St. Catherine's!

If you are interested in a place for your child to attend NURSERY in September 2023:

Nursery Open Afternoon will take place on TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER in the SENIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL (For Principal's Welcome) at 1.30pm

Year 1 Open Afternoon will take place on WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER in the JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL (For Principal's Welcome) at 1.30pm

Come along to join us to find out more about what makes our little school so special!

Alternatively if the dates do not suit, if anyone would like to have a PRIVATE tour of the school (either Nursery or Primary) and a talk with the Principal about the arrangements for starting school in September 2023, we can arrange an APPOINTMENT and TOUR for you!! To arrange this you should just drop a little email to Mrs B. Wilders (Principal) at her email address bwilders592@c2kni.net and this can be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

A School Prospectus will also be emailed to all parents of our school currently to let you know more about our little school (so spread the word!!) or alternatively can be posted upon request if you email the Principal at the email address above or ring the school office on 02871 382614.

We have a little Nursery Video and Year 1 Video (from previous years) which is on our website which you can watch to learn a little more about our Nursery and Primary School in the meantime. See links below.

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

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



Just some of the fabulous resource facilities in our School: Our school is a split site campus with many benefits indeed, some of which are listed below;

1. A highly qualified and dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff team who work so hard to give the absolute best provision for all children in their care
2. Two FIVE STAR Canteens (one on each site) where fresh food is made in each one on a daily basis. They host a breakfast club also which is open from 8.15am until 8.50am each day. We serve HOT FOOD FULL BREAKFASTS on FRIDAYS also!
3. Two ICT Suites (one on each site) with a full range of state-of-the-art Hard drive Computers
4. Well-resourced classrooms with Ipads and Clever Touch Interactive Whiteboards in every class
5. Two SENSORY ROOMS (one on each site) to give an additional facility for children with sensory needs. We also have a NURSERY SENSORY Facility for our littlest learners.
6. NURTURE Facility for children who benefit from additional specialist nurture support
7. Two LEARNING SUPPORT Rooms (one on each site) so that specialist support can be given to children who need help with Literacy and Numeracy
8. NEW EDUCATION AUTHORITY SPECIALIST LEARNING CENTRE Provision (Junior School Site) (the only one in the locality) for children who experience Learning Needs and can avail of specialist support in a very small class setting as opposed to full larger mainstream classes. Children are referred into this class by Educational Psychologist.
9. Two LIBRARIES (one on each site) for class use to promote a love of reading
10. FIVE OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS (across both sites including Nursery) to promote a love of outdoor play
11. Two OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS (one on each site) to promote a love of learning outdoors
12. Two OUTDOOR Polytunnels (one on each site) to promote a love of nature and the importance of plant growth and its food importance
13. Two SPORTS HALLS (one on each site) marked out for sports games with well stocked PE Stores full of sports equipment.
14. After school Family Club for pupils of Year 1 and 2 with older siblings in the school to facilitate one home time at 3pm per family
15. A variety of AFTER SCHOOLS CLUBS across each site
16. After School Literacy / Numeracy Booster Clubs for Year 6 and 7 Pupils
17. Modern Language Provision Chinese Language and Culture (Years 1-7) and Irish Language and Culture (Year 7)
18. Extensive Opportunities for Music Development (Brass, Strings, Vocals, Musical Pathways)
19. Extensive Opportunities for Drama Development Christmas Nativities (Nursery – Year 4), KS2 Musical Productions
20. A CATHOLIC MAINTAINED ALL INCLUSIVE SCHOOL that embraces all children/ families and focuses on developing each child as an individual
21. A school that values learning in school and out of school.....a modern approach to learning!

All of this and more!!



National School Meals Week

We are blessed with not one but TWO fabulous canteens across our two school sites. Meals are cooked freshly on each site each day. We have a breakfast club on each site which provides hot food at breakfast on Fridays also! We really have FIVE STAR Canteens with great cooks and great staff. Thank you for supporting our Canteens. On this NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK we just wish to extend our thanks to our canteen staff. Keep up the great work!



