

St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge

Newsletter

February 2022



Events in February.

February is an extremely busy month here at St Eugene's PS, we have so much planned for our boys and girls. Pay close attention to the key dates to see what is coming up in the weeks ahead.

Forest Schools.

Our First Forest Friday of 2022 takes place this Friday, 4th of February with the Park Rangers from the Clandeboye Estate, Bangor. Our Foundation Stage class will be involved in the outdoor Forest School sessions throughout this term. We are fortunate to have such ideal school grounds for Forest School and as a result of this we will not need to travel to another location. These sessions will include den building, camouflage games and exploring nature whilst developing literacy, numeracy, physical development and a range of other curricular areas. A letter has been issued to all parents of children from Miss Gormley's class via text and Seesaw. Full details can be found on the following link: <http://www.steugeneps.com/news/post/2022-01-31-forest-schools-letter>

Eco-Schools.

Our Eco-Committee are hard at work with Mr Donnelly, working towards their 2022 goals. One of their initiatives for reduce, reuse, recycle this year is 'CASH FOR CLOBBER'. We are asking that members of our school community bag up unwanted clean clothing and donate it to the scheme here in school. Bags should be sent in during the week commencing 28th of February, for collection on the 4th of March. The Eco-Committee will receive 40p per kilo in return. Full details will be shared on social media and Seesaw in due course.

Sacramental Dates

10th March — P4 First Confession @ 2pm in Assembly Hall.

7th April — P7 Confirmation @ 5pm in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills.

14th May — P4 First Holy Communion @ 11am in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills.

Reminders

P7 Transferring to Year 8

The EA admissions portal to apply for a Post Primary Place is now open. All parents of children in P7 need to use this portal to apply for their child's Post Primary School before the 23rd of February 2022. A tutorial to help with the process has been added to the P7 Seesaw app. Access the portal via <https://admissions.eani.org.uk/postprimary/Login>

School Swimming Lessons

Thank you to our Key Stage Two parents for returning permission slips and payment for our Swimming Programme. Children in P5, P6 & P7 will need to bring their swimming gear to school every Friday until the middle of June.

School Uniform Policy

We have noticed some children wearing clothing and footwear which are not in line with our School Uniform Policy. Please refer to the policy at: <http://www.steugeneps.com/files>

Important Dates

1st Feb — Post Primary Admission Portal Opens.

2nd Feb — Coding Workshops P6/7.

4th Feb — Forest Friday for R/P1/P2.

5th Feb — Transfer Test Results.

8th Feb — INTO Film Workshop P3/4/5

9th Feb — Poetry Society Workshop P6/7.

11th Feb — School Closes for February Mid-Term Break at 3.15pm.

21st Feb — School Re-opens after Mid-Term Break.

23rd Feb — Post Primary Admission Portal Closes.

23rd Feb - WATER NI Workshops

23rd Feb — Jo Jingles begins for R/P1/P2



Above: Reception on a Bear Hunt (Jan 22)



Above: P6/7 on a Solar System fact finding exercise (Jan 22)



Above: P3/4/5 Making a St Brigid's Cross (Feb 22)

Jo Jingles

We are delighted to be able to offer Jo Jingles to our Foundation Stage children. We have booked a six-week block beginning on Wednesday 23rd of February, funded by our Engage Programme. This is an afternoon slot and we encourage our Reception children to stay in school until 1.45 each Wednesday to be able to take part. This is a great way for our youngest children to begin steps to transition for the incoming P1 year. If staying for Jo Jingles the Reception children will require a packed lunch or a school meal.

Fundraising in Term One

We thank each and every person who helped us fundraise during term one. An incredible amount of money was raised and has gone directly into school funds to benefit your child:

- £ 854.90 from the Athlete Visit.
- £ 197.10 from the Tyrone Jersey.
- £ 1213.80 from the Christmas Show and Draw.

A grand total of £ 2,265.80!!!! THANK YOU!

Covid-19 Guidelines

We are experiencing an increase in Covid-19 in our school community.

- If your child is feeling in **any way unwell** please do not send them to school. If your child displays symptoms of Covid-19 such as a temperature above 37.8, a cough or loss of taste and/or smell you must book a PCR test and isolate until you receive a negative result. Children must wait for 48 hours from the temperature subsides before returning to school. Children who are positive must isolate and follow the advice from track and trace.
- If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test or PCR they must isolate immediately. You can carry out a Lateral Flow Test again on day 5 and if negative, test again on day 6, if both tests are negative your child can leave isolation provided they have not had a temperature in the previous 48 hours. Two consecutive negative Lateral Flow Tests are required to return to school, taken no earlier than day 5 and day 6.
- If your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has Covid-19 you must carry out Lateral Flow Tests on your child daily for 10 days. If the Lateral Flow tests are negative your child can attend school as normal.
- If a member of your child's household is positive, we request that children are kept at home to protect pupils and staff.

Remember that a copy of this newsletter can also be downloaded from our school website www.steugeneps.com.

