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We care

We share

We learn

**Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

**\*\*Congratulations to last week's winners of Class of the Week! Junior: Year 4 Senior: Year 5\*\***

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent &amp; Toddler Group 9.15-11am. Everyone welcome</li> <li>• P4 PE: Remember to bring in PE gear – all items labelled! (NO PE next Monday)</li> <li>• Y7 St Pius X basketball &amp; swimming leaving 9.40am back 2.30pm. Remember £2, swim gear and goggles (&amp; hat for girls)</li> <li>• Friends of NR meeting 6pm</li> </ul>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly &amp; Awards</li> <li>• Boys' hurling &amp; girls' football indoors Meadowbank 10am</li> <li>• Y5 &amp; 6 Hurling &amp; Camogie (in school) Bring PE gear &amp; track bottoms (may be outside)</li> <li>• Eco Council Meeting 2.15pm</li> <li>• St Mary's GS Open Night #1 @7pm. Remember your mascot competition entries!</li> </ul>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Afterschools Club Registration Morning 8.45am</li> <li>• Y7 (Bellaghy) Prayer Service with Fr Dolan (during school)</li> <li>• PE in hall with class teachers: Y2: 9.10am, Y1: 10am, Y3: 10.45am</li> <li>• Violin lessons</li> <li>• <del>Y5 Speedwell afterschool</del></li> <li>• Sperrin Integrated College open night 7pm</li> <li>• St Mary's GS Open Night #2 @7pm. Remember your mascot competition entries!</li> </ul>
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat Thursday. Children can bring a <i>small</i> packet of crisps/bar (no chewy sweets)</li> </ul>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 Assembly 9.30am. All parents/friends of Y7 very welcome. Over by 10am.</li> <li>• Flute &amp; Clarinet lessons</li> </ul>
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 GL Transfer Results</li> </ul>
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge Mass 3 (For Y4 children making First Communion) 9am Church of St Patrick</li> </ul>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Schools Week begins</li> </ul>
Thur 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grandparents &amp; Others Afternoon (Wrong date in last week's newsletter)</li> <li>• <b>Closing Date for Applications to P1 Sept 2019 – complete online before then</b></li> </ul>
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass at 9.45am Everyone very welcome.</li> </ul>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 (Bellaghy parish) retreat (in Bellaghy – all day)</li> </ul>
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bellaghy Confirmation <b>11am</b></li> </ul>

- Digital Leaders Training at Apple Regional Centre, St Peters & St Pauls PS Foreglen. Once again, our children made us very proud with excellent participation and lots of ideas brought back to share!
- **Afterschools Clubs are back!** A letter with options for Y3-7 will be sent home today.
- Reminder: **Bridge Mass** No. 3 is this Sunday at 9am. All children making their first communion this year and a parent are expected to attend all these important preparation masses. Parent helpers overleaf.
- **Y7 (Bellaghy parish).** Fr Dolan has organised a Prayer Service this week in preparation for Confirmation on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11am. Urgent: *Please send in a baptismal candle for your child tomorrow.*
- **Y7 Transfer interviews:** Parents of Y7 are preparing to complete Transfer to Post Primary forms. A blank form & letter will be distributed this week with info on arranging an appointment if desired.
- **Parent interviews:** All parents will be offered a meeting w/b 4<sup>th</sup> March to discuss their child's progress and targets for the end of the year. Different arrangements will be in place for Y3 pupils and these will be communicated to these parents asap.

Many thanks for your continued support

**Mrs Deirdre Graffin**

Principal

## Enrolling your child for Primary 1 in Sept 2019

A new online application system is in place. If you need any assistance with your application, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office. **CLOSING DATE IS 12 MIDNIGHT THURS 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY**

**Grandparents' & Others Afternoon:** Do you have a family member – grandparent or great aunt/uncle - who would like to come along to Grandparents' Afternoon? We would love if they could join us next Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan at 1.15 to visit a few classes and then enjoy a cuppa and a chat. A letter will be sent out later in the week so we can plan this event – always a highlight of the year.

From next week, **Year 5** should bring their trainers every day as they begin the **Daily Mile** programme. Other classes may join through time and the class teacher will keep your children informed.

### Afterschool Clubs for Term 2

Once again we have been able to arrange a variety of fun and educational opportunities. We have reviewed our arrangements and all clubs will now be open to Y3-7. A letter for these classes has been circulated today and is available on the website. Registration is on Wednesday morning from 8.45am.

Year 5 Speedwell Club (with Castledawson PS): This club will now run in New Row PS and any Y5 who did not previously participate is very welcome to join. Parents should request a consent form via Mrs McElroy.



### Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 – February 2

#CSW19

Catholic Schools' Week will soon be here again. It is a lovely time to celebrate what makes our school so special with the entire school community.

Sunday: Y4 Bridge Mass 9am (chapel)

Tues: Assembly (school)

Wed: Class visits to chapel

Thur: Grandparents' Afternoon 1.30pm (school)

Fri: CSW mass: All welcome 9.45am (chapel)



**SAVE the DATE**

**Safer Internet Day**

**2019 | Tuesday 5 February**

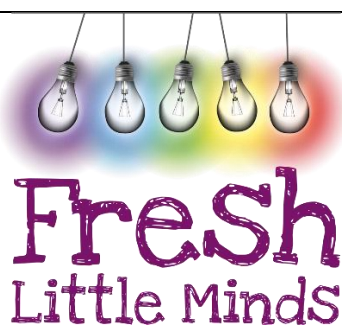
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



**We are celebrating Safer Internet Day and want you to join us!**

**PARENT TALK: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 9-9.30am**

Shona Holmes (PSNI Community Officer) will be visiting all classes to share the safer internet message. She will also speak to parents about keeping children safe online at home. Her presentation/talk will allow for questions and answers and will be over by 9.30am. We thought this might catch parents as they dropped off their children or perhaps those working parents could arrange a slightly later start to the working day. Looking forward to seeing you then.



Advance notice:

### Mental health and resilience programme for Y4 & 5

**Fresh little minds** has been part-funded by a local charity. It will run as an afterschools club for 6 weeks starting 14 March and will be open to Y4 and 5 pupils initially. The cost will be £10. This is an excellent programme and very highly recommended. Obviously there will be a child-friendly, fun approach to all sessions.

Visit [freshlittleminds.com](http://freshlittleminds.com) for more information. Really worth thinking about for any child growing up today!

### Bridge Mass Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2018 @ 9am

Roles	Parent/family member of:
Organising children at start of mass	Marina Budd & Jason Moffett
Preparation of Altar	Cara Cleary
Readers	PARISH READERS (ROTA)
Offertory Gifts (2 per family)	Luca Gribbin & Shea McGlone
Organise final hymn	Dara Long & Lorcan McConnell

Remember that the children: Process in together at the start of mass, Come out to say Our Father & return at Sign of Peace and Come out to sing the last hymn together.