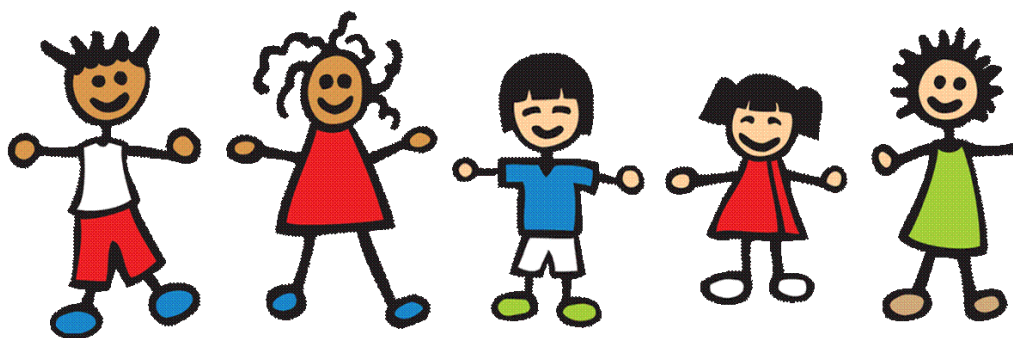
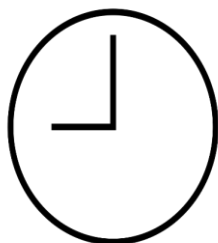
Breakfast club



School Start Times and Collection Times

Year Group	Drop off / Collection Point	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery Room 1	Nursery Room 1 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm- 1.40pm
Nursery Room 2	Nursery Room 2 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm- 1.40pm
Year 1A (Mrs Doherty)	Pupil Front door facing school gate	8.50am-9am	2.10pm
Year 1B (Miss Hutton)	Back Door opposite the Play Trail	8.50am-9am	2.10pm
Year 2 A (Mrs Mc Glynn)	Back Door opposite the Play Trail	8.50am-9am	2.15pm
Year 2 B (Ms Y Mc Gowan)	Pupil Front door facing school gate nearest to Mrs Doherty's classroom in Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	2.15pm
Learning Centre (Mrs Hamilton)	Middle Floor Door near mobile classroom at the back of the Junior School	8.50am-9am	2.10pm (Year 1) 2.15pm (Year 2) 3pm (Year 3 Pupils except Feel Good Friday)
Year 3 A (Mrs M Mc Brien/ Miss E Mc Kane)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 3 B (Mrs S Vaughan)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 4 A (Ms K Carlin)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 4 B (Mrs Connolly)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 5 A (Mrs C Gormley)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 5A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 5 B (Miss B Kelly)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 5B	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)

	Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class		
Year 6 A (Mrs S.O'Kane)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 6A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 6 B (Mrs B Daly)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 6B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 A (Mrs C Deery)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 7A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 B (Miss E Keyes)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 7B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 C (Mrs C Gillespie/ Miss A Kerr)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 7C Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)



Staff roles and Email addresses.

Staff Member	Class / Role	Email Address
Mrs Bridget Wilders	Principal	bwilders592@c2kni.net
Miss Jennifer Doherty	Vice Principal	jdoherty742@c2kni.net
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Ms E Mathers	Nursery Room 2	emathers571@c2kni.net
Mrs D. Doherty	Year 1 A	ddoherty115@c2kni.net
Miss C. Hutton	Year 1 B	chutton763@c2kni.net
Mrs A.M. Mc Glynn/ Mrs J Mc Laughlin	Year 2 A	amcglynn388@c2kni.net jmclaughlin485@c2kni.net
Ms Y Mc Gowan	Year 2 B	ymcgowan609@c2kni.net
Mrs M Mc Brien/ Miss E Mc Kane	Year 3 A	emckane477@c2kni.net
Mrs S Vaughan	Year 3 B	svaughan325@c2kni.net
Ms K Carlin	Year 4 A	kcarlin208@c2kni.net
Mrs C. Connolly	Year 4 B	cconnolly309@c2kni.net
Mrs C. Gormley	Year 5 A	cgormley833@c2kni.net
Miss B Kelly	Year 5 B	bkelly663@c2kni.net
Mrs S O’Kane	Year 6 A	sokane510@c2kni.net
Mrs B Daly	Year 6 B	bdaly611@c2kni.net
Mrs C. Deery	Year 7 A	cdeery318@c2kni.net
Miss E. Keyes	Year 7 B	ekeyes746@c2kni.net
Mrs C Gillespie/ Miss A Kerr	Year 7 C	akerr341@c2kni.net
Mrs. C. Hamilton	Learning Centre	chamilton290@c2kni.net



Thank you!

