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Sisters of Mercy Celebrating 150 Years

There will be a special Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 3rd June at 3pm to celebrate 150 Years of the presence of the Sisters of Mercy in Strabane.

Mother Catherine Mc Auley began the order in our area and this is actually who our school is named after and dedicated to.

To this end our Senior Choir have been honoured by being asked to sing at this very special mass. An invitation is extended to all members of our community to attend this very special mass.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE?

Please see our attached calendar of events for June to help you plan your diaries!! This plan is accurate as of today. If any necessary changes need to be made we will let you know!

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Further news for Parents of Year 6 Pupils

Any parent who wishes to enter their child for Entrance Assessments to gain access to schools that require entrance exams should register their children between 14th May 2018 and 21st September 2018. Schools cannot register children, parents only can do this. If you have any further queries at all please do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

Any Year 6 Child interested in sitting GL Assessments in Year 7 to apply to Christian Brothers Omagh or Loreto Grammar School Omagh should attend a meeting in Christian Brothers School in Omagh on Wednesday 30th May at 7.30pm.

Holy Cross College are inviting all Year 6 Pupils and Parents to a short information evening in the College on Thursday 7th June at 7.30pm to familiarize you with what Holy Cross College will have to offer your child upon Year 7 Transfer. There will be a short presentation followed by a brief tour of the school. Please feel free to attend.

News for Parents of Year 7 Pupils Transferring to Post Primary

Strabane Academy will host an Induction Morning for Year 7 Pupils who are transferring to the school on Friday 15th June . More details will follow.

Holy Cross College will also host their Induction Day on Friday 8th June. Children should be taken to the college by their parents in their FULL WINTER ST CATHERINES UNIFORM on this day and need to be collected again by parents after.

Any child who has indicated that they wish to transfer to Drumragh Integrated College should attend an Induction Day on Friday 8th June. More details will follow.

Any child who is transferring to St Columb's College should attend an Induction Day on Friday 8th June. Children should arrive for 9.15am and be collected from the college again at 11.45am.

Shared Prayer Assemblies Coming Up (Dates for your diary)

Year Group	Day/Date	Time	Place
2	Wednesday 30th May	10am	Junior School
1	Friday 15th June	10am	Junior School

Parents and families of pupils in each Year are warmly invited to the Shared Prayer Assemblies. These are always lovely, spiritual, quality events. Enjoy!

Sports Days NEWS!!!

Nursery Sports Day
is planned for Thursday
31st May at 10am in the
Senior School Site
(WEATHER PERMITTING).

Years 1,2,3 and 4 Pupils
will have their Sports Day
Events at 1.30pm in the
Senior School Grounds
on Thursday 31st May
(WEATHER PERMITTING).

Years 5,6, and 7 Pupils
will have their Sports Day
Events at 1.30pm in the
Senior School Grounds on
Friday 1st June
(WEATHER PERMITTING).

End of Year School Trips

The full amount for school trips for Pupils from Year 1-7 is due by Wednesday 6th June.

Please send payment to your child's teacher by this date. If you have any concerns, please also speak to your child's teacher.

Children will not need a lunch on this day as all costs are included in the price.

FIRST
HOLY



COMMUNION

Many congratulations to the pupils in Year 4 who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. You were so reverent and respectful and showed great maturity throughout the ceremony. You are a credit to your parents and families.

Many thanks also to our parents and families for your support; home, school and parish working together is just fab! Sincere and heartfelt thanks to our staff who prepared our children so well for their big day. You are such an asset to our school. Thank you!

Thanks also to Mrs Deery and the Senior Choir for your very special contribution to

the Ceremony, we are so proud of you all! Not forgetting of course Fr Declan Boland and Fr Eugene Boland who made the mass so special. Thank you!

Thanks also to Ms Mc Gowan our PDMU/RE Coordinator who coordinates Religion Studies so well in our school. God bless you all in the very valuable work that you do for our children.

The FINAL Do This in Memory Mass to celebrate Corpus Christi will take place at 12 Noon in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 3rd June. We look forward to seeing all our Year 4 Children and their families at this mass.

MORE Uniform NEWS!!

