



MERCY NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY



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Dear Parents and Pupils,

We have been so busy this month that our newsletter is running a little late! I hope you will forgive us. We continue to work hard here at Mercy and we can't believe that mid-term is next week!

We've had many visitors and our P7 pupils have been particularly busy. Have a read of some of our exciting events,

Mrs Loughran

Grandparent's Day



We had a lovely event on 28th January when we sang songs and recited poems for our grandparents who came to join us for tea. It was lovely to see so many of you. Primary 1,2,3,4 and 5 brought tears to many an eye!



Lord Mayor's Visit

We were delighted on Monday 9th February when the Lord Mayor Nichola Mallon did us the great honour of officially launching our School Website.

The Lord Mayor spoke with all our pupils and presented them with web page pencils. She has special words of support and encouragement for our P7 pupils, as a past pupil she encouraged our pupils to follow their dreams and to work hard to be the best that they can be!



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 Friday 30th January. Thank you to all parents and sponsors for all your preparations and for presenting the girls so well.

BIKETASTIC!

We had a fantastic road safety show on 3rd February in our school hall. We found out about keeping safe on our roads. We are hoping to organise a bicycle club in the last term.



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Primary 4 pupils and their parents had a great visit to the Ulster Museum and an opportunity to look at exhibitions. It is part of our continuing parents programme here at Mercy. It is great to see so many of you taking part!



PEACE PROMS

It was a delight and a feast for our ears on Sunday 8th February when many of our P6 & P7 Choir sang at the Odyssey Arena in Belfast along with 2,000 pupils from across Northern Ireland!

The Odyssey was jam packed and our girls were as usual a credit to all of you!



Medics In Primary Schools

Our medical student from Ulster University is beginning a programme of work with Primary Seven girls in the coming weeks. Maybe we will inspire some doctors and nurses!

Transfer Results

On Saturday 30th January many of our pupils received their results from the GL Assessment. A huge congratulations to all those involved. Over 50% of our pupils achieved a grade to enable them to transfer to a school of their choice. Thank you also to the teachers who supported this preparation work in afterschool clubs. It was only one day and one result but all of our P7 pupils have now chosen their Post Primary School. It's so exciting!

Uniform reminder

Girls are not permitted to wear nail-polish or dye their hair. School coats should be black or navy only. We thank you for your co-operation!

Internet Safety Day is 10th February 2015.

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>

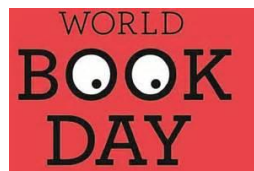


To support these concerns we are planning an internet safety visit by the PSNI on Friday 27th of February to Primary 6&7. Permission slips will be sent home to parents beforehand. Online bullying and exploitation are serious issues. We want to empower our children by alerting them to the dangers.

Red Day Dinner



Friday 13th is Valentines - **Red Day Dinner** in the canteen. Pupils who go to dinner may wear a heart badge or red hair band/ accessories.



World Book Day is on

Thursday 5th March

Mr Trainor is organising a special dress up day with storytelling for all our pupils who **may come to**

school dressed as their favourite book character or author. We hope to have great fun! Details to follow!

St Patricks Day Celebration for our pupils will be on 13th March 2015. Pupils may dress in green. Pupils bring £1.

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.

PTA Meeting for all parents interested in supporting our school on March 4th at 2pm. Please come along for a cuppa!

Dates for Your Diary

9th February (Mon) - **Website Launch.**

REMINDER!!!!!!!!

16th-20th February **Mid Term**

!!!!!! School closed all next week !!!!!

27th February - Internet Safety Talk

2nd March (Mon) Scholastic Book Fair

3rd March -netball match (Downey House)

4th March -P7 Inside Out Holy Cross Boys

5th March (Thur) World Book Day-Dress Up

16th & 17th March (Mon & Tues) **St Patrick's Day** **School closed**

20th March - P3 First Confession

25th March - Spring Fitness Challenge