

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of St. Joseph's, Easter is fast approaching and we wish you all a very Holy Easter and a peaceful break. You will all have received a note about dates for this month-please note that the school will close at 12.30 on the first day back after the holidays as staff will be involved in training in the afternoon (4<sup>th</sup> April).

Mrs Treacy

## Sacramental Programme

Please find below the dates for the sacramental programme this year. We will continue to send updates by text.

### **P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

From 22 Feb onward, Special Sunday masses for First Communion children 11am in the church

04 June 11am First Communion

05 June 11am Children attending Sunday Mass may wish to wear Communion outfits again.

### **P3 Sacrament of First Penance**

Congratulations to the boys and girls from P3 who made their First Confession. They maintained a prayerful atmosphere during the service and we were very proud of them.

## PTA

Thank you to the PTA for another great movie night to celebrate World Book Day! Well done to all of the boys and girls who dressed up as their favourite characters- you all looked fabulous!

**REMINDER:** The PTA will be hosting a school talent show in May. Children can come to practice sessions on Tuesdays after school if they would like help to rehearse their act. We hope as many children as possible will be able to participate as St. Joseph's does indeed have talent! The next meeting of the PTA is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in school. All parents are welcome to attend.

## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER/SHARED EDUCATION

Following a very successful programme of study together, P6 from St. Joseph's and Greystone enjoyed an amazing trip to see the Belfast Giants at the SSE Arena. Members of the audience commented on their amazing behaviour and we are so proud that they have all become such good friends.



P4 will be joining up next for a programme on the environment and recycling- we are sure they will have just as much fun!

## IRISH DANCING

Karly Peacock from the Peacock school of Irish Dancing will be taking an afterschools Irish Dancing Club on Mondays from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. P1-P2 can attend from 2pm-3pm with P3-P7 from 3pm-4pm. Classes will cost £2 per session and will initially run for 6 weeks. If there is enough interest this might be extended. All welcome!



## GOOD NEWS



Congratulations to Roisin from P3 who won the under 8 solo singing category of the Ballymena Festival- well done to you!



A big pat on the back to Oliver from P5 who ran 3 miles to raise money for sports relief and was rewarded with a lovely medal- we are very proud of you!



Congratulations to Valerie Donnolly and Conor Treacy who won the Easter Eggs for Action Cancer.

Well done to everyone who took part in our celebration of St. Patrick's day. We hope you enjoyed the assembly and thank you for all of your support. The children as usual enjoyed their chance to perform!



Well done to all of our pupils past and present opposite who did a drama performance for parents and the community as part of a Rathenraw Youth Club Drama Project- great job!

If you have any good news items or anything you would like to share in the next newsletter, please email us- [rtreacy776@c2kni.net](mailto:rtreacy776@c2kni.net)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

See Sacramental Dates on Page 1.

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> March**- School closes at **12.30** for Easter Holidays. Reopens for all children on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** and will close at **12.30** for staff training.

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April** – **3:30** Parent Meeting for P6 parents regarding arrangements for transfer to post primary school

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April**- P3 Trip to Museum  
P4 Trip to Greenmount

**Mon/Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> May** Off bank holiday and staff training

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May**- P7 Pledge Mass 7:30pm

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May**- Athletics Sports Day Weather permitting

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May**- Fun Sports Day Weather permitting

**Mon/Tues 30<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>1st</sup> May** Off bank holiday and staff training