Total Fun Fitness Event (To fund our Christmas Panto Trip to see Cinderella in the Millennium Forum)



Heartfelt thanks for your support of our recent Total Talent Fun Fitness Event which raised an amazing £4547.75. We are truly delighted. The cost of our Panto Trip is £8000 approx so we are well on our way! Our little children have worked so hard for this. Thanks also to Mr David Mc Donald and Total Talent 2.0 Fun fitness Team at The Signal Foundation and to our own Mrs O’Kane for organising in school ably assisted by all staff.



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Please see below the list of Prize-winners in the draw.



Prizes



1	Full Sunday Lunch Voucher – 2 adults & 2 children Sponsored by Dolan's	Darci Doherty P6A
2	Child's Pink or Blue Safe Sponsored by Mahon's	Donna Kelly c/o Dakota Kelly P4A
3	Gel Polish Nails Voucher Sponsored by Classic Beauty	Emma O'Neill c/o Tommy O'Neill Bates P7C
4	Butchers - £10 Voucher Sponsored by Gallaghers	Jason Kelly c/o Clara Kelly P5B
5	COCO Dermallogica Facial Voucher	Ava Kelly P6A and Roisin Kelly P3A
Spot Prize 1	Coloured Ball	Eimhin Walsh P7B
Spot Prize 2	Coloured Ball	Ebony Neeson P6A
Spot Prize 3	Coloured Ball	Grace and Beth Conway P6
Spot Prize 4	Mitre Ball	Emma McElwee P7B
Spot Prize 5	Mitre Ball	Eoghan Duffy P5A
Spot Prize 6	O'Neill's Ball	Emily Twardosz P4B
Spot Prize 7	O'Neill's Ball	Cora McHugh c/o Sean McHugh P5A
Spot Prize 8	O'Neill's Ball	Debbie Deans c/o Amy Deans P5A
Spot Prize 9	O'Neill's Ball	Megan Moore c/o Callum Moore P7A
Spot Prize 10	O'Neill's Ball	Aoife O'Kane P2B

Spot Prize winners for the sellers who sold all their tickets:

Erin Coyle P7A

Farrah O'Reilly NR1

Adam McHugh P6A

Brogan Melaugh NR2

Cillian Kennedy P7B

Aironas Valacka P5B

Brianne Harper P5A

Alice McGhee NR2

Lucy Marie McGrath P7B

Casey- Lee Millar P6B

Amelia Scarlett P7C

Darci Doherty P6A

Paul McCrossan P6A

Alina Deliasanova P4A

Victoria Kostucha P2A

Isla McDaid P3A

Eden Curry P2A

Matthew Burns P3B

Conan Devine P1B

Saoirse Tracey NR2

Marty Kelly P1A

Rosha Kerr P3A

Emily Barr P3A

Kayla Melaugh P7C

Jodi Gibbons P7A



Do this in Memory First Holy Communion Programme 2022 2023 for Year 4 Pupils and their Families.

Fr Boland warmly invites you all.....

DATES AND TIMES OF THE MASSES OF DO THIS IN MEMORY 2022 2023

*Enrolment Sunday
Sunday, 23 October at 10am*

Saturday, 26 November 2022 at 6.30pm

Sunday, 8 January 2023 at 12 Noon

Sunday, 29 January 2023 at 10am

Saturday , 25 February 2023 at 6.30pm

Sunday, 2 April 2023 at 12 Noon

*Saturday, 22 April at 11am (Year 4 A) & 2pm (Year 4 B)
First Holy Communion*

*Sunday, 21 May 2022
Feast of Ascension*

*Procession from Grotto to Church of the Immaculate Conception for 12 Noon Mass in Holy
Communion Outfits*



St. Catherine's Primary School

Holiday List for 2022/2023

The school will be **closed** on:

Five Allocated Staff Training Days which have been allocated throughout the Year.

Friday 16th September 2022 (**Staff Training Day 1**)

Hallowe'en – Mid Term Break

Monday 31st October 2022 – Friday 4th November 2022

(Reopens on Monday 7th November 2022)

Christmas Break

School closes on Thursday 22nd December 2022 at 12 Noon – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

(**School Reopens for our everyone on Wednesday 4th January 2023**)

Spring Term Break

Monday 13th February 2023 until Friday 17th February 2023

(**School Reopens for our pupils on Monday 20th February 2023**)

St. Patrick's Day Break

Friday 17th March 2023 (St. Patrick's Day Public Holiday)

(**School Reopens for our pupils on Monday 20th March 2023**)

Easter Break

School closes on Holy Thursday 6th April 2023 at 12 Noon

School Reopens on Monday 17th April 2023

May Breaks

Monday 1st May 2023 (Bank Holiday)

May Week :

School closes on Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June (Inclusive)

School Reopens as usual on Monday 5th June 2023

School Closes on Friday 30th June 2023 at 12 Noon.

