



MERCY NEWSLETTER

APRIL

Dear Parents and Pupils,

It's almost the end of April yet our first chance to share with you all the busy things we have been doing!

As most of you know the ETI Inspection Team have been with us most of last week to evaluate the quality of education in our school. They were very impressed by the standards of work in school, and they noted the high quality of outcomes for our children. We look forward to receiving the published report at the end of May.

I would like to thank all our governors, staff, pupils and parents for all their hard work during this process.

It is a busy final term ahead with lots going on so be sure to keep all our dates on the fridge!

Mrs Loughran

GARDENER'S WANTED

Any keen gardeners, those who could work with wood or help build a garden area within our school grounds are invited to join us on Saturday 25th

April at 11am in the school playground. Many hands make light work!



Garden Design Project Award

Well done to Amelka Litwinek, P6 who won first prize overall in a garden design competition organised by Belfast Food Network. Over 200 children took part from a number of schools but there could only be one winner. Amelka was awarded a prize of £150 to be spent on the Mercy School Garden. We are very proud of Amelka.



Irish Dancing Competition

Following the recent Irish Dancing World Championships in Killarney, Kerry, our very talented P6 pupil Clara Sheppard came second in u11 age group. This is a tremendous achievement for Clara who will no doubt go on to achieve future success. Congratulations Clara.

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Mass and Garden Launch

Next Thursday, 30th April, we will be celebrating a special school mass in joyful remembrance of Sr. Frances and Sr. Marie. It does not seem like seven months have passed but they are fondly remembered in our hearts and prayers. Please note that Primary 1-3 pupils will finish at 12 noon while P4 – 7 pupils will finish at 2pm.

The following day, Friday 1st May at 1.15 pm, we are inviting parents and friends to attend the dedication of a special remembrance garden in honour of Sr. Marie and Sr. Frances. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

Belfast Schools Netball Finals

On Friday 17th April our school netball team travelled to Lisburn Racquet Club to compete in the Belfast Schools Netball Cup. After 5 enthralling games they made it to the final. After a nail biting match which went to extra time, they had to settle for second place. This was a momentous achievement for this young team and many of the spectators commented on how well they have developed in such a short space of time. A special mention must go to Miss Costello and Mrs Jackman for preparing the girls so well.



INTERNET SAFETY

We will be organising an internet safety meeting for parents from P4-P7 in May following the high interest levels from parents. It has been reported to us that some children have had frightening experiences using the phone app Oovoo. Please supervise your children if they are using this chat room.

Spring Challenge!

Thank you for the fundraising challenge day we have raised over £1,000 which has been spent on benches and plants and equipment to make our memorial garden. We hope you will come and see it on Friday 1st May at 1.15pm



Sunny Days!

As the days begin to get hotter can we remind parents and children :

- To bring a water bottle to school to drink from each day in class.
- Remember to apply sun cream before children come to school.
- We often take children outside to take advantage of our outdoor classroom in good weather.
- A sun hat and summer uniforms may be worn to keep children cool.

Attendance Alert:

Parents can we remind you to remind the girls about the importance of attendance at school in this last term. Each month we have attendance awards and class awards. This last term is an important one as we undertake standardised assessments in school. We need pupils to be in school as many of these are computerised assessments which are difficult to repeat.

Transfer Club

P6 after schools club will begin on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. P6 teachers have more details.

P7 Residential Trip

P7 Pupils are off to Delamont on 11th May for a two night residential. We know they will have great outdoor fun while they are away!

Love Food Hate Waste!

A cooking programme for P7 children and their parents will begin on 19th May for 5 weeks. Contact Miss Campbell if you are interested in securing a place. Places will be limited but we hope to run this again next year.

Dates for Your Diary

30th April -Early Closure P1-P3 at 12noon.
P4-7 Go home early at 2pm
Buses will be provided at 2pm.

4th May - **School Closed** - Bank Holiday

5th May - **School Closed** - Staff Development

7th May - **School Closed** - Polling Station

15th May - "A Little Princess" Visiting Theatre Show

16th May - First Communion

25th May - **School Closed** - Bank Holiday

5th June - Sports Day

For more school news please look at our school web site at www.mercyprimary.org.uk