



Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of St. Joseph's,

We have had a very busy term and it is hard to believe it is almost Easter!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Please find below the dates we have left this year's sacramental programme as agreed with the Parish.

These will be in every newsletter for your information and any changes will be sent immediately by text.

Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of First Penance on 7th March. The children were fantastic and very prayerful during the ceremony.



The P.7 Children were also a real credit to the school during the Sacrament of Confirmation in February. We are very proud of them and congratulate all of the children from the Parish who made the ceremony so special.



Pledge Mass for all children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation will be in St. Comgall's Church on Thursday 24th May at 7pm. This is an important part of the Sacrament and we would like all children to be there.

P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

14/15 May 6-7pm Parents can take children to Confession to prepare for Communion in St Joseph's Church.



19 May 11am First Communion

Sunday 3rd June 11am Corpus Christi Mass – Children to attend in First Communion outfits

WORKING TOGETHER/Shared Education

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our P.3 and P.5 Shared Education celebration event- we hope you enjoyed seeing all of your children's hard work!

The P4 classes are working on their topic of World War 2 and parents will also be invited to share in all

of their work- watch for seesaw and text messages for updates!

WRAPAROUND CARE

Due to a low uptake of places, wraparound will not operate during the Easter holidays. It will run as usual when the children return to school.

PTA

The PTA will be planning for our Summer Fair again after the Easter break. As last year, there will be bouncy castles, BBQ, bottle stall, tombola and much more. We would love as many people as possible to attend. It was a very successful event last year and it was lovely to see all of our families having a great time! If you feel that you would like to help out in any way at all, please let us know or attend any of the PTA meetings. These will be notified by text.

GOOD NEWS rtreacy776@c2kni.net

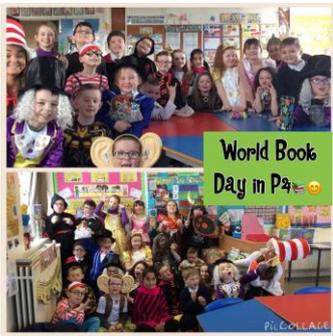
Congratulations to Roisin again who has won 1st prize and the Daniel Smyth Memorial Cup for Girls Vocal Solo, ages 8 and 9, and she won 2nd prize in the Sacred Solo, Under 11 in the Ballymena Festival!



It's baby boys all around for our families!! Corrie, P6 and Daniel, P2 welcomed a new baby brother to their family. Congratulations also to Addisyn, P5 and Erin, P1 who announced the arrival of their new baby brother and also to Johnny in P2 who has had a new baby brother too! And it's another baby brother for Clodagh, P4 and Erin P1. Congratulations to you all! A big congratulations to all the mummies and daddies of course!!

Last but not least, a great big congratulations to Mrs McNally and her husband on the birth of baby girl Maeve! We are delighted for you both!





Well done to all who took part in World Book Day Celebrations- we hope you all

remembered to use your vouchers for a free book!

Well done to Kevin who played for Glentoran against Glasgow Rangers. Kevin's team won both matches and he scored 5 goals!! Good Job Kevin!



Congratulations to Paige and our past pupil Caoimhe on winning the Action Cancer Easter Eggs!

Great Job Cheerleaders!!

A Massive well done to our Cheerleading Team who won the Antrim and Newtownabbey Council Active Schools Cheerleading Competition. We know how much hard work has gone into the performance and we are so proud of you all and of your coach, Mrs Brash, of course!!



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to all who have been supporting Action Cancer and Trocaire through the many Easter Egg Ballots going on in school. Our next school fundraiser is scheduled for Action MS. The children will all do a sponsored walk in Castle Grounds on 18th April and sponsor books will go home this week.

Thank you for supporting the NSPCC this term- we raised £604!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please look out for our regular texts for reminders and notifications of new events as the term progresses.

Wednesday 28 March P4-P7 Gold Awards Trip

Thursday 29 March- 12.30 finish for the Easter Holidays. Children return to school on Monday 9th April.

Thursday 12th April- Autism workshop in Greystone P.S. 6-9pm. This is an excellent opportunity for any parents whose children have been diagnosed or are interested in knowing more about Autism to meet a whole range of professionals and support groups. We would strongly encourage anyone with an interest to attend.

Tuesday 17th April – P4 Shared Education Trip

Wednesday 18th April – Whole school Action MS sponsored walk

Friday 20th April –P1 Trip to the Farm

01-03 May – School nurse in to see P1 children

Friday 4th May – Athletics Sports day P1-P3 9.15am P4-P7 11.00am All children to come to school dressed in their school P.E. uniform

07/08 May– School closed for Bank Holiday

Friday 11th May – School Pantomime- Oliver Twist

Mondays 14th May 3.00-4.50 From today and running for 6 weeks after schools will be a singing and feeling good programme. You do not need to be in the choir to join in and there will be additional information coming out in due course.

