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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 18th June 2018

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Sustrans Bronze Active Travel Award

Our school has been working in partnership with Sustrans to increase our Active Travel journeys. In conjunction with Ronan McLaughlin, (Active Travel officer) we achieved the Bronze Award for Active Travel. Active Travel is walking, cycling or scooting to school.

All pupils have worked hard on this programme and it was a great team effort to win this award.

Some of the activities which we carried out as part of this award include Walk,

Cycle and Scoot events, The Big Pedal and The Daily Mile.

Our Eco Team conducted a Big Street Survey in order to determine safer routes to school for all pupils.

We are all so proud of our achievements and excited for what lies ahead for Active Travel in St. Catherine's Primary School.

A special thanks to Miss Keyes who coordinated the work that led to the success and achievement of this lovely award.

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Exciting News for Pupils in Year 6 and Year 7

We are honoured to welcome award winning Irish author, Marita Conlon McKenna, to Strabane as part of our Extended Schools cluster group. Marita is one of Ireland's best loved authors and her books are enjoyed by readers across the world.

On Tuesday 19th June, our pupils will have an audience with the author of 'Under The Hawthorn Tree' where they will hear

from Marita and have the opportunity to ask questions. Please see below for times and venues for our various schools within our cluster group:

Session 1: 10:30am-12:15pm at St Catherine's Primary School (Barrack Street Site) - St Catherine's Primary School, Strabane Academy, Strabane Controlled Primary School.

Year 7 Leavers Mass and Last Bell Ceremony

This year our Year 7 Last Bell Ceremony and Leavers Mass will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception (NOT IN SCHOOL) on Wednesday 27th June at 1.30pm. All parents / families are warmly invited to attend. This will be followed by a CREAM TEA in the Senior School Canteen.

Annual Prizegivings

Senior Prizegiving (Year 5-7) will take place on Monday 25th June at 1.30pm in the Senior School Assembly Hall.

Junior School Prizegiving (Year 1-4) will take place on Thursday 28th June in the Junior School Assembly Hall at 1.30pm.

Mass to mark the Retirement of Mrs Kerr

In order to mark the retirement of Mrs Kerr (Vice Principal) of St Catherine's, we are having a very special Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 11am on Friday 22nd June.

All children in our Nursery and Primary School will attend this mass in their FULL School Uniform. Everyone (Parents,

families, friends) are indeed very welcome to also attend the mass on this day.

Due to the events of the day, all children should be collected early at 12.15pm from the Church on this day (after mass) to go home.

There will be no school lunch on this day.

End of Year Reports June 2018

Reports will be sent out by post at the end of this week. If any parents have not received their child's report by Tuesday 26th June, please contact your child's teacher.

With your child's report, you will receive a letter explaining who your child's teacher next year will be coupled with their new classroom location, a letter explaining the

meaning of your child's scores and also an additional letter explaining the extent of the budget cuts in schools across NI which Principals locally and further afield feel that our parents need to be made aware of.

If you have any queries about your child's report or any information contained do not hesitate to either speak with your child's teacher or the Principal.

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 date to run the Uniform Savings Club:

- Wednesday 27th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL



School will close on
Friday 29th June at 12
Noon for the Summer
Holidays

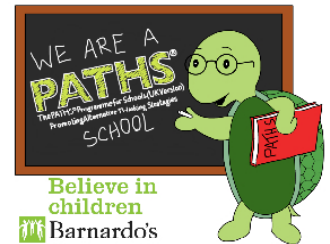
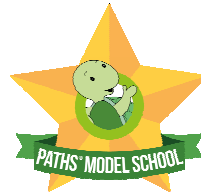
We take this
opportunity to wish
everyone a fabulous
Summer Holiday, rest
up, have fun and spend
quality time together.



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

PATHS Quote of the Month - June

Remember your manners today! Try your hardest to be polite and well-behaved! Use words like, please, thank you, excuse me and I'm sorry, when you should.



Prayer of the Month - June

***Dear Lord
If I am wrong, right me,
If I am Lost, Guide me.
If I start to give up, keep me going.
Lead me in light and love. Amen***



COMMUNITY NOTICE

North West Regional College – Strabane Campus, Derry Road, Strabane

During the Strajamba Festival in Strabane, on Saturday 23rd June, NWRC are hosting an Open Day in the Derry Road Campus. This promises to be fun for all the family. Everyone is invited to go along and see the planned activities for all!