



MERCY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Pupils,

Having survived the snowy days of January, we are hoping that St. Brigid will bring spring weather soon! We can't wait to get outdoors to enjoy our forest school!

Mrs Loughran

Grandparents' Day

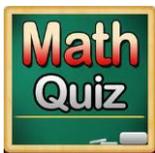


We held Grandparents' Day on Wednesday 31st January. It was a lovely afternoon.



Harbour Commission Stem Challenge

Our P5, P6 and P7 pupils will be taking part in a STEM challenge on 2nd February. It promises to be a morning of thinking skills and Science and Maths in action.



Maths Quiz

Our ½ term maths quiz will take place on Friday 9th February!!!!

Sing Out

Our P6 girls are taking part in a cross community concert of all schools together in Girdwood Community Centre on Wednesday 7th February at 7pm

Red Day Dinner

Thursday 8th is Valentines - **Red Day Dinner** in the canteen!



Fisca C

Our P6/7 Fisca Choir are taking part in a funday with their Cliftonville Primary School partners on Tuesday 6th February. We hope they enjoy their trip to Adventure Golf and Burger King. A small reward for winning the Fisca Choir.

Confirmation

Primary 7 took part in the Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Cross Church with Bishop Anthony Farquhar together with the pupils from Holy Cross Girls and Boys Schools. The music and readings were wonderful. The primary 6 choir were a fantastic support.

Our photographer came to take photos of our girls on Monday 29th January. Thank you to all parents and sponsors for all your preparations and for presenting the girls so well.



We took part in a Series of workshops with Cancer Focus on Thursday 24th January.

The workshops included topics of Healthy Eating, Smoke busters and we even met Genevieve the Goat!



Afterschools Clubs for our girls include netball, cookery, Art, , Drumming and Drama and gymnastics!

If we haven't seen you up at school at our parent activities this year you might find something to interest, you this month. Zumba, ICT classes, Hairdressing and Nail Art are just some of the classes for adults this term. As part of our extended schools cluster Holy Cross Boys have some available spaces for parents courses on Maths GCSE, First Aid and Philosophy in the community. Contact Geraldine for details if interested.

Parent Course	Day/Time	Tutor
MATHS GCSE (Registration fee paid) 2 places available	Preparation Classes Tuesdays 4 – 5pm In School	David Bell
FIRST AID Accredited 12 hour Paediatric First Aid course delivered over 2 x 6 hour sessions 4 places available	2 Days – 12 hours 9am to 3am in Ardoyne Youth Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 16th and • Thursday 17th May 2018 	Helen McMahon (Goody Solutions)
Philosophy In the Community 4 places available	Tuesdays In School Evening 6.00 to 7.30pm	Dr. Gianfranco Campalani

Internet Safety Day is 6th February 2018.



Many parents have voiced concerns about the dangers children are facing online through computer and mobile access. For further

information and information for your children visit:

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

To support these concerns we are planning internet safety assemblies and competition for pupils.

PTA - Valentines Disco

Our PTA are hosting a Valentines disco on Thursday 8th February. Pupils are asked to dress in ordinary clothes - wearing an item of red or pink. P1-3 disco is from 1-2pm P4-7 will be from 2-3pm. Pupils are asked to bring £1 and they will be provided with a sweet treat pack.

(Pupils with allergies please check with staff on the day)

A PTA ballot will also take place which will cost 20p per ticket. The prizes will be provided by the PTA.

Uniform reminder

Girls are not permitted to wear nail-polish or dye their hair. Hair accessories should be in school colours please. School coats should be black or navy only. Jewellery is not permitted due to health and safety. We thank you for your co-operation

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March as usual we will be planning some dress up fun. Details to follow!

St Patricks Day Celebration for our pupils will be on Friday 16th March 2017. Details to follow.

DANGER !!!!! CAR PARKING !!!!

Parents please take note that parents should not be driving into the school grounds. Pupils should be dropped off on the path outside school. Mr O'Connor is outside to remind parents of this. Parents should park on the main road and pupils should walk up the pedestrian pathway.

Transfer Results

On Saturday 27th January many of our pupils received their excellent results from the GL Assessment. A huge congratulation to all those involved. Thank you also to the teachers who supported this preparation work in afterschool clubs. It was only one day and one result but most of our P7 pupils have now chosen their Post Primary School. It's so exciting!

Dates for Your Diary

Fri 2nd Feb – STEM challenge Day

Tue 6th Feb - Fisca Choir Trip

Mon 6th Feb – Parent Interviews P7

Tuesd 6th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th – Parent Valentine Crafts P3&4

Wed 7th Feb – Sing Out Concert P6 7pm

Wed 7th Feb – Parent and Child Drumming

Thur 8th Feb – Zumba 7pm

Valentines Disco

Fri 10th Feb – Maths Quiz

Early Closure for Staff Digital Media Training 12 O'Clock

SCHOOL CLOSED - 12th- 17th February 2017
MID TERM

School Closed

1st March – World Book Day

3rd March – Fisca Concert Ulster Hall

16th March – St Patrick's Day Celebrations