Saturday 19th May 11.00 First Communion

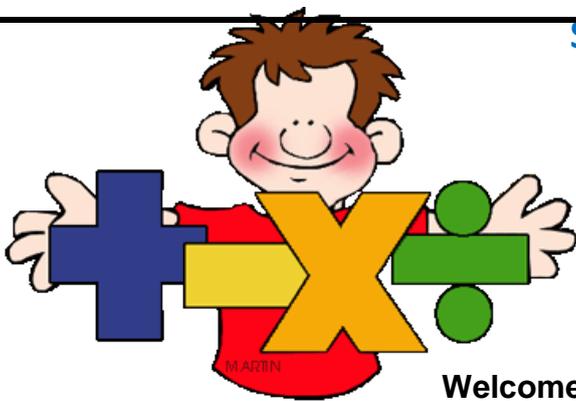
Monday 21-Wednesday 23rd –P7 trip to Ganaway

Thursday 24 May- Pledge retreat for P7 followed by mass in St Comgall's later at 7pm.

Monday 28th May- Friday 1st June- School Closed

We hope you have a very safe, happy and holy Easter.





St. Joseph's Mathematicians

Term 2

2017/2018

Welcome to our Term 2 newsletter!

Once again we have been very busy across the school since the Christmas holidays. On the 7th February 2018 we marked our 100th Day of School. We celebrated having completed 100 days; we are 100 days smarter! Each year group in the school carried out activities linked to the number 100. These included fun ways to count, challenges and games. What a great way to mark this milestone.

The children in Key Stage 2 continue to focus on developing their times tables knowledge through the Times Tables Rockstars programme. Remember you can practice these skills at home using the website. The programme also has an app which has been recently updated and is very user friendly. The more you practice the greater chance you have of becoming a Rock God!

We hope you enjoy reading about our 100th Day of School activities and seeing some of the fun we had during the day!

Number hunt competition.

We can find numbers everywhere in our environment. We would like to see how many different numbers we can find in our local environment. Can you help us? We would like everyone to take part by finding and 'collecting' numbers. These can be photographs of numbers, numbers cut from magazines and newspapers or any other ideas that you can think of! Entries for the competition can be given to Miss Keenan or e-mailed to ckeenan153@c2kni.net by **Friday 27th April**. Please label all entries with your name and class to be entered into a prize draw. We look forward to seeing all of your number finds!

Maths Around School!

Primary 3

Primary 3 had great fun completing games and practical activities on the 100th Day of school. They took part in exercises for 100 seconds, played roll to 100 and even tried to build a tower with 100 plastic cups. It really wasn't as easy as it sounds!



Primary 4



Primary 4 were set a challenge to work with a partner and carry out different exercises such as counting to 100, doing 100 star jumps, writing 100 tally marks, touch their toes 100 times. The children used stopwatches and timers to record how long it took their partner to carry out each exercise. They recorded the times and identified which one took the longest and least amount of time to complete.

Maths Around School!

Primary 2 celebrated the 100 days of school by learning a new song. They made 100 using our fingers and thumbs and we also made 100 using multilink towers of 10.



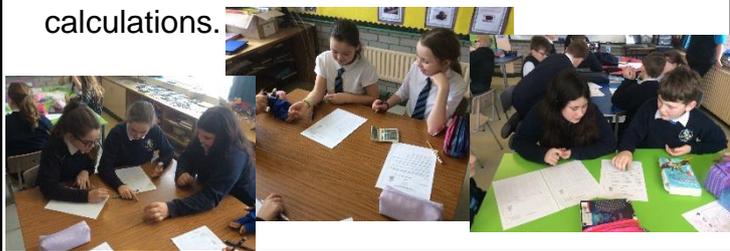
Primary 6



As part of Primary 6's 100th day in school, they focused on a real life problem! The children had a budget of £100 and had to spend it all on an ideal birthday party for 6 people! They used the iPad and computers to research the cost of food, entertainment etc. Some weird and wacky suggestions followed but also an appreciation of how money spent can quickly build up!

Primary 7

In Primary 7 the children were challenged to work on co-operative maths games. They worked in teams, using their mental maths skills and also calculators to complete calculations.



Primary 1

Primary 1 celebrated their 100th day in school by talking about what they would love 100 of! Their Ideas included; sweets, cats, fidget spinners!



Primary 5



Primary 5 have been exploring patterns and relationships during problem solving. They continued this for their 100th day of school with a fun activity exploring patterns in their names. Children wrote their name repeatedly on the 100 square, they were asked to predict where their name would end on the hundred square. They also completed mental maths game 'Buzz' with multiplication facts to 10x10 and some addition and subtraction with money to £1.00. Well done Primary 5!