Please note other Staff Training Days that teachers will complete during the year are incorporated into the pupil holidays. If there is any change to this we will let parents know as soon as possible.

Site Leadership Rota

Junior School : Monday, Wednesday, Friday – Mrs Wilders

Tuesday, Thursday - Miss J Doherty

Senior School: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – Miss J Doherty

Tuesday, Thursday – Mrs Wilders

In the event that the Principal or Vice Principal are not available Senior Leaders or any of the Middle Leadership Team will become available for consultation.



Staff Parking

There is a Car Park on each site for STAFF. Staff arrive at school from 8.20am approx. every morning right up to 9am. To this end, we respectfully request that the entrances to the STAFF Car Parks on each site are always kept clear so that staff can gain access to each site and get ready to start the day with our wee children!!

Parents/carers/ child minders/ taxi drivers etc may NOT enter the school car park for Health and Safety Reasons unless this has been prearranged with school management for a specific reason.





Latest News:

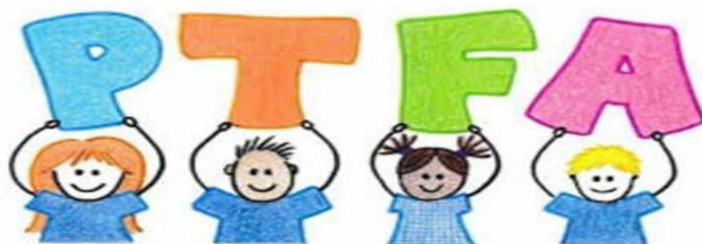
Meet the PTFA Committee of our School. Heartfelt thanks to all parents for contributing in any way to fundraising for our school to get extra resources for each and every child in order to further their education but special thanks to our committee members who work tirelessly for every child in our school.



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)



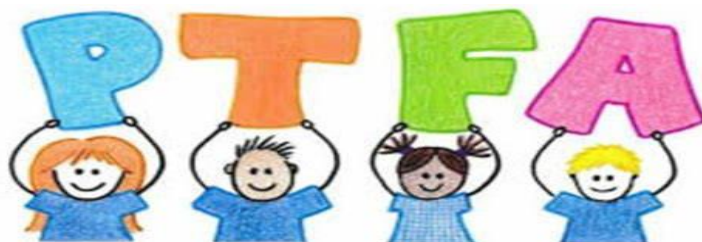
Ms Maria Mc Grath
(Secretary)



Mrs Berni Allen
(Vice Chairperson)



Mrs Bridget Wilders
(Chairperson)



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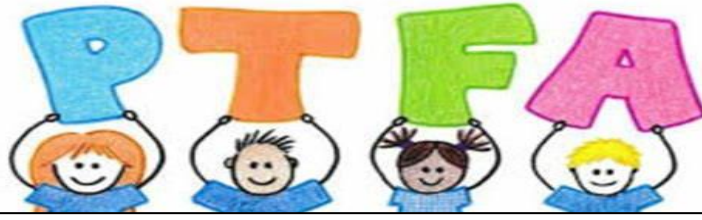
Hallowe'en Film Fun Day

Our little children had great fun on their Hallowe'en Fun Day. Money raised £749.10. Thanks to every one for supporting this fundraising initiative.



P.T.F.A. Fundraising Bottles in Every Class

P.T.F.A. have provided Fundraising Money Bottles in every classroom of our school. The purpose of these is to collect loose coins that can help us in our fundraising drive. If you have any loose coins please send in with your child to donate. Every penny can add up to help our fundraising appeal.



MESSAGE FROM PTFA RE Grand Christmas Draw 2022

Dear Parent Business/Community Provider,

We are holding a Christmas Draw again this year at St. Catherine's Nursery and Primary School. The purpose of this draw is to raise funds for the very worthy cause of our own children. They attend a Christmas Panto each year and this year instead of parents who are struggling so hard with austerity, it was thought that any money raised could allow every child in the school to go to the Christmas Panto for FREE.