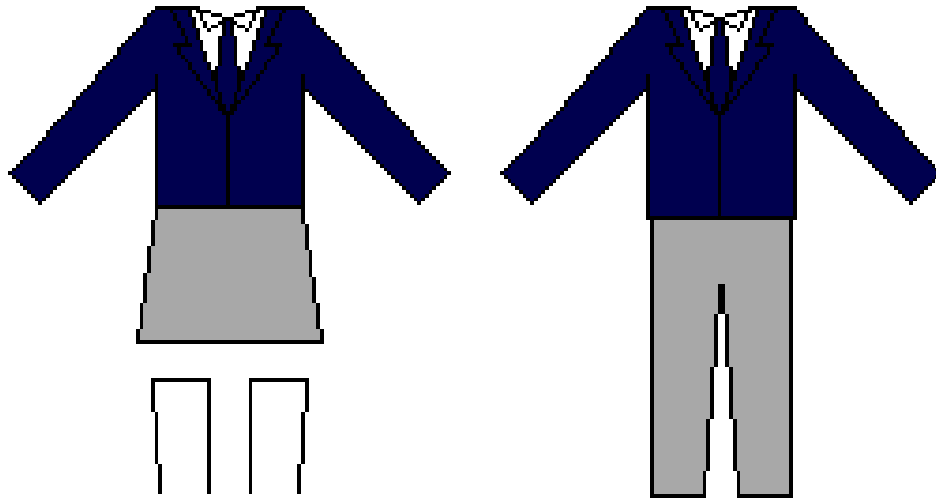
As you know, our Uniform Supplier is SELECT KIDZ who are based in Derry.

They have asked us to let parents know that they have now moved premises to their new shop 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



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

- Wednesday 2nd May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL
- Wednesday 16th May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL
- Wednesday 30th May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL
- Wednesday 13th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL
- Wednesday 27th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Uniform DEALS May/June!!

Boys

1 X Trousers
2 X Shirts
1 X Jumper

£35

Girls

1 X Kilt
2 X Blouses
1 X Jumper

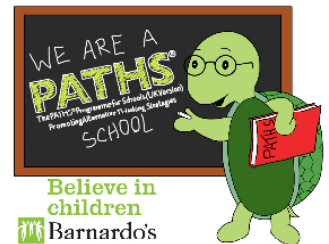
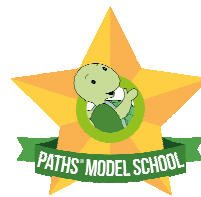
£55

Come to meet Select Kidz Staff at any of the Savings Club Sessions for further information.

PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month - May

Good manners are GOOD for you! They almost always come with a smile and sometimes even a hug. They are like boomerangs, when you send them out with good intentions, they nearly always come back the same way. Send out your good manners today!



Prayer of the Month May

PRAYER TO MARY

*Mary, mother of Jesus,
I want to live and love like you
I want to love the Father
I want to love like Jesus.*

*Mother of Jesus, blessed are you.
Mother of Jesus, my mother too.
Help me to live like Jesus
And help me to live like you.
AMEN*





June 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1st Senior Sports Day @1.30pm	2nd	3rd
4th Year 7 Irish Lang Quiz,Derry	5th	6th Adult Choir Practice at 2pm in Senior School	7th Year 7 Fan the Flame Mass	8th Year 7 to Holy Cross College	9th	10th
11th	12th Years 1,2,3,4 School Trips	13th Nursery Rm 1 Graduation @1.30pm Year 5 School Trip	14th Nursery Rm 2 Graduation @1.30pm Year 7 School Trip	15th Year 6 School Trip Yr 1 Assembly@ 10am	16th	17th
18th New Year 1 Induction Day @1.30pm	19th Visit from Author for Year 6 and 7	20th Adult Choir Practice at 2pm in Senior School	21st	22nd Mass for Mrs Kerr's Retirement @ 11am	23rd	24th
25th Senior School Prize-giving @1.30pm	26th	27th Year 7 Leavers Mass @1.30pm	28th Junior School Prize-giving @1.30pm	29th School Closes (12 NOON)		

The last month of our school year! Enjoy!

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