



We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 11th March 2019

Mon 11 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 swimming • AS: Y3&4 Coding (KMcN in Y2) and Y5&6 Maths Detectives (week 4/6)
Tues 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly & awards • Y5 & 6 PE (pm) • Book fair opens 2pm & 3pm from today • AS: Y4-7 singing (Molly Devlin) in Y2 (week 5/6)
Wed 13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE for Y1-3 with teachers • Hive Hackers session 7 of 7 in NRPS (Y5&6) 11-12.30pm • Y5 Speedwell afterschool in NRPS • AS: Y3 & 4 Gaelic (CH) change in Y4 (week 5/6), Y6&7 Cookery (CW) in Y7 (week 4/6)
Thur 14 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat day? see note below re treats during Lent • AS: Y5-7 Team games (Steven MUC) change in Y7 – LAST DAY
Fri 15 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GREEN DAY: Wear something green and bring £1 for our Lenten charity • St Patrick's Day Assembly. Y1 & 2: 9.30am (over by 10am) Y3-7: 10.30 - 11.30am • Flute & Clarinet lessons • Book Fair ends – last opportunity to buy/order is today from 1-1.30pm • School closes 1pm
Mon 18 th March: School Closed (St Patrick's Day Public Holiday)	
Thurs 21st March: First Confession 7pm in St Patrick's Church.	

- Please see overleaf for a **very important update** regarding **pedestrian access** and ongoing works
- **Book fair** runs from Tuesday to Friday. All children have £1 WBD token which can be used when purchasing books. Just one token can be used per book. A good selection of reasonably priced titles.
- **After schools clubs** return this week. Any missed weeks due to school closure etc. will be added on at the end. This is the last week of games on Thursday with Stephen (Mid Ulster Council).
- Reminder: **After schools** (2-3 or 3-4pm) is £2 per hour and must be pre-booked. There have been an increasing number of children who are not booked in through the office.
- **Parent interviews** were completed last week. Thanks to staff for their preparation and parents for taking time to come and talk about their child's progress. Partnership with parents is vital.
- **Science through Stories** was a very successful way to celebrate world book day. The learning activities in all rooms were very impressive – and CCEA (NI curriculum council) were very interested in our work!
- **Treat day** during lent? Following discussions with children, we have decided that there will be no *Treat Thursday* during Lent. Many of the children are off treats so this seems fair and only lasts a short time.
- **Lenten charity 2019:** We continue to collect for our chosen charity, Holy Family Sisters, supporting work in Sri Lanka. Non-uniform days & copper collections will help raise much needed funds.
- **Coffee morning:** What a fantastic celebration and very successful fundraiser! See overleaf.
- **Friends of New Row are a registered charity!** This is excellent news - congratulations! The hard-working volunteers put a very strong application together and it passed the rigorous assessment. This means they will be able to access a wider range of grants, gift aid from donations and other benefits.
- Friends of New Row have very kindly offered to **sponsor a set of school half-zips** for teams/groups of children to use when representing the school, particularly sporting events. If any business would like to make a donation, please speak to Marianne Cushley (Chairperson) or Mrs Graffin.

Many thanks for your continued support

Lane/level access update.

What is happening?

1. A set of steps are currently being constructed so that there will be direct access to both the church car park and New Row public road. It is hoped that these will be complete in 1-2 weeks. These steps will be much safer than those that were previously used behind the church. The gradient of the slope made steps absolutely necessary in the design.
2. Work has begun on the level access for pedestrians at the front of the school. This will meet DDA requirements and provide a pathway suitable for buggies, wheelchairs etc. This is important as currently there is no DDA access.
3. Once work is complete, the current school lane will be used by vehicles only. A barrier will prevent any cars, deliveries etc. entering the school yard during pick up & drop off times.

To allow for work to progress, for a short time there will be no front gate access. This is very temporary - but necessary. When? At some point this week – a text message will confirm. The contractors will keep this closure to a minimum. During this time, the current school lane will be the only method of accessing the school. Parents/carers may need to put other arrangements in place at collection times. The safety of our pupils – your children – is paramount. Please act responsibly when dropping off/picking up. We will keep you updated regarding access – daily if necessary. In the meantime, please also remember to be careful and considerate of residents when dropping off an picking up children



Friends of
New Row

Once again Friends of New Row organised an excellent event in support of our school. There were buns, cakes and baked goods in aBUNDance donated by families and friends to be eaten and enjoyed by the great number of visitors we welcomed after mass. The visitors were also treated to music provided by our talented pupils. Also, four schools of dancing - McNicholl, Millar, O'Neill & Smith - were represented during a display of dancing, helping the guests get into the mood for St Patrick's Day.

Many, many thanks go to all who baked, helped and organised behind the scenes in so many ways.



Coffee Morning, Cake Sale & St Patrick's Day celebrations

Special thanks is reserved for Marie in the kitchen as without her help and cooperation events like this just wouldn't be possible.

Special thanks also to our children who came along and helped us celebrate through music, dance or by welcoming our guests.

The final total? An amazing **£1162.42** raised to spend directly in the children.



Well done and thanks again! Definitely #bestsupport!

Thank you, St Malachy's GAC! A successful grant application enabled them to donate a full set of 200 cups, saucers and plates to keep permanently in the school rather than borrowing. Much appreciated!