Therefore we are writing to you to invite sponsorship from your organisation for this event. This sponsorship can take any form at all as any contribution that you can make to us will be greatly appreciated indeed. We would be grateful if you are giving a sponsorship donation, if that could be given/ collected no later than

Friday 18th November so that we can organise advertising and the draw itself.

We realise that these are tough economic times but times when we are all challenged to continue to support and stand with each other in our community as much as possible.

We will give thanks by way of advertisement for any organisation who can give us any donation at all. This will be clearly advertised at the school and on school communications.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your consideration and support and to wish you well in your local business/ community organisation. If we can ever be of any support or assistance to you in any way at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely Yours in Community Spirit,

St. Catherine's Primary and Nursery School P.T.F.A.



Surestart Message of the Month

November 2022

Make our home language number one
So we can talk, play and have fun



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

We are a Healthy Eating School in St. Catherine's.

Below are the list of foods that are acceptable / not acceptable for Healthy Eating Purposes.

If you have any concerns please consult your child's teacher.

<i>Foods we consider acceptable:</i>	<i>Foods that are not acceptable:</i>
Fruit (except kiwi)	Nuts or any other products with a nut content / trace
Fruit pots	Crisps
Rice pots	Sweets
Custard pots (not chocolate flavour)	Chocolate Bars
Jelly pots	Chocolate yoghurts
Vegetables (eg. carrot sticks / celery sticks)	Chocolate Muller Corners
Sandwiches (no chocolate spreads or no peanut butter)	Chocolate biscuits
Scones	Chocolate chip cookies
Wheaten bread	All cereal bars
Pitta bread	Square Bars
Tortilla Bread	Lunchables
Pancakes	Iced Buns
Croissants (no chocolate brioche)	Pepperami
Plain buns	Fruit Winders
Ryvita / crispbreads	
Yoghurts	
Plain biscuits: Rich Tea, Digestives, Plain Crackers and Belvita Plain Biscuits	
Cheese / Dairy Lea Triangles / Cheese Slices / Baby Bel / Cheese Strings	
Breadsticks / Pretzels	
Rice Cakes	
Snack a Jacks	

<i>Foods that are not acceptable:</i>	<i>Reason Why:</i>
Nuts or any other products with a nut content / trace	We have children with a nut allergy
Crisps	High fat and salt content
Sweets	High sugar content
Chocolate Bars, chocolate yoghurts, chocolate Muller Corners, chocolate biscuits and chocolate chip cookies	High sugar content and many brands of chocolate contain traces of nuts
All cereal bars and Square Bars	High in sugar and fat content
Lunchables	High sugar content
Iced Buns	High sugar content
Pepperami	High fat content
Fruit Winders	High sugar content

Healthy
Habits



St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School

November 2022



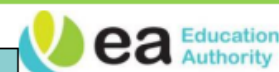
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Hallowe'en Break	1.	2.	3.	4.	5. →
6. Talk Money Week National School Meals Week.	7. School reopens Debutots brgins: 11.20 – 12.00 NR2 12.45 – 1.25 NR1 Early Intervention Transfer Programme: 3 Year Check Nursery:9am – 1.30pm P4A Action Cancer Workshops: 9.30 – 10.30 P7B Action Cancer Workshop 11.00 – 12.00	8. Early Intervention Transfer Programme: 3 Year Check Nursery:9am – 1.30pm P6B 1.15 – 2.15 Positive Me Programme P6A 1.15 – 2.15 Renew You Programme	9. P7 Auditions: Mary Poppins Slimming World 5.30pm – 7.30pm	10. P6 Auditions: Mary Poppins P7C Action Cancer Workshops: 9.30 – 10.30 P4B Action Cancer Workshop 11.00 – 12.00 P7A Action Cancer Workshop 1.15 – 2.15 Swimming P5B Week 2	11. P5 Auditions: Mary Poppins Early Intervention Transfer Programme: 3 Year Check Nursery:9am – 1.30pm Diwali workshops: 10.00 – 11.00 P6A 11.00 – 12.00 P6B Debutots brgins: 10.00 – 10.45 LSC 10.45 – 11.30 P1A 1.00 – 1.45 P1B	12.
13. Anti-Bullying Week	14. Mop Up Auditions: Mary Poppins	15. All State Cyber Safety 9.30 – 10.30 P5A 10.45 – 11.45 P5B	16. Early Intervention Transfer Programme: 3 Year Check Nursery:9am – 1.30pm REIM Internet Safety Workshops 9.30 – 10.30 P7B & ½ P7C 11.00 – 12.00 P6B 12.45 – 1.45 P7A & ½ P7C 1.45 – 2.45 P6A Slimming World 5.30 – 7.30pm	17. Ulster Orchestra, Omagh: 10.00 – 1.00 Swimming P5B Week 3 Zumba (JS) 7pm – 8pm	18.	19.
20.	21. "I Will" Programme	22.	23. Whole School Flu Droplets JS & SS	24. Swimming P5B Week 4	25.	26. P4 Do this in Memory Mass 6.30pm
21.	28.	29. Fighting Words Story writing Workshop P6B 10.00 – 12.00	30. Fighting Words Story writing Workshop P7A 10.00 – 12.00 Slimming World 5.30 – 7.30pm			

