

# St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge

## Newsletter

March 2022



### Events in March.

March is proving to be our busiest month yet 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.

### Change to School Calendar!!!!

We are delighted to be able to return to our face to face Intergenerational Events this year. In order to facilitate the event with our Extended Schools Cluster, it is necessary to make a change to our school calendar.

The Intergenerational Celebration Event has been scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of April, our pupils were originally to be off school on this day, as this was a planned Staff Development Day. To facilitate the event, we have had to move the Staff Development Day to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of March. This now means pupils will be off school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of March (school will still be closed as planned on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of March) and instead of finishing for the Easter Holidays on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of April, pupils will now finish for the Easter Holidays on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

### 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 next week for collection on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.** The Eco-Committee will receive 40p per kilo in return. Full details will be shared on social media and Seesaw at the beginning of next week.

### Sacramental Dates

**11<sup>th</sup> March** — P4 First Confession @ 2pm in Assembly Hall.

**7<sup>th</sup> April** — P7 Confirmation @ 5pm in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills.

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

### Reminders

#### Sion Mills Cricket Club 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We are delighted that our P3/4/5 children have been asked to perform at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sion Mills Cricket Club on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of March. This project is part of the Shared History Fund, which the National Lottery Heritage Fund Northern Ireland, is delivering on behalf of the Northern Ireland Office. The children are currently enjoying dance and singing tutorials with Andrew and Jade - we are looking forward to a fantastic day out. Permission and additional information will be sent out to our P3/4/5 parents in due course.

#### Jo Jingles

We encourage our Reception children to stay in school until 1.45 each Wednesday to be able to take part in Jo Jingles. This is a great way for our youngest children to begin steps to transition for the incoming P1 year.

#### Important Dates

1<sup>st</sup> March — Whole School Wellbeing Trip to Eclipse Cinema.

3<sup>rd</sup> March — World Book Day 2022.

11<sup>th</sup> March — First Confession in our Assembly Hall.

**16<sup>th</sup> March — Staff Development/Wellbeing Day. School Closed to Pupils.**

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March — Feast of St Patrick - School Closed.

21<sup>st</sup> March — P3/4/5 Performing at 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sion Mills Cricket Club.

22<sup>nd</sup> March — P1 — P5 Wellbeing Trip to GlenPark Estate Omagh.

24<sup>th</sup> March — P6/7 Wellbeing Trip to The Jungle NI.

31<sup>st</sup> March — P3/4/5 Wellbeing Trip to Ulster American Folk Park.

\*Jo Jingles every Wednesday in March, (Reception stay for afternoon session).

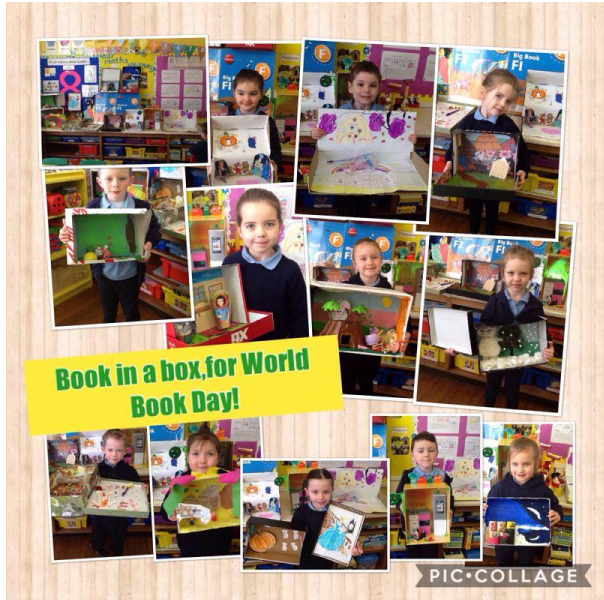
Relax Kids (Pupil Wellbeing) every Thursday in March.



Above: Whole School Wellbeing Cinema Trip



Above:  
Whole School Wellbeing Project launched by Miss Mayse



Above:  
World Book Day BOOK IN A BOX PROJECT 22



The Eco-Committee had a super workshop with NI Water. Representatives from our Eco-Committee then educated our other classes on conserving water and provided everyone in our school with a reusable water bottle.

## Wellbeing at St Eugene's PS

Our school community is acutely aware that we take wellbeing very seriously at St Eugene's PS. This year we decided to focus on improving pupil wellbeing that has been impacted by the pandemic, by targeting experiences that the children missed out on. The children themselves identified school trips and educational visits as something they missed most. We have dedicated our wellbeing fund to taking our children on a range of trips, the dates for March are outlined in the important dates section of this newsletter. We have also reintroduced Relax Kids every Thursday and continue to offer our School Counselling Service. Most classes have now completed the Neuronimo Programme. We had planned a Staff Wellbeing Day for our Staff Development Day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of April, however, due to the Intergenerational Celebration planned for the same date this has been moved along with the Staff Development Day to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of March so that pupils can be in school on 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

### Advance Notice ...

P6 children will take part in an Intergenerational Art Workshop with Gloria Perry on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of April. The children will be asked to bring an adult from another generation to take part. The Celebration Event will take place on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> of April at Sion Mills PS.

### World Book Day

A big well done and congratulations to everyone who took part in the 'BOOK IN A BOX' project for World Book Day. We were amazed at the creations and enjoyed guessing the books they were based on. Full coverage can be found on our Facebook page and Seesaw App.

### 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 a member of your child's household is positive, we request that children are kept at home to protect pupils and staff.



