



MERCY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017



Dear Parents and Pupils,

We're almost at our Easter break and our new lighting and fencing work is almost complete. It has been a very busy term so far and our diary is filling up so quickly!

The sun has begun to appear and we are glad to see it, but don't grab those summer dresses just yet, hopefully May will be warmer!
Happy Easter everyone!

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Belfast Schools Netball Finals

Our school will be taking part in the schools netball finals on Thursday 6th April. We wish Mrs. Campbell and the netball team well and thank them for their dedication to the sport.

FISCA Choir

Our Choir have been really busy lately, they sang at the SSE Arena in February, at St Anne's Cathedral on 24th March and they have been invited to sing with the Belfast Youth Orchestra on Tuesday 11th April at St Vincent de Paul church Ligoniel. All parents are welcome and encouraged to join us. They will be taking part in the Choir of the Year competition on 10th May 2017. I really need to commend all the choir members for their dedication and commitment to the choir. As you can see Miss Duffy and Mr Laverty have been working really hard!

Friends of Mercy PTA meeting Friday 7th April at 9.30

Can you spare a little time on Friday morning to come along and help organise our Easter Hunt for next week. Any available parents come along and give us a hand planning and organising our Easter events!



Fitness Freddy !

We are having our fundraising challenge day on Friday 7th April. Children are bringing sponsor forms home to raise money for Maths equipment. We hope all you parents will come and join us for a fitness session from 9 am in the



hall! I'm sure you have seen the recent cuts in education in the news, we unfortunately need to fundraise for classroom equipment.

Trocaire Fundraising

Our Trocaire fundraising has also continued throughout Lent. Each class has been selling Easter Egg ballots and our craft ladies have been selling Easter chicks from the office. P5 are raffling an Easter basket .

P7 are holding a bun sale on Friday 7th April at break-time.

P5 & P6 will be having a cake sale on Tuesday 11th April. All proceeds from these events go to Trocaire.



Mercy Science Week



We held a Science week last month which encouraged the girls to take part in experiments and practice their scientific skills. We were lucky to have our visitors from Science Starz and they commended our girls on their excellent behaviour and clever observations.

Primary 7 Music Morning

Our P7 girls performed beautifully on 24th March at the Belfast School of Music, at their Music morning. A great performance girls!



Our St Patrick's Day Concert was a fantastic day, photos can be viewed on our website of each class performance.



Afterschool Clubs:

We have a wide range of clubs and activities happening this term. **Choose from ICT coding & Homework, , Art Attack, Drumming, Film Club, Time to Compute and Netball.**

Parent Clubs:

Easter Crafts are taking place with P1 & P2 pupils and their parents. Places have been snapped up!

Attendance Alert:

Parents can we remind you to remind the girls about the importance of attendance at school. We will be giving out our bronze and silver awards soon for those pupils who have gained all their attendance stamps in their homework diaries.



Head Lice Alert!!!!

ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK!!!!

The average head lice cycle lasts for up to 30 days. This means that even after treatment undetected eggs can hatch up to two weeks later and begin the cycle again. We are asking all parents to be vigilant and keep check on hair each week. Please encourage tied up hair styles and take a peek each week.

Dates for Your Diary

- **Fri 7th April** -Sponsored Fitness Day

- Meeting for PTA Parents 9.30am

Tues 11th April - P1 visit to museum.

- Fisca Choir at St Vincent de Paul 7pm

Wed 12th April - Easter Hunt PTA

Thurs 13th April - School closes at 11am

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School is Closed: Fri 14th - Sun 23rd April

Thur 27th April - P4 First Communion Meeting

1st/2nd May Holiday School Closed

Fri 5th May - P1 Assembly

8th - 20th May end of year tests.

Wed 10th May - Choir of Year

Sun 20th May - First Holy Communion

Fri 26th May - Early Finish at 1pm

Mon 29th May - School Closed

Fri 9th June - Fun Sports Day

Thur 22nd June - P7 Prize Giving

For more school news please look at our school web site at

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