There is an opportunity to be found in every difficulty.



School Dinner Menu – September 2022 onwards (Please note that soup/ sandwiches are also available daily upon request if pupils do not wish to avail of the hot food choices)

St Catherine's Primary School - Lunch Menu



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1 29 th Aug 26 th Sept 24 th Oct 21 st Nov 19 th Dec 16 th Jan	Spaghetti Bolognese or Margherita Pizza Crusty bread Sweetcorn Salsa/Potato Salad Herb Dice Potatoes Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream & Watermelon Chunks	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or BBQ Chicken Panini Tossed Salad & Coleslaw Garden Peas Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard	Roast Loin of Pork or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Popcorn Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes	Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry Sweetcorn & Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers or Burger in a Bap Tossed Salad Baked Beans Chipped Potato/Baked Potato Fresh Fruit Selection, Ice-cream or Frozen Mousse
WEEK 2 5 th Sept 3 rd Oct 31 st Oct 28 th Nov 26 th Dec 23 rd Jan	Oven Baked Sausages or Homemade Chilli Chicken Savoury Noodles Baked Beans/Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes Arctic Roll with Sliced Peaches	Chicken Tikka with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Chicken & Cheese Panini Herb Dice Garden Peas Baked Potato Tossed Salad Apple Sponge & Custard	Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Savoy cabbage/Diced Carrots Oven Roast Dry & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry Milkshake	Breaded Fish Fillets or Lasagne & Crusty bread Sweetcorn & Peas/ Asian Slaw Mashed Potato Pineapple Chunks Frozen Yoghurt	Steak Burger & Bap or French Bread Pizza Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad Coleslaw Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit Chunks
WEEK 3 12 th Sept 10 th Oct 7 th Nov 5 th Dec 2 nd Jan 30 th Jan	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread Garden Peas or Beef Burger & Gravy Potatoes Salad Selection Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Fish Fingers or Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato Tossed Salad Sponge filled with Yoghurt & Fruit	Roast Gammon or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding & Melody of Fruit	Breaded Chicken Goujons or Spicy Chicken in a Warm Tortilla Wrap Pasta Salad Sweetcorn, Homemade Chilli Wedges Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears, & Chocolate Sauce	Steak Burger with Bap or Chicken & Vegetable Pasta Bake Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks
WEEK 4 19 th Sept 17 th Oct 14 th Nov 12 th Dec 9 th Jan 6 th Feb	Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread or Tuna or Chicken & Sweetcorn Wrap Tossed Salad Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Ginger Cookie	BUFFET: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Cheese/Tuna) Fish Bite Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Roast Beef or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie and Banana chunk	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or Beef Burger & Gravy Garden Peas Mashed Potato Fruit Crumble & Custard	Breaded Chicken Bites or Chicken and Cheese Panini Baked Beans Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit

*Breads
Milk, Water
A Choice of Fresh
Fruit & Yoghurt
Available Daily*

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additional
information on
Allergens or
Special Diets,
please contact
the School to
complete a
Special Diets
Application Form*

*Potatoes/Gravy/
Pasta
Available Daily*

Menu choices subject to deliveries



St Catherine's Nursery - Lunch Menu

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WEEK 3 12 th Sept 10 th Oct 7 th Nov 5 th Dec 2 nd Jan 30 th Jan	Beef Burger & Gravy Potatoes Salad Selection/peas Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Fish Fingers Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato Tossed Salad Sponge filled with Yoghurt & Fruit	Roast Gammon Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding & Melody of Fruit	Breaded Chicken Goujons Pasta Salad Sweetcorn, Homemade Chilli Wedges Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears, & Chocolate Sauce	Steak Burger with Bap Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks
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